

LAKE CENTRAL SCHOOL CORPORATION
Lake Central High School
LGI ROOM – Enter Door E
8260 Wicker Avenue, St. John, IN 46373

Board Members Present

Nicole Kelly, Secretary
Janice Malchow, Vice President
Howard Marshall, Board Member - Via Zoom
Cindy Sues, President
Louise Tallent, Board Member

Board Members Not Present

Administration Present

Dr. Lawrence Veracco, Superintendent
Sarah Castaneda, Assistant Superintendent
Rob James, Director of Business Services
Yolanda Bracey, Director of Primary Education
Bill Ledyard, Director of Facilities
Misty Scheuneman, Director of Secondary Education

Administration Not Present

Rebecca Gromala, Director of Student Services

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go to the School Board section of website at www.lcsc.us*

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

SCHOOL BOARD MEETING MINUTES
Monday, February 17, 2025 - 7:00pm

- 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**
 - There were no changes to the Agenda.
 - Janice Malchow moved to approve.
 - Nicole Kelly seconded the motion.
 - Motion carried.
- III. Correspondence – *Nicole Kelly*
 - There was no correspondence.
- IV. Liaison Committee Updates – *Cindy Sues*
 - A. Personnel Interview Committee: Howard Marshall
 - B. Schererville Redevelopment Commission: Nicole Kelly
 - C. Schererville Parks Department: Nicole Kelly
 - D. Lake Central Education Foundation: Janice Malchow
 - E. Legislative Committee: Janice Malchow
 - F. Dyer Parks Department: Janice Malchow
 - G. St. John Redevelopment Commission: Cindy Sues
 - H. Dollars for Scholars: Cindy Sues
 - I. Dyer Redevelopment Commission: Louise Tallent
 - J. Wellness Committee: Louise Tallent

- V. Official School Board Business Topics: Consent Agenda – *Dr. Veracco* – **Action Required**
- A. Approval of Minutes
- Regular Board Meeting: Monday, February 3, 2025
- B. Approval of Claims, Payroll and Extracurricular Expenditures
- Nicole Kelly moved to approve.
 - Cindy Sues seconded the motion.
 - Motion carried.
- VI. Public Comments Regarding Action Items
- There were no public comments regarding action items.
- VII. Official School Board Business Topics: Regular Agenda
- A. Superintendent – *Dr. Veracco*
1. Recognitions:
 - a. Kahler Middle School: Junior Thespian State Conference Champions
 2. Legislative Update
 3. Weather Delays and Cancellations
- B. Assistant Superintendent – *Sarah Castaneda*
1. Personnel Recommendations – **Action Required**
 - Nicole Kelly moved to approve the Personnel Recommendations.
 - Louise Tallent seconded the motion.
 - Motion carried.
 2. Professional Leave Requests - **Action Required**
 - Janice Malchow moved to approve the professional leave requests.
 - Cindy Sues seconded the motion.
 - Motion carried.
- C. Director of Primary Education – *Yolanda Bracey*
1. Elementary Summer School
 2. Professional Leave Requests - **Action Required**
 - Howard Marshall to approve the professional leave requests.
 - Louise Tallent seconded the motion.
 - Motion carried.
- D. Director of Secondary Education – *Misty Scheuneman*
1. Professional Leave Requests - **Action Required**
 - Nicole Kelly moved to approve the professional leave requests.
 - Cindy Sues seconded the motion.
 - Janice Malchow voted Aye to all items in the professional leave requests packet, less the item on page 4, Ed Beck for March 31-April 4, 2025, on which she abstained from the vote.
 - Motion carried 5-0 on all items, except page 4 - Ed Beck item, which was voted 4-0.
 2. Field Trip Requests - **Action Required**
 - Janice Malchow moved to approve the field trip requests.
 - Howard Marshall seconded the motion.
 - Motion carried.
 3. Secondary Summer School Proposals

E. Director of Student Services - *Becky Gromala*

F. Director of Facilities – *Bill Ledyard*

1. Bibich ES Gaga Ball Pit Eagle Scout Project Sophia Rodriguez - **Action Required**
 - Nicole Kelly moved to approve.
 - Louise Tallent seconded the motion.
 - Motion carried.
2. LCHS NIPSCO Incentives January 2025

