

**LAKE CENTRAL SCHOOL CORPORATION
SCHOOL BOARD MEETING
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 21, 2012**

A meeting of the Board of School Trustees of the Lake Central School Corporation was held in the Lake Central Freshmen Center LGI Room, 8410 Wicker Avenue, St. John, IN on Tuesday, February 21, 2012. The meeting began at 7:30 p.m.

Board Members Present

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

Administration Present

Al Gandolfi, Assistant Superintendent
Rob James, Director of Business Services
Mark Kellogg, Director of Primary Education
Bill Ledyard, Director of Facilities
Dr. Lawrence Veracco, Superintendent

BOARD MEETING MINUTES: February 21, 2012	
I.	Call to Order <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. by Board President, Howard Marshall.
II.	Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Pledge of Allegiance led by Howard Marshall.
III.	Agenda: Approval, Deletions, Additions - <i>Dr. Veracco</i> - Action Required <ul style="list-style-type: none">• One deletion to the Agenda was presented to the Board: under Rob James' section, item #3 – Authorization to Bid Busses. Dr. Veracco stated that this item will be brought back before the Board at a future date.• Don Bacso moved to approve the Agenda as amended. Dr. DeVries seconded the motion. Motion carried.
IV.	Correspondence – <i>Mr. Bacso</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• There was no correspondence.
V.	Official School Board Business Topics: Consent Agenda - <i>Dr. Veracco</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Dr. DeVries moved to approve the Consent Agenda. Don Bacso seconded the motion. Motion carried.
A.	Approval of Minutes: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• February 6, 2012 Executive Session

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> February 6, 2012 Regular Board Meeting
B.	Approval of Claims, Payroll and Extracurricular Expenditures
VI.	Official School Board Business Topics: Regular Agenda
A.	<p>Superintendent – <i>Dr. Veracco</i></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Professional Leave Request of Superintendent – Action Required <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Val Lozanoski moved to approve the Professional Leave Request of Dr. Veracco to attend the Manufacturing and Preparing for the Future Educator Winter Workshop in Michigan City, Indiana on Tuesday February 28, 2012. Dr. DeVries seconded the motion. Dr. DeVries asked if a department head would be attending with Dr. Veracco. Dr. Veracco responded that yes, Mr. McDermott would be attending with him also. Val Lozanoski asked if this is a program that students would participate in immediately after graduation. Dr. Veracco confirmed yes. Motion carried. ISBA Collective Bargaining Seminar Recap
B.	<p>Assistant Superintendent / Personnel / Director of Secondary Education – <i>Al Gandolfi</i></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Personnel Recommendations – Action Required <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <i>Certified Leaves :</i> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <i>Leaves:</i> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <i>Betty Samples, English Teacher, Lake Central High School, (effective May 7, 2012 thru December 21, 2012; maternity leave</i> <i>Classified Resignations and Transfers:</i> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <i>Resignations:</i> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <i>Maria Radick, Cafeteria Table Aide/Bus Greeter, Protsman Elementary School (effective February 26, 2012).</i> <i>Transfers:</i> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <i>Dian Handley, from Computer Lab Manager at Lake Central High School to Computer Lab Manager at Kahler Middle School (effective February 6, 2012).</i> <i>Approval of Lake Central School Corporation Substitute Staff – Refer to attached list of substitutes hired from January 12, 2012 through February 15, 2012.</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> George Baranowski moved to approve the personnel recommendations as presented. Don Bacso seconded the motion. Motion carried. Professional Leave Requests – Action Required <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Don Bacso moved to approve the professional leave requests of Kim Butler, Dennis Brannock, Michele Beattie, Julie Clayton, Sandi Kunewski, Roberta Gadoski, Brian Tomson, Tom Clark, Chris Colle, Maureen Yaeger, Robert McDermott, David Arroyo, Matthew Hanson, Brett St. Germain, Tim Powers, Samantha Rubalcava, Nancy Tilka, Nancy Hoban, Amy Nimetz, Ron Fredrick, James Simmons, Bethany Hernandez, Michele Tyler, Dawn Haskell, Joan Loden, Lindsay Botha, Robert McDermott and Kenneth Newton. George Baranowski seconded the motion. Motion carried.

