

** LAKE CENTRAL SCHOOL CORPORATION **
SCHOOL BOARD MEETING
Protsman Elementary School – Cafeteria
1121 Harrison Avenue, Dyer, Indiana 46311
Tuesday, September 16, 2014 // 7:30 p.m.

A meeting of the Board of School Trustees of the Lake Central School Corporation was held at Protsman Elementary School, 1121 Harrison Avenue, Dyer, IN on September 16, 2014. The meeting began at 7:30 p.m.

Board Members Present

George Baranowski, President
Janice Malchow, Member
Howard Marshall, Member

Board Members Not Present

Don Bacso, Vice-President
John DeVries, Secretary

Administration Present

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

Administration Not Present

Al Gandolfi, Assistant Superintendent

<u>BOARD MEETING MNUTES</u> <u>TUESDAY, September 16, 2014</u>	
<i>Please Note: All Motions Passed With 3-0 Vote Unless Otherwise Indicated</i>	
I.	Call to Order – <i>Mr. Baranowski</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. by Board President, George Baranowski.
II.	Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag – <i>Mr. Baranowski</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pledge of Allegiance led by Mr. Baranowski.
III.	Verification of Receipt and Review of Board Packet – <i>Mr. Baranowski</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Has each member successfully received the electronic version of tonight’s board agenda, along with the individual supporting documents, reviewed them, and directed any questions or corrections to Dr. Veracco, prior to this meeting? Bacso – Not present Baranowski - Yes DeVries - Not Present Malchow – Yes Marshall - Yes
IV.	Agenda: Approval, Deletions, Additions - <i>Dr. Veracco</i> - Action Required <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Revisions to the agenda include an addition to the professional leave requests under Sarah Castaneda’s section and the deletion of AP Status Report by Sean Begley also under Sarah Castaneda’s section. There is a correction under Mr. James section, item #1, which should read Public Hearing on 2015 Budget instead of Public Hearing on 2014 Budget. • Howard Marshall moved to approve the Revised Agenda. Janice Malchow seconded the motion. Motion carried.
V.	Correspondence – <i>Mr. Baranowski</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There was no correspondence.

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VI.	<p>Liaison Committee Updates – <i>Mr. Baranowski</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Personnel Interview Committee – Howard Marshall • Schererville Redevelopment Committee – Howard Marshall • West Lake – Howard Marshall • Lake Central Education Foundation – Janice Malchow • Wellness Committee – Janice Malchow • Dollars for Scholars – Janice Malchow • Dyer Redevelopment Committee – Don Bacso • St. John Redevelopment Committee – John DeVries • Building and Renovation – John DeVries • Legislative Committee – George Baranowski
VII.	<p>Official School Board Business Topics: Consent Agenda – <i>Dr. Veracco</i> – Action Required</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Howard Marshall moved to approve the consent agenda. Janice Malchow seconded the motion. Motion carried.
A.	<p>Approval of Minutes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Executive Session September 2, 2014 • Regular Board Meeting September 2, 2014
B.	<p>Approval of Claims, Payroll and Extracurricular Expenditures</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Janice Malchow asked for details regarding the payment being made to the Town of Dyer per the Interlocal Agreement approved at last meeting.
VIII.	<p>Official School Board Business Topics: Regular Agenda</p>
A.	<p>Superintendent – <i>Dr. Veracco</i></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Professional Leave Request – Action Required <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Janice Malchow moved to approve the professional leave request of Rebecca Gromala. Howard Marshall seconded the motion. Motion carried. 2. Approval of Certified Staff Raises 2014/2015 – Action Required <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Howard Marshall stated that it is gratifying that there is sufficient funding to provide this raise. Certified staff needed these raises. • Howard Marshall moved to approve the Certified Staff Raises for 2014/2015. Janice Malchow seconded the motion. Motion carried.
B.	<p>Assistant Superintendent / Personnel – <i>Dr. Veracco for Al Gandolfi</i></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Personnel Recommendations – Action Required <ol style="list-style-type: none"> A. Leaves: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Nicole Avina, Grade 5 Teacher, Kahler Middle School (effective March 12, 2015 thru May 8, 2015; maternity leave). B. Resignations: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. David Gnaden, Physical Education Teacher, Peifer/Watson Elementary Schools (effective September 19, 2014). II. Classified Appointments: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> A. Appointments:

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	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Rhona Dunn (Dyer), Bus Driver, Lake Central Transportation Department (effective September 2, 2014). 2. Joe Gutierrez (Schererville), Bus Driver, Lake Central Transportation Department (effective September 2, 2014). 3. Sarah Pratscher (Crown Point), Bus Driver, Lake Central Transportation Department. (effective September 2, 2014). 4. Natalie Smart (Cedar Lake), Bus Driver, Lake Central Transportation Department (effective September 2, 2014). 5. Sherrie Bereda (Dyer), 9 Month Secretary, Lake Central High School (effective September 17, 2014). 6. Terri Woelfer (Dyer), Custodian, Clark Middle School (effective September 10, 2014). <p>III. Certified Extracurricular Appointments, Resignations and Transfers:</p> <p>A. Appointments:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Brenda Kovich, Science Fair Sponsor and 4th Grade Student Government Sponsor/Watson Elementary School (effective for the 2014-2015 school year). 2. Patricia Nuzzo, 3rd Grade Student Council Sponsor/Watson Elementary School (effective for the 2014-2015 school year). 3. Angela Ohlenkamp, Academic Super Bowl Coach-Math/Lake Central High School (effective for the 2014-2015 school year). <p>B. Resignations:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Joe Fox, Academic Super Bowl Math Assistant Coach/Lake Central High School (effective for the 2014-2015 school year). 2. Silvana Morgan, Computer/Calculator Competition Sponsor/Clark Middle School (effective for the 2014-2015 school year). 3. David Gnaden, Assistant Wrestling Coach/Lake Central High School (effective for the 2014-2015 school year). <p>C. Transfers:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Michael Vojvodich, from Assistant Football Coach to Head Football Coach#2/Kahler Middle School (effective for the 2014-2015 school year). <p>IV. Classified Extracurricular Appointments and Transfers:</p> <p>A. Appointments:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Justin Denton, Assistant Play Director/Clark Middle School (effective for the 2014-2015 school year). 2. David Kremsner, Assistant Boys Track Coach/Kahler Middle School (effective for the 2014-2015 school year). <p>B. Transfers:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. David Kremsner from Head Football Coach#2 to Assistant Football Coach/Kahler Middle School (effective for the 2014-2015 school year). <p>V. West Lake Classified Resignations:</p> <p>A. Resignations:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Karen McCormack, Paraprofessional, West Lake/Lake Central High School (effective September 12, 2014). <p>VI. Approval of Lake Central School Corporation Substitute Staff Appointments and Terminations – Refer to lists of substitutes hired and terminated from August 14, 2014 – September 10, 2014.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Janice Malchow moved to approve the personnel packet. Howard Marshall seconded the motion. Motion carried.
C.	Director of Primary Education – Theresa Schoon