G. Director of Business Services – *Rob James*

1. Donations - **Action Required**
 - Janice Malchow moved to approve.
 - Nicole Kelly seconded the motion.
 - Motion carried.
2. Approval of Early Literacy Achievement Grant Distribution Resolution - **Action Required**
 - Janice Malchow moved to approve.
 - Louise Tallent 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: The cheerleaders were third in the nation, I don't know how many competed against them - maybe 40 or 45 I heard. I've not yet heard how the Centralettes did, but I'm sure they did well. There is another Centralettes competition this weekend at the high school if you'd like to see the girls in action, it's very exciting. The musical is coming up, so lots of thing going on at Lake Central in addition to all of our athletic programs, so just wishing everybody the best, thank you.
- Louise Tallent: I had the opportunity to attend the Lake Central Education Foundation and there were like three things I would like to point out. One is the deadline for the teacher grants for round 62 is coming up here February 24th, so if any of our teachers, Mrs. Venturelli is a famous one, to turn in wonderful grants, so if any of our teachers and/or administrators would look at the LCEF website or pay attention to the e-mails sent out about that announcement for the grants. Also, we have the fundraising opportunity that is coming up. It will be March 14-March 17th at the aquatic center. It is wonderful that we have cooperation with the aquatic center to run their concession stand. Dr. Veracco started long ago the opportunity to come in and have a home grilled hot dog or hamburger so that tradition still carries, so if you want one in the afternoon, come on over. Also, another point that we have is partners in giving to the foundation, it's a new incentive once again, our administrator Dawn and Dr. Veracco discussed this. It's up and running and so far it's been pretty successful. So, those people that have contributed, individuals and businesses, thank you so much.

- Nicole Kelly: I'm just going to wish Sophia (Rodriguez) good luck on her project, and thank you for coming tonight. I know it's not easy to get up there and talk. So good luck, and we look forward to seeing it.

- Cindy Sues: I just have two things. Dollars for Scholars, we had our Penny Wars. We raised a little over \$15,000. One hundred percent of that goes back to our graduating seniors, and our winners were Protsman and Grimmer this year. So, thank you to all of the schools, we appreciate every penny. And then, I'd just like to piggyback on Dr. Malchow, I know we have a wrestler going to State. I'm sure there are some swimmers and divers that are headed that way too, so best of luck to all of them and anybody else that we might have missed.

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

- Next School Board Meeting: Monday, March 3, 2025

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

- Nicole Kelly motioned to adjourn the meeting at 8:00pm.

- Janice Malchow seconded the motion.

- Motion carried, meeting adjourned.

Minutes of the February 18, 2025 School Board Meeting were approved and adopted by the Board of School Trustees at the March 3, 2025 School Board Meeting.

Cindy Sues, President

ATTEST:

Nicole Kelly, Secretary

SUPPORTING
DOCUMENTS
FOR MINUTES

BOARD RECOGNITION OF OUTSTANDING PERFORMANCE

For a student/teacher to be eligible for Board Recognition, the following criteria must be met before his/her name is submitted:

- A. Honors or awards received while participating in school corporation-sponsored activities.
 - 1. State and national honors and awards
 - 2. Athletic honors and awards beyond the conference and sectional level (i.e. regional, state, national)
 - 3. Awards and honors that are rare and bring credit to the Lake Central School Corporation.
- B. Honors and awards from activities NOT directly sponsored by the lake Central School Corporation which are rare and bring credit to the school corporation.
 - For group or team recognition, a certificate will be made out to the Team/Group (more than 12 members) and will be accepted by the captain or designee. Individual team members will receive their certificates at a later date to be determined by the coach or mentor. If the team has fewer than 12 members, certificates are issued to individual team members at the Board meetings.
 - The office will mail letters to the students and their parents, inviting them to attend a particular Board Meeting to receive their certificates (usually one week prior to the Board Meeting). Copies of the letters will be sent to the principal and sponsor/coach.
 - It is the responsibility of the school principal, coach, or mentor to submit, to the corporation office, the correct names and addresses of the students to be recognized.
 - Please take pictures during meets/events so the entire team is present. Pictures should be sent to Jeanne Nowacki and Matt Toczek.

BUILDING PRINCIPAL'S AUTHORIZATION: Kenneth Newton DATE: 1-31-25

All Recognition Requests must be approved by Dr. Veracco before being presented to the School Board

Please complete this form in its entirety and send to Central Office, ATTN: Susie Glasgow/Lori Olson

SCHOOL Kahler Middle CONTACT PERSON Cartney Palasz

NAME OF EVENT: Indiana Thespian State Conference LOCATION OF EVENT: Avon, IN DATE OF EVENT: 1/24-1/26

CRITERIA/GENERAL INFORMATION REGARDING ACHIEVEMENT

(To be read by Dr. Veracco during Board Meeting – attach sheet or use reverse side for additional information)

*see attached

CERTIFICATE OF ACHIEVEMENT

(Please indicate exact writing that should be on the certificate)

(Student Name)

Junior Thespian State Conference Champion

January 2025

Please indicate the following information on separate sheet of paper or on back of this form: ☐ Individual ☒ Group/Team

Name of Student, Address, Zip, Grade and any additional information. Name of Sponsor, Coach or Mentor

Name _____ Title _____

Name _____ Title _____

Name _____ Title _____

*see attached

In the spring of 2022, Courtney Palasz and Holly Laird approached Ken Newton about chartering a Junior Thespian Troupe at Kahler Middle School.

