

**LAKE CENTRAL SCHOOL CORPORATION
SCHOOL BOARD MEETING
MONDAY, JANUARY 18, 2010**

A meeting of the Board of School Trustees of the Lake Central School Corporation was held in the Lake Central High School LGI Room, St. John, IN on Monday, January 18, 2010. The meeting began at 7:30 p.m.

Board Members Present

George Baranowski, President
Howard Marshall, Vice-President
Don Bacso, Secretary
John DeVries, Member
Valentina Lozanoski, Member

Administration Present

Gerald Chabot, Superintendent
Larry Veracco, Assistant Superintendent
Tom Dykiel, Director of Business Services
Al Gandolfi, Director of Secondary Education
Mark Kellogg, Director of Primary Education

<p><i>**Please note that all motions were carried 5-0 unless otherwise indicated.</i></p>	<p><u>BOARD MEETING MINUTES</u></p>
I.	<p>Call to Order</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. by Board President, George Baranowski.
II.	<p>Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pledge of Allegiance led by George Baranowski.
III.	<p>Agenda: Approval, Deletions, Additions</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dr. Chabot identifies three additional pieces of information for the Agenda: a Field Trip Request, an additional Professional Leave Request and an added Donation. • Don Bacso moves for approval. Dr. DeVries seconds the motion. Motion carries.
IV.	<p>Correspondence</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr. Bacso states that there is no correspondence.
V.	<p>Official School Board of Business Topics – Consent Agenda</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Howard Marshall moves for approval of the Consent Agenda. Dr. DeVries seconds the motion. Motion carries.
	A. Approval of Minutes of January 4, 2010
	B. Approval of Claims, Payroll and Extracurricular Expenditures
	C. Approval of Field Trips
VI.	<p>Official School Board Business Topics – Regular Agenda</p>
	<p>A. Superintendent – <i>Dr. Gerald Chabot</i></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Community Dialogue on Facilities: Wednesday, February 3, 2010, 6:00-8:00 p.m. at Clark Middle School <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A invitation of upcoming community meeting open to anyone who would like to attend to give their opinion on facility planning. Meeting will be structured and questionnaire with approximately 30 questions will be provided to attendees. Groups of 6-8 patrons per table. Each group will try to develop consensus about these key questions. For those who

	<p>cannot attend, the questionnaire will be available online for completion and submission. From the information, options and a vision for the future will begin to emerge in February and March.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Val Lozoski states that they encourage everyone to contact as many people to attend as possible. <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 2. Approval LCSC General Fund Reduction Plan Phase I <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dr. Chabot provides a summary spreadsheet of the General Fund Reduction Plan Phase I used at the Workshop last week. Over 1 year ago, the State of Indiana took over the General Fund. Dr. Chabot discusses the impact that has had on Lake Central and all Indiana schools, as well as the effect on our budget. Dr. Chabot recommends that the General Fund Reduction Plan Phase I be approved. • Dr. DeVries has questions regarding the dark campus issue. • Val Lozoski asks about the Special Ed. Group and if their meeting is scheduled. • Val Lozoski asks about tutoring and the restructuring of same. • Howard Marshall moves for approval of the General Fund Reduction Plan Phase I. Dr. DeVries seconds the motion. Motion carries. 3. Report on ISBA Conference <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dr. Chabot gives report on ISBA conference attended on January 15, 2010. The main item discussed was the Race to the Top Fast Forward Grant. We have submitted our application. The Race to the Top Funding could be anywhere from \$150 to \$400 Million state wide that would come into local school districts for some type of restructuring. If we do get the funds, we would have to address standards, curriculum, data process and appraisals/evaluations.
<p>B.</p>	<p>Director of Secondary Education – <i>Al Gandolfi</i></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Approval of Professional Leave Requests for Secondary Education <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Don Bacso moves for approval. Val Lozoski seconds the motion. Motion carries. 2. LCHS Graduate Rate Data <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr. Gandolfi states that our graduation rate continues to increase. We are currently at 85.7% with the graduating class of 2009. Mr. Gandolfi provides a graduate rate breakdown. • Ms. Lozoski asks about students who graduate mid-term. • Howard Marshall asks about students and graduation core, and if we are on same page as other Indiana school corporations? • Mr. Gandolfi offers information about how this data gets reported to the State and how it affects our graduation rate. • Dr. DeVries asks what percentage of our special education students who received special education services graduate within 4 years. • Dr. Chabot remarks that the formula used by the State does not take into account the students who may need an extra semester to graduate, but they do eventually graduate. So, while we are at 85.7% graduation rate, in reality this number could be over 90% perhaps a year from now. • Mr. Gandolfi states that our block schedule and higher credit requirement to graduate at LC can also affect students who transfer in from other Indiana schools with different requirements. Many factors play into the graduation rate that the State does not take into account.
<p>C.</p>	<p>Director of Primary Education – <i>Mark Kellogg</i></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Approval of Professional Leave Requests for Primary Education <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dr. DeVries moves for approval. Val Lozoski seconds the motion. Motion carries. 2. 2010 Technology Grant

