

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

Board Members Present

Cindy Sues, President
Janice Malchow, Vice President
Nicole Kelly, Secretary
Howard Marshall, Board Member *

Board Members Not Present

Louise Tallent, Board Member

Administration Present

Bill Ledyard, Director of Facilities
Sarah Castaneda, Assistant Superintendent
Rebecca Gromala, Director of Student Services
Rob James, Director of Business Services
Yolanda Bracey, Director of Primary Education
Misty Scheuneman, Director of Secondary Education

Administration Not Present

Dr. Lawrence Veracco, Superintendent

*To view the archived video of the meeting in its entirety,
go to the School Board section of website at www.lcsc.us*

*All Motions Were Passed With a 3-0
Roll Call Vote Unless Otherwise Indicated*

SCHOOL BOARD MEETING MINUTES
Monday, April 7, 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 – *Sarah Castaneda for Dr. Veracco* – **Action Required**
 - Changes to the agenda include a revised personnel packet under Sarah Castaneda's section, revised professional leave requests and field trip requests under Misty Scheuneman's section.
- 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 – *Sarah Castaneda for Dr. Veracco* –
Action Required
- A. Approval of Minutes
- Executive Session: March 17, 2025
 - Regular Board Meeting: March 17, 2025
- B. Approval of Claims, Payroll and Extracurricular Expenditures
- The Executive Session and Regular Board Meeting minutes were tabled until the next meeting.
 - Janice Malchow moved to approve the Claims, Payroll and Extracurricular Expenditures.
 - 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 – *Sarah Castaneda for Dr. Veracco*
1. Recognition: PNW Society of Innovators Northwest IN High School Pitch Competition
 2. Legislative Update
- B. Assistant Superintendent – *Sarah Castaneda*
1. Personnel Recommendations – **Action Required - Revised**
 - Nicole Kelly moved to approve the revised personnel recommendations.
 - Janice Malchow seconded the motion.
 - Motion carried.
- C. Director of Primary Education – *Yolanda Bracey*
1. Professional Leave Requests - **Action Required**
 - Nicole Kelly moved to approve.
 - Cindy Sues seconded the motion.
 - Motion carried.
 2. Field Trip Requests - **Action Required**
 - Janice Malchow moved to approve.
 - Cindy Sues seconded the motion.
 - Motion carried.
- D. Director of Secondary Education – *Misty Scheuneman*
1. Professional Leave Requests - **Action Required- Revised**
 - Nicole Kelly moved to approve.
 - Janice Malchow seconded the motion.
 - Motion carried.
 2. Field Trip Requests - **Action Required- Revised**
 - Janice Malchow moved to approve.
 - Cindy Sues seconded the motion.
 - Motion carried.
 3. LCHS Principles of Entrepreneurship Class - *Student Presentation*
- E. Director of Student Services - *Becky Gromala*
1. Professional Leave Requests - **Action Required**
 - Janice Malchow moved to approve.
 - Nicole Kelly seconded the motion.
 - Motion carried.

2. IDOE Behavior Grant
3. LCSC SEPA/TAP Resource Fair Recap

F. Director of Facilities – *Bill Ledyard*

1. Presentation of the Schmidt Associates Bibich Building Addition Plaque to the LCSC Board of Education

G. Director of Business Services – *Rob James*

1. Donations - **Action Required - Revised**
 - Janice Malchow moved to approve.
 - Cindy Sues seconded the motion.
 - Motion carried.
2. Professional Leave Request -**Action Required**
 - Nicole Kelly moved to approve.
 - Janice Malchow seconded the motion.
 - Motion carried.
3. Review of Annual Insurance Costs
4. Review of Annual School Bus State Inspections

VIII. Public Comments – *Cindy Sues*

- Mike Kovacevic: Questions regarding a children's book read in first grade classroom.

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

Janice Malchow: I just want to keep celebrating good things. The robotics team going to Texas, the Grimmer Choir going to New York to sing, I think that's so exciting. Good luck to Mr. Richardson and the skills competition - I'm sure there's other groups that are participating in that so good luck. And, Josh Clark had indicated that, I think I shared it with all of you, the academic superbowl team from Lake Central was once again the Lake County champions. So, that's the academic superbowl, the way that's structured is that you have a team that represents English, a team that represents science, a team that represents history, and then you have a team that represents fine arts. And so, those four subgroups compete against the schools from Lake County, and I was so absolutely pleased that they have been champions for several years in a row. Exciting, right? Anyway, I just like to share the good things that are going on and the things that I hear. I'm sorry for your concern sir, but again there's a lot of good things going on and just wanted to share that.