One year later, they inducted 51 students into their newly established Junior Thespian Troupe 10511. The troupe has gone on to thrive, garnering regional and statewide attention for excellence in middle school theatre.

This past competition season, their performance of *Whispers* won the Northridge Regional Competition, qualifying them to compete at state. They also took home best tech, best ensemble, and individual acting awards for Carson Cuevas, Evie Miller, and Alexis Wendelin.

On January 25th, the cast and crew performed *Whispers* at the Indiana Thespian State Conference in Avon, IN. After an outstanding performance that left their audience in tears, they were awarded first place in the Junior Play Competition, scoring 40 points more than the second place show.

Junior Thespian State Conference Champions - January 2025

Student: Grade:

Olivia Camacho	8
Elena Castaneda	5
Mya Cerrito	6
Carson Cuevas	8
Rylee Feledy	5
Evan Fies	7
Clare Fleming	8
Araceli Frausto	6
Quinn Hernandez	5
Audrey Johnson	6
Avery Johnson	8
Valeska Juda	8
Gabriel Kaszowicz	6
Ava Leal	5
Eversyn Luce	5
Elise McLaughlin	5
Evelyn Miller	7
Miranda O'Connor	8
Abby Orr	8
Alexis Popiela	5
Charlotte Read	5
Sophia Ruhlander	5
Chloe Rybicki	8
Aaliyah Sigers	6
Sarah Szczesniak	6
Alexis Wendelin	8
Zachary Wotkun	7

Weather Cancellation Criteria and Process

- I. Timing of Decision
 - a. Most Parents Prefer a Decision ASAP (the night before)
 - b. With snow, generally want to see the conditions (AM call)
 - c. With snow, goal is to decide by 5:00 am
 - d. Consensus of Weather Forecasts –even this at times can be inaccurate
 - e. Two hour delays can help when snow or ice is involved

- II. Wind chill (National Weather Service Chart)
 - a. For over 20 years, standard has been -20 real feel
 - b. When the temperature falls below zero, any wind pushes temperature near -20
 - c. Forecasts better predict wind speed than snowfall amounts
 - d. Two hour delay does not yield much increase in temperature

- III. Snow Day Data
 - a. Forecasts (multiple sites)
 - b. Road conditions – inspection by staff, consult with PD
 - c. Local police and street departments (after heavy snowfall)
 - d. Sidewalks

- IV. When weather arrives during the day, why no early dismissal?
 - a. Early elementary students should not be dropped without supervision – early notification is required
 - b. LCHS will dismiss early to keep Elementary on time

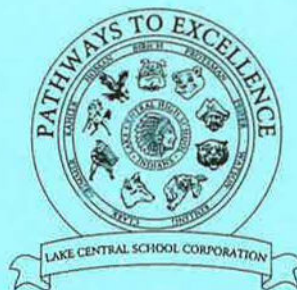
- V. Who Makes the Final Call?
 - a. Superintendent
 - b. Assistant Superintendent
 - c. Transportation Director
 - d. Director of Facilities

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TO: Board of School Trustees
FROM: Sarah Castaneda, Assistant Superintendent
DATE: February 13, 2025
RE: Board Meeting of February 17, 2025

Personnel

(Board action required)

We are recommending that the following be approved:

I. Certified Appointment(s), Resignation(s), & Retirement(s):

A. Appointment(s):

1. Colleen Dyra (St. John), Temporary Kindergarten Teacher, Bibich Elementary School (effective February 4, 2025).
2. Allison Chavez, (Schererville), Temporary English Teacher, Lake Central High School (effective March 31, 2025).

B. Resignation:

1. Anthony Bartolomeo, Science Teacher, Lake Central High School (effective May 29, 2025).

C. Retirement:

1. Sharon Cornwell, Reading Specialist, Protsman Elementary School (effective May 29, 2025); *21 years of dedicated service.*

II. Classified Appointment(s), Resignation(s), Change of Status & Transfer(s):

A. Appointment(s):

1. Madison Wilinski (Highland), Paraprofessional, Homan Elementary School (effective February 11, 2025).

B. Resignation(s) :

1. Megan DiMaggio, Paraprofessional, TAP (effective February 14, 2025).
2. Kayla Conners, Part Time Paraprofessional, Kolling Elementary School (effective February 7, 2025).