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • We did receive \$300,000 in funding. 25% of grant funding has to be spent toward professional development. It is also required that we have a partner – a school district who did not qualify for the grant funding on their own. The School City of Hobart has agreed to be our partner in this grant. They will receive \$150,000 which is added to our grant for a grand total of \$450,000. 25% of Hobart funds must also be set aside for professional development. Thanks to Shannon O’Brien, Director of Curriculum and Superintendent Dr. Peggy Buffington for their assistance and approval to move forward with this grant. • Val Lozanoski how the closing of St. Joseph School in Dyer will affect this? Mr. Kellogg states that now they will no longer be a partner, the State will be notified and their monies would go back to us. • Mr. Kellogg describes InterWriteMobi’s and states that we will see a demonstration of this technology in the near future at a Board Meeting. <p>3. Homan Grant</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Homan has been selected to receive a 2009-2010 Lowes Toolbox for Education grant. The “Eagles’ Landing” project was awarded \$5,000 and spearheaded by Mrs. JoAnn Adank.
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<p>D.</p>	<p>Assistant Superintendent / Personnel / Student Services – <i>Dr. Veracco</i></p> <p>1. Personnel Recommendations</p> <p><i>I. Conflict of Interest Disclosure Statement</i></p> <p><i>II. Certified Appointments and Leaves</i></p> <p><i>A. Appointments:</i></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <i>1. Elizabeth Garner (Hoernig) Portage, IN, English Teacher, Grimmer Middle School (effective January 19, 2010; pending receipt of Indiana license).</i> <i>2. Amy Nimetz, Physical Education Teacher, Lake Central Freshmen Center (effective January 19, 2010; 2009/2010 temporary 1st semester contract for Denise Rush’s maternity leave, change to regular full year contract).</i> <p><i>B. Leaves:</i></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <i>1. Kathryn (Hoover) Clark, English Teacher, Lake Central High School (effective March 29, 2010 thru June 4, 2010; maternity leave).</i> <i>2. Shannon De St. Jean, Grade 1 Teacher, Peifer Elementary School (effective April 12, 2010 thru June 4, 2010; maternity leave).</i> <p><i>III. Classified Resignations</i></p> <p><i>A. Resignations:</i></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <i>1. Annette McFarland, Bus Driver, Lake Central Transportation (effective January 4, 2010).</i> <p><i>IV. Certified Extra Curricular Resignations and Appointments</i></p> <p><i>A. Resignations:</i></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <i>1. Aubrey Nelson, Cheerleading Coach, Clark Middle School (effective for the 2010/2011 school year).</i> <p><i>B. Appointments:</i></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <i>1. Amanda Czyszczon, Science Department Head, Clark Middle School (effective for the remainder of the 2009/2010 school year).</i> <i>2. JoAnne Baldin, Chess Club Sponsor, Grimmer Middle School (effective for the remainder of the 2009/2010 school year).</i> <p><i>V. Classified Extra Curricular Appointments</i></p> <p><i>A. Appointments:</i></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <i>1. Juanita Jarecki, Musical Director Play Instrumental, Lake Central High School (effective for the 2009/2010 school year).</i>
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	<p>VI. <i>Westlake Classified Resignations</i></p> <p>A. <i>Resignations:</i></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. <i>Mallory Groen, Instructional Assistant, West Lake/Eads School (effective January 28, 2010).</i> 2. <i>Martha Alias, Instructional Assistant, West Lake/Munster High School (effective December 18, 2009).</i> 3. <i>Kristi Rastovsky, Instructional Assistant, West Lake/Elliott School (effective December 19, 2009).</i> 4. <i>Heather Williams, Instructional Assistant, West Lake/Kahler Middle School (effective January 22, 2010).</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dr. DeVries moves for approval. Val Lozanoski seconds the motion. Motion carries. <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 2. Early Retirement Meetings Update <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Meeting have been held to give information, answer preliminary questions and invite certified staff to two additional meetings, one being this week. The cut-off date is February 15, 2010. 3. Grimmer Middle School Interview Process <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Interviews begin on January 19th. There will be 2 subcommittees interviewing the candidates. There will be 4 current Grimmer teachers on each subcommittee. Round 2 of interviews will take place on January 27th. We expect to have a recommendation to the Board on February 1, 2010.
<p>E.</p>	<p>Director of Business Services – <i>Dr. Dykiel</i></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Donations <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lake Central High School has received a \$500 BP Fabric of America Fund donation from Mr. Richard Solan to go to the Athletics program. • Clark Middle School has received \$300 from the Cialdella family to go to the Theatre program. • Lake Central High School has received a \$500 BP Fabric of America Fund donation from Mr. Kulina to go to the Tennis program. • Homan Elementary School has received a \$250 BP Fabric of America Fund donation from Mr. and Mrs. Gabbert to go to the Student Activities Fund. • Don Bacso moves for approval. Howard Marshall seconds the motion. Motion carries. 2. Investment Summary 3. Removal of Outstanding Checks <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Howard Marshall asks about the protocol for notification to employees re outstanding checks. • Dr. DeVries moves for approval. Don Bacso seconds the motion. Motion carries.
<p>VII.</p>	<p>Board and Public Comments and Consideration of Future Agenda Items</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Great job from Don Bacso to Al Gandolfi and Mark Kellogg on the grant. • Val Lozanoski thanks to Mark Kellogg and JoAnn Adank for their work on the grant. • Dr. DeVries also says thank you for the hard work and effort spent on the grant. • Dr. DeVries asks how the closing of St. Joseph School might affect the enrollment at Protsman and Kolling. • Howard Marshall would like to give special recognition to Mrs. Adank for spearheading the \$5,000 grant and offers a round of applause. • George Baranowski would like to remind everyone to come out on February 3rd to attend the Community Dialogue at Clark Middle School. Lots of effort is being put into this to make this community involved.

VIII.	Board Calendar of Future Activities – <i>Dr. Chabot</i>
IX.	Adjournment <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Dr. DeVries moves to adjourn the meeting at 8:20 p.m. Don Bacso seconds the motion. Motion carries. Meeting adjourned at 8:20 p.m.

Minutes of the January 18, 2010 School Board meeting were approved and adopted by the Board of School Trustees at the February 1, 2010 School Board meeting.

George Baranowski, President

ATTEST:

Don Bacso, Secretary

Next Regular Board Meeting: February 1, 2010 at 7:30 p.m.