X. Board Calendar of Future Activities – *Sarah Castaneda for Dr. Veracco*

- Next School Board Meeting: Monday, April 21, 2025

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

- Nicole Kelly moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:10pm.
- Janice Malchow seconded the motion.
- Motion carried.

* Member Howard Marshall was present for the meeting via zoom, however due to technical audio issues, he was unable to participate in voting.

Minutes of the April 7, 2025 School Board Meeting were approved and adopted by the Board of School Trustees at the April 21, 2025 School Board Meeting.

Cindy Sues, President

ATTEST:

Nicole Kelly, Secretary

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: Traci Nowacki

DATE: 4-1-25

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 Lake Central HS

CONTACT PERSON Kari Regan

Northwest IN High School

NAME OF EVENT: Pitch Competition

LOCATION OF EVENT: PNW-Hammond

DATE OF EVENT: 2/26/25

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)

Miranda Gutierrez - PNW Society of Innovators Northwest IN High School
Pitch Competition

Mi'Shawn Daston - PNW Society of Innovators Northwest IN High School
Pitch Competition

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

Board Recognition of Outstanding Performance

Criteria/General Information Regarding Achievement

On February 26, 2025, two students from Mrs. Combis's Principles of Entrepreneurship class competed in the PNW Society of Innovators Inaugural Northwest Indiana High School Pitch competition. Student teams had four minutes to share their pitch, followed by questions from the judges. Out of 16 teams of students, only 5 teams were selected as winners. Each winning team was awarded \$200 to invest in their business idea.

Miranda Gutierrez and Mi'Shawn Doston were awarded the prize for LeafAway, which they will present this evening.

Certificate of Achievement:

Miranda Gutierrez - PNW Society of Innovators Inaugural Northwest Indiana High School Pitch Competition

Mi'Shawn Doston - PNW Society of Innovators Inaugural Northwest Indiana High School Pitch Competition

Name, Address, Sponsors of Recipients:

Miranda Gutierrez
8921 Sheffield Ave
Dyer, IN 46311
Sponsor: Mrs. Combis - Teacher

Mi'Shawn Doston
6939 W 85th Ave
Crown Point, IN 46307
Sponsor: Mrs. Combis - Teacher



Jeanne Nowacki <jnowacki@lcscmail.com>

Legislative update

1 message

Larry Veracco <lveracco@lcscmail.com>

Mon, Apr 7, 2025 at 2:50 PM

To: Cindy Sues <csues@lcscmail.com>, Janice Malchow <jmalchow@lcscmail.com>, Nicole Kelly <nkelly@lcscmail.com>, Howard Marshall <hmarshal@lcscmail.com>, Louise Tallent <ltallent@lcscmail.com>, Sarah Castaneda <scastane@lcscmail.com>, Jeanne Nowacki <jnowacki@lcscmail.com>

Important pieces of legislation continue to be hotly debated at the Indiana General Assembly.

This is expected to continue over the next 3 weeks as elected officials finalize the components of each in a year with tight finances.

SB 287

Current language has no primary requirement and allows individuals to run as independent.

There are some legislators, including ours who do not see this legislation as a way to get more candidates for the positions.

While we agree and prefer to not see this pass into law, we continue to be focused on the key financial pieces of legislation.

SB 1

New amendments were introduced this morning by House Republicans.

House Republicans have been concerned about taking away operations funding given the expected tight budget (tuition support)

Many members of the IGA have expressed a desire to avoid significant cuts which would hurt cities, towns and schools.

HB 1001

Senate is still amending this year's budget

Next week we will receive the final revenue forecast which will play a significant role in determining the final allocation and breakdown of the next 2 year budget.

Much greater clarity on both SB1 and HB 1001 will be shared at our next gathering on 4.21.25

Thanks to our School Board and other residents who appreciate the quality education being delivered in public education for writing to our elected officials to seek meaningful support in this year's budget.

We also continue to encourage our stakeholders to reach out to our elected officials to ask them to protect public schools during this inflationary environment.