C. Change of Status:

1. Kayla Krull, from 6.75 hours to 7.0 hours per day as a Paraprofessional at Bibich Elementary School (effective February 4, 2025).
2. Katherine Vrshek, from 6.5 hours to 6.75 hours per day as a Paraprofessional at Bibich Elementary School (effective February 4, 2025).
3. Hollie Salinas, from 6.0 to 7.0 hours per day as a Paraprofessional at Kahler Middle School (effective February 13, 2025).

D. Transfer(s):

1. Katie Znavor, from 3.25 Café Assistant Non-School Specific to 7.25 hour Product Assistant at Watson Elementary School (effective February 13, 2025).
2. Rachel Madsen, from 7.0 hour Manager in Training to 8.0 hour Cafeteria Manager at Grimmer Middle School (effective February 13, 2025).
3. Nikolina Lukic, from 6.0 hour Product Assistant at Clark Middle School to 7.0 hour Manager in Training at Non-School Specific (effective February 13, 2025).

III. Classified Extracurricular Resignation(s):

A. Resignation(s):

1. Ron Mihalic, Freshman Baseball Coach, Lake Central High School (effective February 11, 2025).

Approval of Lake Central School Corporation Substitute Staff Appointments and Resignations – Refer to attached list of substitutes that have been hired and have resigned.

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Substitute - Resigned

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TO: Board of School Trustees
FROM: Sarah Castaneda, Assistant Superintendent
DATE: February 13, 2025
RE: **Board Meeting of February 17, 2025**

PROFESSIONAL LEAVE REQUESTS

NAME	Sarah Castaneda / Michelle Kissinger
POSITION	Assistant Superintendent / Benefits Coordinator
SCHOOL	District
EVENT	Brown & Brown Annual Health Symposium
DATES	2/14/2025
PLACE	Carmel, IN
DESCRIPTION	Annual health symposium held by new benefits consultant
SPONSORING ORGANIZATION	Brown & Brown Insurance Services
EXPENSES	Estimated Meal Cost - \$0 Estimated Hotel Cost - \$0 Estimated Required Fees – \$0 Estimated Travel Cost – Mileage x (2)
FUNDING	030-0

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TO: Board of School Trustees
FROM: Yolanda Bracey, Director of Primary Education
DATE: February 13, 2025
RE: **Board Meeting of February 17, 2025**

PROFESSIONAL LEAVE REQUESTS

NAME	Doug DeLaughter
POSITION	Principal
SCHOOL	Peifer Elementary
EVENT	Rat pick up for "Great Grow Along Project"
DATES	2/10/2025
PLACE	Greenfield, IN
DESCRIPTION	Pick up rats from Envigo Labs for 4th grade high ability classrooms to observe and measure their growth over several weeks
SPONSORING ORGANIZATION	Indiana's Great Grow Along Project
EXPENSES	Estimated Meal Cost - \$0 Estimated Hotel Cost - \$0 Estimated Required Fees - \$0 Estimated Travel Cost - Mileage
FUNDING	307-5

NAME	Lisa Alessandri / D'Ann McDermott / Julie Moore, Beth Hamacher
POSITION	Elementary Math Coach / Elementary Literacy Coach / Elementary Technology Trainers
SCHOOL	District
EVENT	Building Effective K-12 Writing Programs
DATES	2/27/2025
PLACE	Portage, IN
DESCRIPTION	Opportunity to learn writing strategies to integrate with teachers across all content areas
SPONSORING ORGANIZATION	NIESC and NWIESC
EXPENSES	Estimated Meal Cost - \$0 Estimated Hotel Cost – \$0 Estimated Required Fees – \$0 Estimated Travel Cost – Mileage x (4)
FUNDING	Corporation Title II

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TO: Board of School Trustees
FROM: Misty Scheuneman, Director of Secondary Education
DATE: February 13, 2025
RE: **Board Meeting of February 17, 2025**

PROFESSIONAL LEAVE REQUESTS

NAME	Leta Sena-Lopez
POSITION	Teacher
SCHOOL	Kahler Middle School
EVENT	Prairie State Jazz Festival
DATES	2/20/2025
PLACE	Chicago Heights, IL
DESCRIPTION	KMS Jazz Band will participate in the jazz festival
SPONSORING ORGANIZATION	Prairie State College
EXPENSES	Estimated Meal Cost - \$0 Estimated Hotel Cost - \$0 Estimated Required Fees - \$0 Estimated Travel Cost - \$0
FUNDING	Self Funded