	<p>3. Field Trips – Action Required</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• George Baranowski moved to approve the field trips of Robert Gadomski, Chris Colle, Maureen Yaeger, Amanda Czyszczon, Jolene Bogacki, Tiffany McCauley, Rosie Perez, Kate Schnosenberg and Nancy Hoban. Don Bacso seconded the motion. Motion carried.
C.	<p>Director of Primary Education – <i>Mark Kellogg</i></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Professional Leave Requests – Action Required<ul style="list-style-type: none">• George Baranowski moved to approve the professional leave request for Cathy Beiriger and Beth Hall. Dr. DeVries seconded the motion. Motion carried.2. Field Trip Requests – Action Required<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Don Bacso moved to approve the field trip requests for Cathy Beiriger. George Baranowski seconded the motion. Motion carried.3. Elementary School Master Schedule<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Mr. Kellogg discussed the future implementation of a new technology curriculum focusing on keyboarding. This program will be the fifth “special” joining Art, Music, P.E. and Library as a 45 minute weekly class. Because of the fifth special, there will be a reduction in the number of staff members teaching Art, Music, P.E., with the remaining staff members traveling to other schools to offer their specialty. Mr. Kellogg presented the Board with a projected schedule. This schedule may be modified if necessary.4. Middle School Master Schedule – <i>John Alessia</i><ul style="list-style-type: none">• Mr. Alessia detailed the current middle school master schedule: 5 core subjects which consist of English, literature, math, science and social studies. 2 electives which would be 1 semester of PE plus 9 weeks of health and 9 weeks of computer applications. The 7th class is an elective of all year of band or choir, or, a rotation of technology education, art and academic support. This would be done on a blue day and white day alternating schedule. The new master schedule would be altered a bit which would include taking away one of the two recesses for the 5th graders which would then enable time for a longer math period. Other changes include 5th graders changing classes in the afternoon for math, science and social studies to prepare the students more for the schedule they would be following in 6-8th grades. Also, all students next year will have one semester of PE and health combined. The second semester would include 9 weeks of digital communication tools along with the band/choir option. The new change would be an offering of 12 weeks of technology education, 12 weeks of visual art, or 12 weeks of enrichment. Also, there are preliminary discussions currently being had as a possible enrichment offering of Rosetta Stone for advanced students or students who are doing very well academically.• Val Lozanoski asked if this had been discussed with the high school teachers to make sure there would be no conflict in the teaching of foreign language. Mr. Alessia stated that in his own experience as a parent, he is very happy with the Rosetta Stone program. Mr. Gandolfi stated that this has been discussed with the high school teachers. Also, this would truly be an introduction to foreign language in the middle school level. Any introduction the students could get at the middle school level would be a great support to the freshman year Spanish I class.• Mr. Marshall asked about digital communication tools and possibly changing in how we look at Smart phones, cell phones, iPads, etc. for the student population. Mr. Alessia replied that we are becoming more accepting of those types of technology.

	<p>D. Director of Facilities – <i>Bill Ledyard</i></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Professional Leave Request – Action Required <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Val Lozanoski moved to approve the professional leave request of Bill Ledyard to attend the Design and Construction Meetings at Schmidt & Associates on March 1 and 2nd, 2012 in Indianapolis. Don Bacso seconded the motion. Motion carried. 2. LCSC Projects Update <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. LCHS b. Protsman Elementary School c. Clark Middle School <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Don Bacso thanked Bill Ledyard for his presentation at the Board Workshop last week and appreciated seeing the new designs of the elementary school and high school – they are superb. • Howard Marshall commented that this is a very exciting time and that Bill Ledyard should keep up the good work.
	<p>E. Director of Business Services – <i>Rob James</i></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Donations – Action Required <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Grimmer Middle School received a donation of \$780 from Grimmer PTO as proceeds from their fall Baker’s Square Fundraiser. • Grimmer National Junior Honor Society (NJHS) also received a \$200 donation from the Grimmer PTO to help cover the costs of the 2012 NJHS Induction Ceremony. • George Baranowski moved to approve the donations. Dr. DeVries seconded the motion. Motion carried. 2. Transfer of Textbook Rental Fees – Action Required <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A student’s textbook rental charge is divided into three components: textbooks, consumables and fees. When a student makes a payment, the entire amount is receipted into our Textbook Rental Fund. However, only the purchase of textbooks and consumables are allowed to be charged to the Textbook Rental Fund. The expenditures related to the fees portion are charged to the General Fund. Last year we implemented a process in which the district will transfer the fees collected from the Textbook Rental Fund to the General Fund on a semi-annual basis. From July 1, 2011 to December 31, 2011, \$483,151.72 of fees were collected. Therefore, I am requesting a transfer of \$483,151.72 from the Textbook Rental Fund to the General Fund. • George Baranowski moved to approve. Dr. DeVries seconded the motion. Motion carried. 3. Authorization to Bid Busses – Action Required <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • This item was tabled and will be readdressed at a future meeting.
<p>VII.</p>	<p>Board and Public Comments and Consideration of Future Agenda Items – <i>Mr. Marshall</i></p> <p><i>PUBLIC:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There were no public comments. <p><i>BOARD:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dr. DeVries commented on the exciting winter sports season. He also remarked on how exciting it is to see the building project progress and how tremendous this will be for our community.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Howard Marshall also commented on the success of the winter sports teams, and those that went to sectionals. Accolades for student successes.
VIII.	Board Calendar of Future Activities – <i>Dr. Veracco</i>
IX.	Adjournment – <i>Howard Marshall</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none">George Baranowski moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:10 p.m. Val Lozanoski seconded the motion. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:10 p.m.
<p>Minutes of the February 21, 2012 School Board Meeting were approved and adopted by the Board of School Trustees at the March 5, 2012 School Board Meeting.</p>	
ATTEST:	<hr/> <p>Howard Marshall, President</p> <hr/> <p>Don Bacso, Secretary</p>