Sent from my iPad

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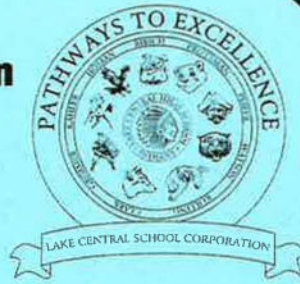
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TO: Board of School Trustees
FROM: Sarah Castaneda, Assistant Superintendent
DATE: April 3, 2025
RE: Board Meeting of April 7, 2025

Personnel

REVISED

(Board action required)

We are recommending that the following be approved:

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

A. Appointment(s):

1. Kari Michniewicz (Dyer), Temporary Preschool Teacher, Bibich Elementary School (effective March 13, 2025).

B. Resignation(s):

1. Emma Pruett, Math Teacher, Lake Central High School (effective March 13, 2025).
2. Meredith Allen, Spanish Teacher, Lake Central High School (effective May 29, 2025).
3. Kaitlyn Rossi, Grade One Teacher, Peifer Elementary School (effective May 29, 2025).
4. Ashley Schroll, Temporary Grade Five Teacher, Clark Middle School (effective May 29, 2025).
5. Anna Nasinska, Temporary Physical Education (PE) Teacher, Kahler Middle School (effective May 29, 2025).
6. Alyssa Dickelman, Temporary Grade Five Teacher, Kahler Middle School (effective May 29, 2025).
7. Colleen Romeli, Temporary Math Teacher, Kahler Middle School (effective May 29, 2025).
8. Delayna Macak, Temporary Grade One Teacher, Protsman Elementary School (effective May 29, 2025).
9. Crystal Slavo, Temporary Grade Two Teacher, Watson Elementary School (effective April 25, 2025).
10. Justin Schranz, Temporary Physical Education (PE) Teacher, Homan Elementary School (effective May 29, 2025).
11. Karlee Peloza, Temporary Science Teacher, Grimmer Middle School, (effective May 29, 2025).
12. Tracey Travis, Temporary Early Childhood Teacher, Watson Elementary School (effective May 12, 2025).
13. Colleen Dyra, Temporary Kindergarten Teacher, Bibich Elementary School (effective May 29, 2025).

14. Kari Michniewicz, Temporary Early Childhood Teacher, Bibich Elementary School (effective May 29, 2025).
15. Ashley Wills, Temporary Resource Teacher, Bibich Elementary School (effective May 29, 2025).
16. Alison Chavez, Temporary English Teacher, Lake Central High School (effective May 29, 2025).

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

A. Appointment(s):

1. Kris Ramos (Schererville), Paraprofessional, Bibich Elementary School (effective March 19, 2025).
2. Jennifer Lisowski (Schererville), 9 Month Secretary, Grimmer Middle School (effective July 30, 2025).

B. Resignation(s) :

1. Hunter Lindzy, Paraprofessional, Lake Central High School (effective March 21, 2025).
2. Keith Thomas, Jr., Bus Driver, Lake Central School Corporation (effective April 3, 2025).
3. Jessica Horvat, Behaviorist, Peifer Elementary School (effective April 4, 2025).

C. Change of Status:

1. Edith Salgado, from 3.25 hour per day as a Non-School Café Assistant to 6.0 hour per day Product Assistant at Clark Middle School (effective March 31, 2025).
2. Victoria Carbajal, from 3 days to 4 days per week as a Paraprofessional at Grimmer Middle School (effective March 31, 2025).
3. Diane Behrens, from Tutor at Peifer Elementary School to 9 Month Secretary at Clark Middle School (effective July 30, 2025).

D. Retirement(s):

1. Christine Szczerbowski, 9 Month Secretary, Lake Central High School (effective May 30, 2025); *15 years of dedicated service.*

III. Classified Extracurricular Appointment(s) & Resignation(s):

A. Appointment(s):

1. Zack Galvan, Football Coach, Kahler Middle School (effective March 31, 2025).

B. Resignation(s):

1. Sam Perez, Varsity Football Assistant Coach, Lake Central High School (effective March 19, 2025).
2. Jim Pickett, Varsity Football Assistant Coach, Lake Central High School (effective March 19, 2025).
3. Naveed Nizam, JV Girls Volleyball Co-Coach, Lake Central High School (effective March 14, 2025).
4. Kaylyn Bajda, JV Girls Volleyball Co-Coach, Lake Central High School (effective March 14, 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.