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NAME	Megan Graman
POSITION	Counselor
SCHOOL	LCHS
EVENT	Purdue University Counselor Drive-In Day
DATES	2/20/2025
PLACE	West Lafayette, IN
DESCRIPTION	Informational day for school counselors to learn what Purdue has to offer
SPONSORING ORGANIZATION	Purdue University
EXPENSES	Estimated Meal Cost - \$0 Estimated Hotel Cost – \$0 Estimated Required Fees – \$0 Estimated Travel Cost – Mileage
FUNDING	684-5-11300-58000-0002

NAME	Danielle Carr
POSITION	Teacher
SCHOOL	LCHS
EVENT	National Leadership Conference
DATES	3/09 - 3/11/2025
PLACE	Indianapolis, IN
DESCRIPTION	Conference for BPA students
SPONSORING ORGANIZATION	Business Professionals of America
EXPENSES	Estimated Meal Cost - \$0 Estimated Hotel Cost – \$0 Estimated Required Fees – \$0 Estimated Travel Cost – \$0
FUNDING	Self Funded

NAME	Andrew Gurnak / RJ Ohlenkamp
POSITION	Teachers/Coaches
SCHOOL	LCHS
EVENT	IHSGCA Coaches Clinic
DATES	3/14/2025
PLACE	Whitestown, IN
DESCRIPTION	Coaches Clinic
SPONSORING ORGANIZATION	IHSGCA
EXPENSES	Estimated Meal Cost - \$0 Estimated Hotel Cost - \$0 Estimated Required Fees - \$40 x (2) Estimated Travel Cost - Mileage x (2)
FUNDING	Athletics

NAME	RJ Ohlenkamp
POSITION	Teacher
SCHOOL	LCHS
EVENT	Strengthen Your Students Math and Engagement with DESMOS Classroom Activities
DATES	3/31/2025
PLACE	Virtual
DESCRIPTION	Workshop on using DESMOS
SPONSORING ORGANIZATION	Bureau of Education & Research
EXPENSES	Estimated Meal Cost - \$0 Estimated Hotel Cost - \$0 Estimated Required Fees - \$295 Estimated Travel Cost - \$0
FUNDING	684-5-1 300-58000-0002

NAME	Ed Beck
POSITION	Assistant Principal
SCHOOL	LCHS
EVENT	Marine Corps Educators Workshop
DATES	3/31 - 4/04/2025
PLACE	San Diego, CA
DESCRIPTION	Immersion in a week long workshop for better understanding of the US Marines to share with students
SPONSORING ORGANIZATION	United States Marine Corps
EXPENSES	Estimated Meal Cost - \$0 Estimated Hotel Cost – \$0 Estimated Required Fees – \$0 Estimated Travel Cost – (possible mileage to/from the airport)
FUNDING	684-5-1 300-58000-0002

NAME	Jennifer Patrick / Sharon Vail
POSITION	Social Worker / Counselor
SCHOOL	LCHS / Clark Middle School
EVENT	Child Abuse Prevention Symposium
DATES	4/02/2025
PLACE	Merrillville, IN
DESCRIPTION	Child Safety and Autism Awareness
SPONSORING ORGANIZATION	Geminus
EXPENSES	Estimated Meal Cost - \$0 Estimated Hotel Cost – \$0 Estimated Required Fees – \$25 x (2) Estimated Travel Cost – \$0
FUNDING	684-5-1 300-58000-0002 (Patrick) 684-4-1 200-58000-0051 (Vail)

NAME	Katelin Ellis
POSITION	Teacher
SCHOOL	LCHS
EVENT	Biology Club Field Trip
DATES	4/15/2025
PLACE	Chicago, IL
DESCRIPTION	Field Trip to the Shedd Aquarium
SPONSORING ORGANIZATION	LCHS Biology Club
EXPENSES	Estimated Meal Cost - \$0 Estimated Hotel Cost – \$0 Estimated Required Fees – \$0 Estimated Travel Cost – \$0
FUNDING	Self Funded

NAME	Kristina Collard / Carrie Wadycki-Cruz
POSITION	Teachers
SCHOOL	LCHS
EVENT	J-Day/CCIM Conference
DATES	4/24 - 4/25/2025
PLACE	Muncie, IN
DESCRIPTION	Journalism and Publications Conference
SPONSORING ORGANIZATION	Ball State University
EXPENSES	Estimated Meal Cost - \$0 Estimated Hotel Cost – \$0 Estimated Required Fees – \$0 Estimated Travel Cost – \$0
FUNDING	Self Funded