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	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Professional Leave Requests – Action Required <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Janice Malchow moved to approve the professional leave requests of Kathi Tucker (2) and Patricia Geise. Howard Marshall seconded the motion. • Janice Malchow asked for details on the Learning To Lead Seminar. • Motion carried. 2. Professional Development Update
D.	<p>Director of Secondary Education – <i>Sarah Castaneda</i></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Professional Leave Requests – Action Required <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Howard Marshall moved to approve the professional leave requests of James Simmons, Robin Tobias (2) Jaclyn Alessandri, Amanda Allen Breski, Joe Fox, Courtney Olavarria, Barb Kepchar, Kim Beach (2), Kathy Grimler, Lisa Huguenard, Louise Tallent, Mary Brown, Roberta Harnish, David Harnish, Jennifer Baker, Mario Castaneda, David Schaffenberger, Carrie Wadycki (2), Sarah Verpooten (2), Alyssa Rotundi, Tiffany Kelley, Leta-Sena Lopez, Thomas Clark, Sean Begley, Melissa Rettig, Kim McDermott and Sherrie Bereda. Janice Malchow seconded the motion. Motion carried. 2. Field Trips – Action Required <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Howard Marshall moved to approve the field trip requests of Louise Tallent, Sarah Verpooten (2), Carrie Wadycki (2) , Laurie Rosine and Chris Rossiano. Janice Malchow seconded the motion. Motion carried. 3. Assessment Update <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Janice Malchow asked if high ability assessments are also included. • Janice Malchow asked if testing for career readiness skill aligns with the school assessments. • Janice Malchow asked George Baranowski if he agrees with what they heard from Dr. Oliver at the ISBA meeting over the weekend. • George Baranowski spoke about the necessary and continued need for more funding. Disagreements downstate need to be resolved so that they can refocus on funding. 4. AP Status Report – <i>Sean Begley</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • This item was not presented and will be included on the October 6, 2014 Board Meeting Agenda.
E.	<p>Director of Facilities – <i>Bill Ledyard</i></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Award and execute Change Order #012 to Gough Inc., for LCHS Phase III - Bid Package #2 – Mass Grading & Site Utilities - Action Required <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Janice Malchow moved to award and execute Change Order #012 to Gough Inc., for LCHS Phase III - Bid Package #2 – Mass Grading & Site Utilities. Howard Marshall seconded the motion. Motion carried. 2. Award and execute Change Order #005 to Walsh & Kelly Inc., for LCHS Phase III - Bid Package #3 – Site Paving, Curbs, Sidewalks, Landscaping, Fencing - Action Required <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Howard Marshall moved to award and execute Change Order #005 to Walsh & Kelly Inc., for LCHS Phase III - Bid Package #3 – Site Paving, Curbs, Sidewalks, Landscaping, Fencing. Janice Malchow seconded the motion. Motion carried. 3. Award and execute Change Order #008 to Barton Malow Company, for LCHS Phase III - Bid Package #5 – GC Building Interiors - Action Required

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Janice Malchow moved to award and execute Change Order #008 to Barton Malow Company, for LCHS Phase III - Bid Package #5 – GC Building Interiors. Howard Marshall seconded the motion. Motion carried. <p>4. Award and execute Change Order #007 to Gough Inc., for LCHS Phase III - Bid Package #12 – Athletic Fields - Action Required</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Howard Marshall moved to award and execute Change Order #008 to Barton Malow Company, for LCHS Phase III - Bid Package #5 – GC Building Interiors. Howard Marshall seconded the motion. Motion carried. <p>5. Award and execute Change Order #014 to Gough Inc., for Protsman ES Phase II – Bid Package #02 – Site Earthwork/Utilities - Action Required</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Janice Malchow moved to award and execute Change Order #014 to Gough Inc., for Protsman ES Phase II – Bid Package #02 – Site Earthwork/Utilities. Howard Marshall seconded the motion. Motion carried. <p>6. Award and execute Change Order #014 to Larson-Danielson Construction Co. Inc., for Protsman ES Phase II – Bid Package #03 – Building Foundation/Shell - Action Required</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Janice Malchow moved to award and execute Change Order #014 to Larson-Danielson Construction Co. Inc., for Protsman ES Phase II – Bid Package #03 – Building Foundation/Shell. Howard Marshall seconded the motion. Motion carried. <p>7. Award and execute Change Order #014 to Joseph Construction Company, for Protsman ES Phase II – Bid Package #04 – General Trades/Core/Finishes - Action Required</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Howard Marshall moved to award and execute Change Order #014 to Joseph Construction Company, for Protsman ES Phase II – Bid Package #04 – General Trades/Core/Finishes. Janice Malchow seconded the motion. Motion carried. <p>8. LCSC Projects Update – Update</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Clark MS Concession Building b. LCHS c. Protsman ES
F.	<p>Director of Business Services – <i>Rob James</i></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Public Hearing on 2015 Budget, Capital Projects Plan and Bus Replacement Plan <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr. James gave the School Board an update on the 2015 budget, Capital Projects Plan, and 12-Year Bus Replacement Plan. • Upon completion, the public was given an opportunity to be heard. There were no comments or questions from the public. 2. Award of Bus Bids – Action Required <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bids were opened at 1:00 p.m. on September 9th for the replacement of three (3) Special Needs buses. We had two vendors who submitted bids. Christian Flores has reviewed the bid packets and the quotes to verify that all of our specifications were met. The low bid was submitted by Midwest Transit Equipment. The total cost of the three (3) 48-passenger Special Needs buses was \$297,484, which will be paid from our Bus Replacement Fund. • Howard Marshall moved to approve. Janice Malchow seconded the motion. Motion carried. 3. Application to the Common School Fund Loan Program – Action Required <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Administration is asking permission to apply for a loan from the Common