4/7/2025

Substitutes - Hired

| Employee Name | Hire Date | Job Description |
|---------------------|-----------|--------------------|
| Jennifer Herrera | 3/20/2025 | Sub Teacher |
| Princess Grandberry | 3/20/2025 | Sub Teacher |
| Kerry Long | 4/3/2025 | Custodial Sub |
| Edward Gidcumb | 4/3/2025 | Sub Transportation |
| Tim Wydrinski | 4/3/2025 | Sub Transportation |
| Cathryn Malesh | 5/13/2025 | Sub Teacher |
| David White | 3/25/2025 | Sub Transportation |
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Substitutes - Resigned

| Employee Name | Resignation Date | Job Description |
|--------------------|------------------|--------------------|
| Wendy Skinner | 3/21/2025 | Sub Teacher |
| Eric Blankenship | 3/21/2025 | Sub Teacher |
| Jeffrey Dick | 3/31/2025 | Sub Transportation |
| Sandra Thomas | 3/31/2025 | Sub Transportation |
| Jonathan Glueckert | 3/31/2025 | Sub Transportation |
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TO: Board of School Trustees
FROM: Yolanda Bracey, Director of Primary Education
DATE: April 3, 2025
RE: **Board Meeting of April 7, 2025**

PROFESSIONAL LEAVE REQUESTS

| | |
|-------------------------|---|
| NAME | Donelle Extin, Justine Kasch, Kaitlyn Sanders, Kaitlyn Krachenfels, Melisa Lopez |
| POSITION | Teachers |
| SCHOOL | Watson Elementary |
| EVENT | 1st Grade Field Trip |
| DATES | 4/23/2025 |
| PLACE | University Park, IL |
| DESCRIPTION | 1st Grade Field Trip to Governors State University |
| SPONSORING ORGANIZATION | Watson 1st Grade Team |
| 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 | Melissa Dillard, Amy Krooswyk, Cody Michniewicz, Anthony Montez, Cathy Sullivan, Stacey Hemphill |
| POSITION | Teachers |
| SCHOOL | Protsman Elementary |
| EVENT | 2nd Grade Field Trip |
| DATES | 4/25/2025 |
| PLACE | Chicago, IL |
| DESCRIPTION | 2nd Grade Field Trip to Lincoln Park Zoo |
| SPONSORING ORGANIZATION | Protsman 2nd Grade Team |
| 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 | Brittany Bowen, Caryn Cruz, Hannah Pratt, Eileen Skipper, Sarah Hanson |
| POSITION | Teachers |
| SCHOOL | Bibich Elementary |
| EVENT | 1st Grade Field Trip |
| DATES | 5/14/2025 |
| PLACE | Chicago, IL |
| DESCRIPTION | 1st Grade Field Trip to Lincoln Park Zoo |
| SPONSORING ORGANIZATION | Bibich 1st Grade Team |
| EXPENSES | Estimated Meal Cost - \$0 Estimated Hotel Cost – \$0 Estimated Required Fees – \$0 Estimated Travel Cost – \$0 |
| FUNDING | Self Funded |

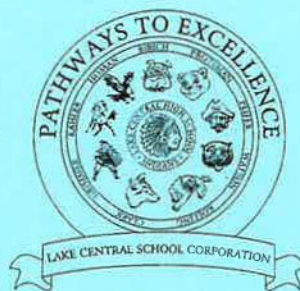
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|-------------------------|---|
| NAME | Lisa Alessandri |
| POSITION | Elementary Math Coach |
| SCHOOL | District |
| EVENT | NCTE/NCTM Joint Conference |
| DATES | 6/16, 6/17, 6/18/2025 |
| PLACE | Chicago, IL |
| DESCRIPTION | Math Conference |
| SPONSORING ORGANIZATION | NCTE and NCTM |
| EXPENSES | Estimated Meal Cost - \$0 Estimated Hotel Cost – \$0 Estimated Required Fees – \$325 Estimated Travel Cost – Mileage & Parking |
| FUNDING | District Title II |

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TO: Board of School Trustees

FROM: Yolanda Bracey, Director of Elementary Education

DATE: April 3, 2025

RE: **Board Meeting of April 7, 2025**

FIELD TRIP REQUESTS

Donelle Extin, Justine Kasch, Kaitlyn Sanders, Kaitlyn Krachenfels and Melisa Lopez, 1st grade teachers at Watson Elementary, request to take approximately (96) 1st grade students to University Park, IL on April 23, 2025. The students will attend a performance of Ada Twist Scientist and Friends at the Performing Arts Center at Governors State University. This is a self funded event.