NAME	Ralph Holden
POSITION	Girls Varsity Tennis Coach
SCHOOL	LCHS
EVENT	Macy Invite
DATES	4/25 - 4/26/2025
PLACE	Crawfordsville, IN
DESCRIPTION	Tennis Tournament
SPONSORING ORGANIZATION	Crawfordsville, IN
EXPENSES	Estimated Meal Cost - \$0 Estimated Hotel Cost – \$0 Estimated Required Fees – \$0 Estimated Travel Cost – \$0
FUNDING	Athletics

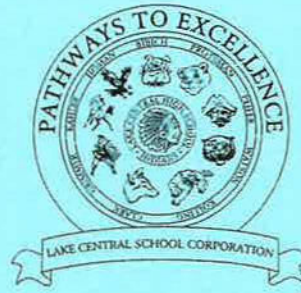
NAME	Ralph Holden
POSITION	Girls Varsity Tennis Coach
SCHOOL	LCHS
EVENT	Delta Invite
DATES	5/02 - 5/03/2025
PLACE	Muncie, IN
DESCRIPTION	Tennis Tournament
SPONSORING ORGANIZATION	Delta High School
EXPENSES	Estimated Meal Cost - \$0 Estimated Hotel Cost – \$0 Estimated Required Fees – \$0 Estimated Travel Cost – \$0
FUNDING	Athletics

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TO: Board of School Trustees

FROM: Misty Scheuneman, Director of Secondary Education

DATE: February 13, 2025

RE: **Board Meeting of February 17, 2025**

FIELD TRIP REQUESTS

Leta Sena-Lopez, teacher at Kahler Middle School, requests to take approximately (36) members of the Jazz Band to Chicago Heights, IL on February 20, 2025. The band will attend and compete in a Jazz Festival at Prairie State College. This is a self-funded event.

Danielle Carr, teacher at LCHS, requests to take approximately (3) students from the Business Professionals of America class to Indianapolis, IN on March 9 - March 11, 2025. The students will attend the National Leadership Conference. This is a self-funded event.

Katelin Ellis, teacher at LCHS, requests to take approximately (15) members of the Biology Club to Chicago, IL on April 15, 2025. The members will visit the Shedd Aquarium and explore live marine biology. This is a self-funded event.

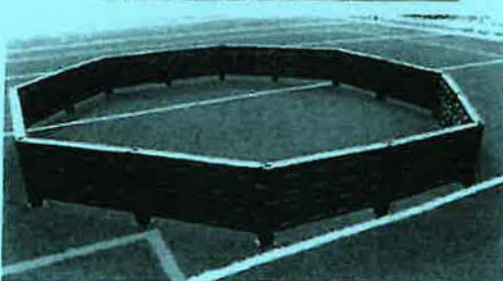
Kristina Collard and Carrie Wadycki-Cruz, teachers at LCHS, request to take approximately (20) Publications and LCTV students to Muncie, IN on April 24-April 25, 2025. The students will attend the J-Day/CCIM conference and workshops at Ball State University. This is a self-funded event.

Ralph Holden, Girls Varsity Tennis Coach at LCHS, requests to take approximately (10) members of the Girls Varsity Tennis Team to Crawfordsville, IN on April 25-April 26, 2025. The team will participate in the Macy Invite at Crawfordsville HS. He also requests to take the same group to Muncie, IN on May 2 - May 3, 2025 to compete in the Delta Invite at Delta HS. All fees will be covered by Athletics.

MS/vv

Eagle Scout Project

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Scouting America Troop 561
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ESTIMATED PROJECT TIMELINE

My plan for the Gaga Ball pit is to install it either over spring break, if the snow is gone by then. My backup plan would be to do it over Easter weekend

February 2025

- Have LC approve Gaga Ball pit project
- Have follow up meetings with Troop and council to approve the project

March - April 2025

- Install the Gaga Ball pit over spring break if the the snow has melted away
- Easter weekend as a backup weekend

