

LAKE CENTRAL SCHOOL CORPORATION
Lake Central High School
HIGH SCHOOL AUDITORIUM – Enter Door A
8260 Wicker Avenue, St. John, IN 46373
Monday, August 3, 2020 at 7:00 p.m.

A meeting of the Board of School trustees of the Lake Central School Corporation was held in the Lake Central High School Auditorium, 8400 Wicker Avenue, St. John, IN on August 3, 2020. The meeting began at 7:00 p.m.

Board Members Present

Janice Malchow, Board Member
Howard Marshall, Secretary
Don Bacso, Board Member
Cindy Sues, President
Sandy Lessentine, Vice President

Board Members Not Present

Administration Present

Dr. Lawrence Veracco, Superintendent
Terry Mucha, Director of Human Resources
Rob James, Director of Business Services
Sarah Castaneda, Director of Secondary Education
Theresa Schoon, Director of Primary Education
Bill Ledyard, Director of Facilities

Administration Not Present

Rick Moreno, Director of Technology
Becky Gromala, Director of Student Services

SCHOOL BOARD MEETING MINUTES
Monday, August 3, 2020

*All Motions Were Passed With a 5-0
Vote Unless Otherwise Indicated*

- I. Call to Order – *Cindy Sues*
 - The meeting was called to order, and Pledge of Allegiance led by Board President, Cindy Sues.
- II. Agenda: Approval, Deletions, Additions – *Dr. Veracco* – **Action Required**
 - Revision to Agenda include the deletion of item #3 under Dr. Veracco's section, an amended Personnel Recommendations under Terry Mucha's section, and the deletion of item #1 under Rebecca Gromala's section.
 - Janice Malchow moved to approve the Agenda. Sandy Lessentine seconded the motion.
 - Motion carried.
- III. Correspondence – *Howard Marshall*
- IV. Liaison Committee Updates – *Cindy Sues*
 - A. Personnel Interview Committee: Howard Marshall/Sandy Lessentine
 - B. Schererville Redevelopment Committee: Sandy Lessentine
 - C. Wellness Committee: Sandy Lessentine/Janice Malchow

- D. Lake Central Education Foundation: Janice Malchow
- E. Legislative Committee: Janice Malchow
- F. St. John Redevelopment Committee: Cindy Sues
- G. Dollars for Scholars: Cindy Sues
- H. Dyer Redevelopment Committee: Don Bacso

V. Official School Board Business Topics: Consent Agenda – *Dr. Veracco* – **Action Required**

- A. Approval of Minutes
 - Regular Board Meeting: July 13, 2020
 - Special Board Meeting: July 20, 2020
- B. Approval of Claims, Payroll and Extracurricular Expenditures

VI. Public Comments Regarding Action Items

- Parents and community members addressed the School Board in opposition to Agenda action item number VII.A.2: LCSC Move to E-Learning to Start School Year.

VII. Official School Board Business Topics: Regular Agenda

A. Superintendent – *Dr. Veracco*

1. Lake Central Education Foundation Committee Presentation

- Sue Schweitzer and Louise Tallent of the Lake Central Education Foundation presented a check made in donation for \$5,000 to the Lake Central School Corporation for PPE's for all teachers.

2. LCSC Move to E-Learning to Start School Year - **Action Required**

- Janice Malchow made a motion to approve the move to E-Learning to start the school year.
- Don Bacso seconded the motion.
- Don Bacso read his personal statement into the record (see video dated 8-3-2020) which supports both a return to "in-classroom only" learning at the start of school and the offer of a parent choice of E-Learning and in-classroom learning.
- Sandy Lessentine made a personal statement which supports offering a choice to families of E-Learning and return to in-classroom.
- Janice Malchow stated that after consideration of parent and community emails and statements, she would like to rescind her motion.
- Janice Malchow rescinded her motion to move to E-Learning to start the school year.
- Don Bacso rescinded his second of the motion to move to E-Learning to start the school year.
- Cindy Sues asked if any Board members would like to make a motion.
- Janice Malchow made a new motion that LCSC provide an option of E-Learning or In-School Instruction, with a start date of August 17th.
- Don Bacso seconded the new motion that LCSC provide an option of E-Learning for In-School Instruction, with a start date of August 17th.
- A vote was called, aye's were made, which were only somewhat discernable on audio due to the vocal reaction of the audience. No roll call was made, nor were any visible or audible nay's made.
- Motion passed.

3. ~~Suspension of Extra-curricular Activities During Full E-Learning~~ – **Action Required**

B. Director of Human Resources/Personnel – *Terry Mucha*

1. Personnel Recommendations – **Action Required**

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- Janice Malchow moved to approve the Personnel Recommendations as revised. Don Bacso seconded the motion.
- Motion carried.

2. Permanent Substitute Teachers - Increase in Numbers and Benefits - **Action Required**

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- Howard Marshall moved to approve. Don Bacso seconded the motion.
- Sandy Lessentine asked why we are allowing the extra benefit days to subs.
- Motion carried.

3. Suspension of Attendance Letters

C. Director of Primary Education – *Theresa Schoon*

D. Director of Secondary Education – *Sarah Castaneda*

1. Professional Leave Request - **Action Required**

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- Don Bacso moved to approve. Howard Marshall seconded the motion.
- Motion carried.

2. Field Trip Request - **Action Required**

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- Howard Marshall moved to approve. Janice Malchow seconded the motion.
- Motion carried.

E. Director of Student Services - *Becky Gromala*

1. ~~Grant Updates~~

F. Director of Facilities – *Bill Ledyard*

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1. Award and execute Change Order #CO-001 for the new north parking lot addition at Homan ES - **Action Required**

- Don Bacso moved to approve. Howard Marshall seconded the motion.
- Motion carried.

2. LCSC 2020 Spring/Summer Projects - Update

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G. Director of Technology – *Rick Moreno*

H. Director of Business Services – *Rob James*

1. Authorization to Advertise the Annual Financial Report - **Action Required**

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- Janice Malchow moved to approve. Howard Marshall seconded the motion.
- Motion carried.

2. Professional Leave Request - **Action Required**

Document Attached.

- Cindy Sues moved to approve. Janice Malchow seconded the motion.
- Motion carried.

3. Donations - **Action Required**

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- Janice Malchow moved to approve. Sandy Lessentine seconded the motion.
- Motion carried.

VIII. Public Comments – *Cindy Sues*

- There were no public comments.

IX. Board Comments and Consideration of Future Agenda Items – *Cindy Sues*

- Janice Malchow: It has been an emotional night, and it was an emotional weekend. Someone remarked that this situation is a lose/lose for all. Hopefully that is not the case. I believe we are making the best decision for kids. I hope we all come together.
- Sandy Lessentine: I hope teachers will not be responsible for having to teach both in-school and remotely, because I don't feel it will work. I think we need to have remote teachers and we need to have in-class teachers, and go from there.
- Dr. Veracco explained that this may not be feasible and why.
- Discussion ensued.

X. Board Calendar of Future Activities – *Dr. Veracco*

- Next regular board meeting will be held on Monday, August 17th at 7:00pm, here in the auditorium.

XI. Adjournment – *Cindy Sues* – **Action Required**

- Don Bacso moved to adjourn the meeting at 10:02pm. Sandy Lessentine seconded the motion.
- Motion carried.

Minutes of the August 3, 2020 School Board Meeting were approved and adopted by the Board of School Trustees at the August 17, 2020 School Board Meeting.

Cindy Sues, President

ATTEST:

Howard Marshall, Secretary