Melissa Dillard, Amy Krooswyk, Cody Michniewicz, Anthony Montez, Cathy Sullivan and Stacey Hemphill, 2nd grade teachers at Protsman Elementary, request to take approximately (122) 2nd grade students to Chicago, IL on April 25, 2025. The students will visit Lincoln Park Zoo where they will explore animals, their habitats and record observations. This is a self funded event.

Brittany Bowen, Caryn Cruz, Hannah Pratt, Eileen Skipper and Sarah Hanson, 1st grade teachers at Bibich Elementary, request to take approximately (94) 1st grade students to Chicago, IL on May 14, 2025. The students will visit Lincoln Park Zoo where they will explore animals, their habitats and record observations. This is a self funded event.

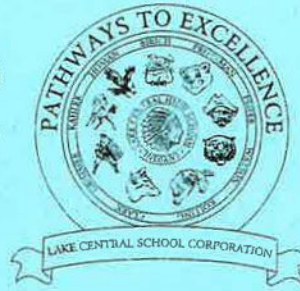
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TO: Board of School Trustees
FROM: Misty Scheuneman, Director of Secondary Education
DATE: April 3, 2025
RE: **Board Meeting of April 7, 2025**

PROFESSIONAL LEAVE REQUESTS

REVISED

| | |
|-------------------------|--|
| NAME | Kristen Marsh |
| POSITION | Teacher |
| SCHOOL | Grimmer Middle School |
| EVENT | Transportation to and from O'Hare Airport |
| DATES | 4/10/2025 (from Grimmer to O'Hare) 4/14/2025 (from O'Hare to Grimmer) |
| PLACE | Chicago, IL |
| DESCRIPTION | 8th grade choir is traveling to New York City (this trip was approved at the 6/10/2024 board meeting) and this is their transportation to/from the airport with Bus Connection |
| SPONSORING ORGANIZATION | Grimmer Choir |
| 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 | Terry Richardson |
| POSITION | Teacher |
| SCHOOL | LCHS |
| EVENT | Skills USA Indiana State Leadership and Skills Conference |
| DATES | 4/11 - 4/12/2025 |
| PLACE | Indianapolis, IN |
| DESCRIPTION | Precision machine contest |
| SPONSORING ORGANIZATION | Skills USA |
| 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 | Kari Regan |
| POSITION | Assistant Principal |
| SCHOOL | LCHS |
| EVENT | Innovate WithIN Northwest Indiana Regional Competition |
| DATES | 4/15/2025 |
| PLACE | Hammond, IN |
| DESCRIPTION | observing sales pitch by two business students from LCHS who advanced to the regional competition |
| SPONSORING ORGANIZATION | Purdue Northwest / Innovate WithIN |
| EXPENSES | Estimated Meal Cost - \$0 Estimated Hotel Cost – \$0 Estimated Required Fees – \$0 Estimated Travel Cost – Mileage |
| FUNDING | 684-5-11300-58000-0002 |

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| NAME | Amanda Harle |
| POSITION | Teacher |
| SCHOOL | LCHS |
| EVENT | FCS Spring Conference |
| DATES | 4/22 - 4/23/2025 |
| PLACE | Indianapolis, IN |
| DESCRIPTION | Annual FCS Conference |
| SPONSORING ORGANIZATION | American Association of Family and Consumer Sciences Indiana |
| EXPENSES | Estimated Meal Cost - \$35 Estimated Hotel Cost – \$170 Estimated Required Fees – \$50 Estimated Travel Cost – Mileage |
| FUNDING | 684-5-1 300-58000-0002 |

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| NAME | Joe Huppenthal |
| POSITION | Teacher / Coach |
| SCHOOL | LCHS |
| EVENT | IBCA Coaches Clinic |
| DATES | 4/24 - 4/25/2025 |
| PLACE | Fortville, IN |
| DESCRIPTION | Coaches clinic for basketball |
| SPONSORING ORGANIZATION | Indiana Basketball Coaches Association |
| EXPENSES | Estimated Meal Cost - \$70 Estimated Hotel Cost – \$200 Estimated Required Fees – \$50 Estimated Travel Cost – Mileage |
| FUNDING | Athletics |