PROJECT BACKGROUND & OVERVIEW

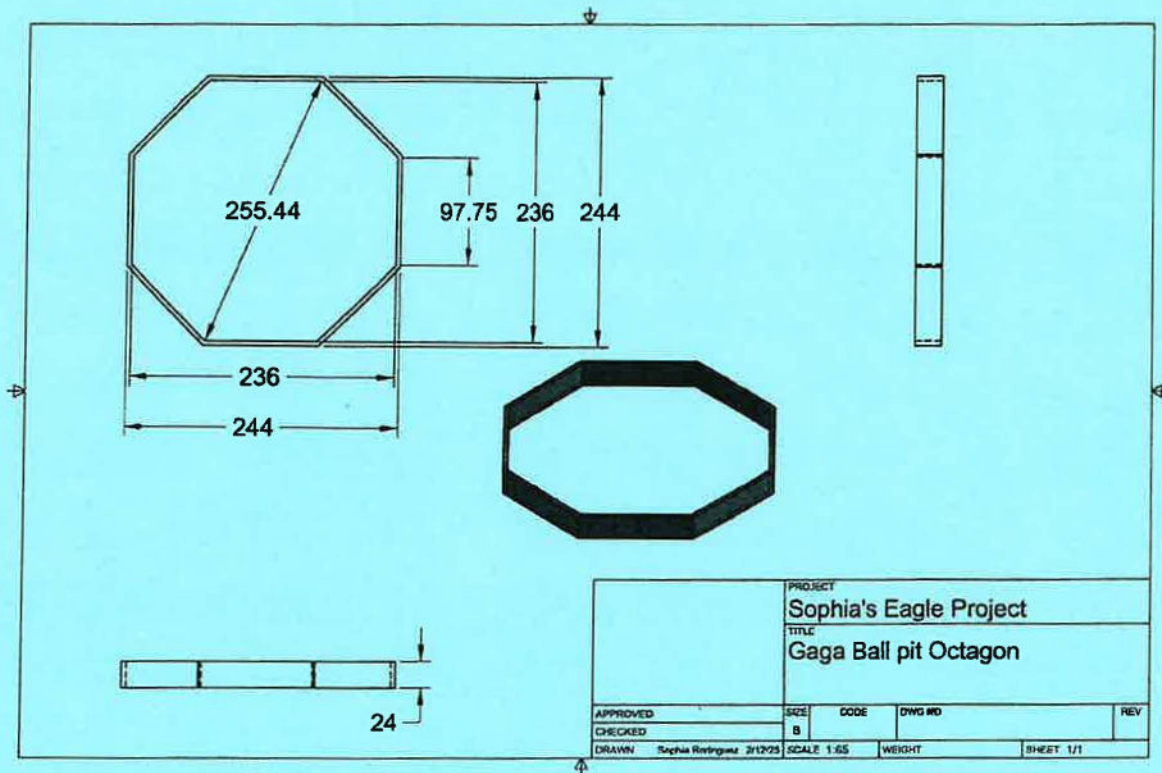
Gaga Ball is a big part of scouting and has been at the majority of the scouting events that I have attended. Whenever I see a Gaga Ball pit, there are always scouts having fun playing. I enjoy seeing the kids have fun and Gaga Ball brings them together, especially when the scouts are new to the program and are shy.

Gaga Ball is a quick and fun game that can be played with any number of people. The game starts with all the players in the octagon while someone inside throws a lightweight kickball in the air. Everyone waits for the ball to bounce on the ground three times before using their hands to hit it. When the ball hits someone at the knees down, they are out. This continues until there is only one person left in the octagon.

The octagon-shaped arena will have a height of 28 inches and each side length being 96 inches. The total area of the Gaga Ball pit will amount to 289.6 square inches.

First, the mulch will be raked away from the area, and the weed barrier will be put down. Next, the Gaga Ball pit will be assembled, and the ramp for the entrance will be built. Then, the 1x4 PVC trim will be bolted to the bottom of it so the rubber mulch will stay inside the pit. Once everything else is completed the Gaga Ball pit will be filled with 3 inches of rubber mulch.

GAGA BALL PIT DIAGRAM



MATERIALS & BUDGET

- The money saved by the school will be put towards the materials of the pit.
- The remaining money that I have in my scouting account will be put towards the remaining materials, food and rented tools if needed.

Composite Gaga Ball Pit.....	1,899.00
Weed Barrier.....	47.70
Weed Barrier Stakes.....	31.96
Black PVC Trim 1x4 (8+4).....	240.00
Black PVC Trim 1x6 (3).....	90.00
3/8 Bolts (16).....	80.00
3/8 Nuts (16).....	32.00
3 inch nails (30).....	11.00
Black Rubber Mulch (1 Ton).....	200.00
Rivets (8).....	2.00
Rules Signs (2).....	FREE
Rebar Stakes (16).....	FREE
Other (lunch, supplies, etc).....	250.00