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	<p>School Fund, Educational Technology Program. The maximum amount that we can apply for at this time is \$924,400. In order to provide and meet the ever changing technology needs of our teachers and students, we believe that the district should make every effort to bring additional dollars into our district. The loan would be payable over three to five years at an interest rate between 1-4%, if awarded.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Janice Malchow moved to approve. Howard Marshall seconded the motion. Motion carried. <p>4. Donations – Action Required</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Target recently made donations to our schools as part of their “Take Charge for Education” program. District-wide, a total of \$10,448.09 was donated to the schools of the Lake Central School Corporation, broken down as follows: -LCHS – \$2,966.16 -Grimmer - \$457.13 -Kahler – \$734.04 -Clark – \$506.92 -Bibich – \$1,285.27 -Homan – \$443.86 -Kolling – \$2,164.33 -Peifer - \$795.44 -Protsman – \$0 -Watson – \$1,094.94 • The Dyer/Schererville/St. John Tri Kappa, Zeta Pi Chapter recently made the following donations to our schools: -LCHS – Choir, Band, Art, and Theatre Departments, \$300 each -Middle Schools – Choir, Band, and Art Departments, \$150 each -Elementary Schools – Music Departments, \$100 each • The Protsman HSA would like to donate \$10,000 to the school corporation to be used for the purchase of choral risers for Protsman Elementary School. • Grimmer collected money for the ALS Ice Bucket Challenge last week and would now like to donate \$325.65 to the ALS Association. • Howard Marshall moved to approve all donations, both given and received. Janice Malchow seconded the motion. Motion carried. <p>5. Update on Series 2005 Refunding</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr. James gave the school board a report on the progress of the refunding of our Series 2005 Bonds.
IX.	<p>Public Comments– <i>Mr. Baranowski</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There were no public comments.
X.	<p>Board Comments and Consideration of Future Agenda Items – <i>Mr. Baranowski</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Howard Marshall commented that he appreciates the set up of this evening’s meeting wherein the administrators are all up on the stage at the tables with the Board members. He understands that typically space does not allow, but he does prefer the seating this way. We should consider this for the future. • Janice Malchow was at ISBA meeting over the weekend. Would love to see all schools do accreditation with Advance Ed. Attended a high ability conference and it

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	<p>opened up her eyes to a few items. Asked about where we are with the ADM numbers. Dr. Veracco replied that we are still down numbers but doing okay. Janice Malchow remarked that American Education week is in November. We should think about this as a marketing opportunity for our schools.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • George Baranowski relayed information shared at the ISBA meeting regarding the negative effect the economy has had on school budgets and how it will continue to affect our financial future. • George Baranowski announced that he was reelected as ISBA Region 1 Director for the next three years. • Rise to the Mark will be in Merrillville on September 27th. Dr. Killion will be presenting his video and George Baranowski will also be a guest speaker that evening.
<p>XI.</p>	<p>Board Calendar of Future Activities – <i>Dr. Veracco</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Next meeting on October 6th back at the Freshmen Center LGI Room. • Rise Above the Mark on September 27th. Press Release sent to local papers, we need to get our community in attendance, not just educators. • Janice Malchow asked Dr. Veracco if he had considered Lakeshore News as a venue to speak about Rise Above the Mark. • Janice Malchow thanked Dr. Veracco for assisting the Lake Central Education Foundation with their October 4th fundraising event.
<p>XII.</p>	<p>Adjournment – <i>Mr. Baranowski</i> – Action Required</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Howard Marshall moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:30 p.m. Janice Malchow seconded the motion. Motion carried.
<p>Minutes of the September 16, 2014 School Board Meeting were approved and adopted by the Board of School Trustees at the October 6, 2014 School Board Meeting.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">_____ George Baranowski, President</p> <p>ATTEST:</p> <p style="text-align: right;">_____ Dr. John DeVries, Secretary</p>	
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