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|-------------------------|---|
| NAME | Elizabeth Martinez-DeVries |
| POSITION | Teacher / Club Sponsor |
| SCHOOL | LCHS |
| EVENT | LC Cultural Club Field Trip |
| DATES | 5/03/2025 |
| PLACE | Chicago, IL |
| DESCRIPTION | Field Trip to Mexico Fest |
| SPONSORING ORGANIZATION | LC Cultural Club |
| 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 | Danielle Carr |
| POSITION | Teacher |
| SCHOOL | LCHS |
| EVENT | 2025 VEX Robotics Worlds Competition |
| DATES | 5/05 - 5/09/2025 |
| PLACE | Dallas, TX |
| DESCRIPTION | Robotics Competition |
| SPONSORING ORGANIZATION | VEX Robotics |
| EXPENSES | Estimated Meal Cost - \$0 Estimated Hotel Cost – \$0 Estimated Required Fees – \$0 Estimated Travel Cost – \$0 |
| FUNDING | Self Funded |

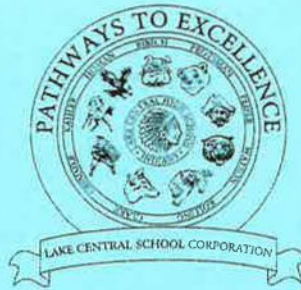
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| NAME | Valerie Gardner |
| POSITION | Teacher |
| SCHOOL | LCHS |
| EVENT | Triangulating Great Tier I Math Instruction |
| DATES | 5/14/2025 |
| PLACE | Virtual |
| DESCRIPTION | Webinar for math coaches |
| SPONSORING ORGANIZATION | Northern Indiana Educational Services Center |
| EXPENSES | Estimated Meal Cost - \$0 Estimated Hotel Cost – \$0 Estimated Required Fees – \$100 Estimated Travel Cost – \$0 |
| FUNDING | Corporation Title II |

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TO: Board of School Trustees

FROM: Misty Scheuneman, Director of Secondary Education

DATE: April 3, 2025

RE: **Board Meeting of April 7, 2025**

FIELD TRIP REQUESTS

REVISED

Kristen Marsh, teacher at Grimmer Middle School, requests to take approximately (19) choir students on a chartered bus from Grimmer Middle School to O'Hare Airport on April 10, 2025. The bus will drop them off at O'Hare for their flight to New York City, NY (trip approved at the 6/10/24 board meeting).

The charter bus will pick them up at O'Hare Airport on April 14, 2025 and return them to Grimmer Middle School. This is a self-funded trip. The bus is chartered from the Bus Connection.

Terry Richardson, teacher at LCHS, requests to take (2) precision machine students to Indianapolis, IN on April 11 - April 12, 2025. The students will compete in the Skills USA Indiana State Leadership and Skills Conference. This is a self-funded event.

Elizabeth Martinez-DeVries, teacher and club sponsor at LCHS, requests to take approximately (25) student members of the LC Cultural Club to Chicago, IL on May 3, 2025. The students will visit Navy Pier where they will attend the Mexico Fest. This is a self-funded event.

Danielle Carr, teacher at LCHS, requests to take approximately (8) students from the Robotics Club to Dallas, TX on May 5 - May 9, 2025. The students will compete in the VEX Robotics Worlds Competition. This is a self-funded event.

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Rebecca Gromala
Director of Student Services

TO: Board of School Trustees
FROM: Rebecca Gromala, Director of Student Services
DATE: April 3, 2025
RE: **Board Meeting of April 7, 2025**

PROFESSIONAL LEAVE REQUESTS

| | |
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| NAME | Rebecca Butler |
| POSITION | School Psychologist |
| SCHOOL | Homan Elementary |
| EVENT | Neurodiversity Webinar Series |
| DATES | 3/28, 4/11, 4/18/2025 |
| PLACE | Virtual |
| DESCRIPTION | Virtual webinar on neurodiversity |
| SPONSORING ORGANIZATION | National Association of School Psychologists |
| EXPENSES | Estimated Meal Cost - \$0 Estimated Hotel Cost - \$0 Estimated Required Fees - \$114.75 Estimated Travel Cost - \$0 |
| FUNDING | 646-0-21420-31200-0006 |