Total.....2883.66

Product	Quantity	Link & Location	Check Out \$\$	Discount?	Purchase Date	Est. Arrival Date
gege ball pit	1	Florida	1,899.00	free shipping		
weed barrier 100-ft x 4-Ft	(1) 320ft ²	Lowes	47.7	dress up		
weed barrier stakes 75	2 packs	Lowes	31.99	dress up		
nuts	16	estimated 2 per	32			
Bolts	16	estimated 5 per	80			
make ramp with PVC Trim	height 4in	Menards	80	dress up		
1 x 4 x 8' Black PVC Trim	8 + 4	Menards	240	dress up		Added supplies for rubber mulch
Natural black rubber mulch	2,000 lb	KinderMulch	200	free shipping?		
screws	30 screws	Menards	11	dress up?		
Dunkin Coffee & Donuts	3x		300			
Jimmy Johns party	3x		300			
Crumble minis	last day	Munster	200			
culvars	1		250			
rebar stakes YUM	Total Cost —>		3,231.68			

Other Thoughts

make list later for what instructions need printing

make sign up sheet for number of people that will be coming (for food)

32 rebar nails

Materials List		
Item	Provider	Quantity
shovels		
rakes	Rodriguez's	
tampers	Rodriguez's	2
sledge hammers		
wrench set	Rodriguez's	
drills		
knee pads?		

water ground then sledge hammer the rebar in

LOWES

product link	Notes	
GroundSmart	320 ft ²	- weed barrier wherever it is cheap
75-sq ft Black Rubber Nugs		weed barrier - weed barrier stakes 500 count

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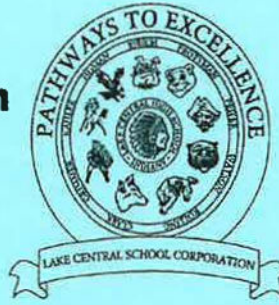
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Lawrence Veracco, Ph. D.
Superintendent

Rob James
Director of Business Services

To: Board of School Trustees

From: Mr. Rob James, Director of Business Services

Date: February 13, 2025

RE: Board Meeting February 17, 2025

Donations (Action Required)

Received

Clark Middle School received a donation of \$1,035 from their PTO to cover half the cost of the Student of the Month field trip held in January to Stardust Bowl.

The Lake Central High School War Memorial Fund received a donation of \$500 from Disabled American Veterans Chapter 17 and \$50 from Kenneth Richmond.

Grimmer Middle School Choir received a donation of \$2,000 from their PTO to be used for costs associated with their trip to Carnegie Hall.

Given

The Kahler Student Counsel held a 'chip in' fundraiser for Riley Children's hospital. They would like to donate \$1,165 to Riley's.

Approval of Early Literacy Achievement Grant Distribution Resolution (Action Required)

In December, all public school districts in Indiana received the Early Literacy Achievement Grant from the State. The grant funds are for stipends to teachers, instructional coaches, and other school staff responsible for implementation and delivery of literacy and reading instruction of students through grade three during the 2023-2024 school year and have maintained employment within the school corporation as of the date of distribution. The enclosed resolution approves the stipend amounts to the eligible staff members.

BOARD RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, on December 16, 2024, the Indiana Department of Education (the "IDOE") issued guidance related to the Early Literacy Achievement Grant established through House Enrolled Act (HEA) 1001-2023 (the "Literacy Grant").

WHEREAS, Literacy Grant funds have been issued to public school corporations for distribution to teachers, instructional coaches, and other school staff responsible for implementation and delivery of literacy and reading instruction of students through grade three during the 2023-2024 school year and have maintained employment within the school corporation as of the date of distribution.

WHEREAS, the Board of School Trustees desires to pay supplemental payment stipends to certain staff members as authorized by this Resolution and as required by the IDOE.

NOW, THEREFORE, the Board adopts this Resolution which approves the following:

1. The Superintendent of Schools is specifically authorized to pay supplemental payment stipends through the Literacy Grant to the following staff members in the following amounts:

PreK- Grade 3 Teachers, ELL Teachers, Reading Specialists, Reading Interventionists, Literacy Coaches, Speech Language Pathologists, Speech Language Pathology Assistants, Library Clerks	\$110.26
PreK – Grade 3 Paraprofessionals / Tutors / Perm Subs	\$55.00
2. The supplemental payment stipends authorized herein are one-time supplemental payments and shall not be added to the base salary of any staff member receiving such stipend.
3. The Superintendent of Schools is instructed to distribute all Literacy Grant stipends in accordance with the requirements established by the IDOE.

THIS RESOLUTION APPROVED this 17th day of February 2025.

Lake Central School Corporation

By its Board President

Attest:

By its Board Secretary