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|-------------------------|---|
| NAME | Mary Ann Medved |
| POSITION | Assistive Technology Coordinator |
| SCHOOL | District |
| EVENT | Indiana's Statewide UDL Conference |
| DATES | 6/08 - 6/10/2025 |
| PLACE | Bloomington, IN |
| DESCRIPTION | Speakers/breakout sessions/evidence-based, inclusion practices, neurodiverse learners UDL for learning and MTSS |
| SPONSORING ORGANIZATION | Indiana Institute on Disability and Community-Center on Education and Lifelong Learning |
| EXPENSES | Estimated Meal Cost - \$70 Estimated Hotel Cost – \$266.56 Estimated Required Fees – \$300 Estimated Travel Cost – Mileage & Parking |
| FUNDING | 646-0-12610-31200-0001 |



Indiana Department of Education

Dr. Katie Jenner, Secretary of Education

To: Superintendents and Special Education Directors

From: Dr. Nancy J Holsapple, Director of Special Education

Date: March 28, 2025

Subject: 2025-2026 Office of Special Education Behavior Grant Recipients

The Indiana Department of Education's (IDOE's) Office of Special Education is pleased to announce the 51 recipients of the 2025-2026 Behavior Grant. This grant allows corporations and charter schools to purchase materials and curriculum and to provide professional development to improve the behavioral skills for students with disabilities. Individual award letters will be sent out in the coming weeks with final approved budgets and evaluation plans. Grantees include:

- Alexandria Community School Corporation
- Anderson Community School Corporation
- Benton Community School Corporation
- Clarksville Community School Corporation
- Crawford County Community School Corporation
- Crown Point Community School Corporation
- Dekalb County Central United School District
- Delphi Community School Corporation
- Duneland School Corporation
- Eastern Greene Schools
- Enlace Academy
- Franklin Community School Corp
- Franklin County Community School Corporation
- Franklin Township Community School
- Monroe-Gregg School District
- MSD of Martinsville
- MSD of Mount Vernon
- MSD Southwest Allen County Schools
- MSD of Wayne Township
- Mt. Vernon Comm School Corporation
- Muncie Community Schools
- New Castle Community School Corporation
- North Adams Community Schools
- North Gibson School Corporation
- North Knox School Corporation
- North Spencer County School Corporation
- Options Charter School
- Orleans Community Schools

Corporation

- Goshen Community Schools
- Hamilton Heights School Corporation
- Huntington County Community School Corporation
- Indianapolis Public Schools
- Lake Central School Corporation
- Lakeland School Corporation
- Lawrenceburg Community School Corporation
- Lebanon Community School Corporation
- Maconaquah School Corporation
- Madison Consolidated Schools
- Milan Community Schools
- Perry Central Community Schools
- Portage Township Schools
- Rush County Schools
- Shelbyville Central Schools
- Sheridan Community Schools
- South Madison Community School Corporation
- Southeast Dubois County School Corporation
- The Nature School
- Tippecanoe School Corporation
- Union Township School Corporation
- Valparaiso Community Schools
- Wa-Nee Community Schools

Contact osebehaviorgrant@doe.in.gov with any questions.

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Rob James
Director of Business Services

To: Board of School Trustees

From: Mr. Rob James, Director of Business Services

Date: April 3, 2025

RE: Board Meeting April 7, 2025

Donations (Action Required)

Received

The Lake Central High School Winter Guard received a donation of \$100 from an anonymous donor.

The Kolling PTO would like to donate \$2,336.20 for the purchase of accessories for the school's die cutting machine.

Kahler received the following two donations from Edward Marcisz:

\$500 to the Science Olympiad Team

\$500 to the Band Program

The Lake Central High School War Memorial Fund received a donation of \$500 from the Veterans of Foreign Wars, Auxiliary 717.

The Kahler Girls on the Move Club received a donation of \$100 from the Upsilon Chapter of Pi Sigma Phi Philanthropic Sorority.

The Homan PTO would like to donate up to \$13,348.69 for the purchase and installation of a new piece of playground equipment for the school.

Given

Lake Central High School recently held their annual St. Baldrick fundraiser. A total of \$17,401.88 was raised and paid directly to St. Baldrick's.

Homan Elementary School would like to donate \$607 to Logan's Love and \$178.40 to the Down Syndrome Association.

Professional Leave Request (Action Required)

I am requesting professional leave for myself, Larry Veracco, Sarah Castaneda, and Ed Sopko to attend the IASBO Annual Meeting in Fort Wayne, May 87-9. In these fiscal times and with ongoing changes to public education laws, the IASBO Annual Meeting will provide two and a half days of valuable professional development activities.

Review of Annual Insurance Costs

In lieu of potential funding restrictions from the Indiana General Assembly, we want to show the Board how our insurance costs have increased over the past four years. I have included a summary of our costs in your board packet and I will review during the meeting.

Review of Annual School Bus State Inspections

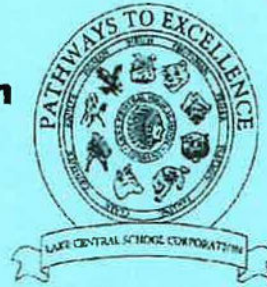
The Indiana State Police recently completed the annual inspection of our school buses. I will be sharing the results of those inspections with the Board.

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TO: Board of School Trustees
FROM: Rob James, Director of Business Services
DATE: April 3, 2025
RE: **Board Meeting Of April 7, 2025**

PROFESSIONAL LEAVE

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|-------------------------|---|
| NAME | Rob James, Larry Veracco, Sarah Castaneda, Ed Sopko |
| POSITION | Director of Business Services; Superintendent; Asst Superintendent; Corporation Treasurer |
| SCHOOL | Lake Central School Corporation |
| EVENT | IASBO Annual Meeting |
| DATES | May 7-9, 2025 |
| PLACE | Fort Wayne, IN |
| DESCRIPTION | IASBO Annual Meeting |
| SPONSORING ORGANIZATION | Indiana Association of School Business Officials |
| EXPENSES | Estimated Meal Cost - \$35 each Estimated Hotel Cost - \$350-\$950 each Estimated Required Fees - \$495-\$810 each Estimated Travel Cost - Mileage |
| FUNDING | 0300-25110-580-0001 |

Lake Central School Corporation
Review of Annual Insurance Costs

| | <u>2022</u> | <u>2023</u> | <u>2024</u> | <u>2025</u> | <u>Notes</u> |
|-----------------------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|---|
| Property | 261,375 | 307,592 | 387,604 | 433,580 | |
| Crime | 650 | 650 | 650 | 650 | |
| General Liability | 160,290 | 205,969 | 241,111 | 257,140 | |
| Cyber | - | - | - | 47,749 | Regular Cyber part of General Liab; this is additional coverage purchased |
| Law Enforcement | 2,524 | 2,316 | 2,316 | 2,316 | SRO's |
| School Leaders E&O | 58,539 | 79,028 | 97,696 | 146,544 | This is due processing hearings |
| Business Auto | 114,361 | 119,540 | 127,777 | 140,348 | |
| Umbrella | 29,210 | 45,916 | 51,921 | 58,358 | Umbrella covers all areas |
| Worker's Comp | <u>177,797</u> | <u>179,018</u> | <u>202,242</u> | <u>204,117</u> | |
| Totals | 804,746 | 940,029 | 1,111,317 | 1,290,802 | |
| Increase from prior year | | 17% | 18% | 16% | |
| Overall Increase since 2022 | | 17% | 38% | 60% | |
| Heath Insurance Premiums | 6,760,750 | 7,183,795 | 7,330,595 | | |

Review of Annual School Bus Inspections

2025

- Annual inspection by two State Police officers took place over two days during Spring Break
- 88 buses were inspected
- All of the buses were determined safe to be on the road
- This year, 95% of the buses did not need to have any aspects rechecked; last year we were at 87%
 - Potential reasons for a recheck include some of the lights being dim, tires beginning to be worn, etc
- According to the officers, the 95% rate is usually only obtained with fleets of 30 or less vehicles and is unheard of for a fleet of our size
- Typically a district with a fleet of our size has a passing rate in the upper 70's or lower 80's %
- The officers also noted how clean our buses were, which is a testament to the drivers who clean the insides of their buses at the end of each day

We want to acknowledge the outstanding work that our mechanics Larry Chambers, Adam Groat, Paul Otte, and Andy Cripe do to keep our students and drivers safe each and every day.