

**LAKE RIDGE SCHOOLS**

Date: December 15, 2021

Invocation given by: \_\_\_\_\_

Call this meeting to order.

Mission Statement

Pledge of Allegiance

This is a Regular Virtual Meeting of the Board of School Trustees of the Lake Ridge Schools, Lake County, Indiana, December 15, 2021 6:00 PM, in the Lake Ridge Schools  
6111 West Ridge Road  
Gary, IN 46408

I. Let the record show that all the Board Members and the Superintendent are present.  
Let the record show the Administrators that are present.

II. Consider the attached Accounts Payable Vouchers, the November 23, 2021, and the December 10, 2021 payroll for payment.

\_\_\_\_\_ moved. \_\_\_\_\_ seconded. Motion carried

III. Consider the Treasurer Report as of October 31, 2021.

\_\_\_\_\_ moved. \_\_\_\_\_ seconded. Motion carried.

IV. Consider the First Midwest Athletic Complex Donations Fund Treasurer Report as of October 31, 2021.

\_\_\_\_\_ moved. \_\_\_\_\_ seconded. Motion carried.

V. Consider the First Midwest Self Insurance Fund Treasurer Report as of October 31, 2021.

\_\_\_\_\_ moved. \_\_\_\_\_ seconded. Motion carried.

VI. Consider the minutes of the November 22, 2021 school board meeting.

\_\_\_\_\_ moved. \_\_\_\_\_ seconded. Motion carried.

**VII. Superintendent and/or School Board Member Report**

**Goal Area 1 - Academics: All learners will continuously demonstrate academic growth.**

**Goal Area 2 - Safety: We will provide a safe and secure learning environment for all.**

**Goal Area 3 - Equity: We will provide a positive, inclusive, and equitable environment for all.**

**Goal Area 4 - Communication: We will improve communication and strengthen relationships both internally and externally.**

**Goal Area 5 - Finances: We will advocate to increase the financial resources of the Corporation to provide an outstanding school environment and opportunities for our students, staff, and community.**

**Chartwells Food Service Director, Mr. Fredrick (Fred) Vaughn will provide a presentation to the Board.**

**Calumet New Tech High School will provide a presentation to the Board.**

**VIII. Professional Development**

VIII.A. Recommend Dr. Sharon Johnson-Shirley attend the IAPSS (Indiana Association of Public School Superintendent's) Annual Meeting on December 6-8, 2021 in Indianapolis, IN with expenses paid from Title IIA.

VIII.B. Recommend Adrian Wilkerson attend the IASBO (Indiana Association of School Business Officials) Leadership Academy, session 2 on December 16-17, 2021 in Plainfield, IN with expenses paid from the Operations Fund.

VIII.C. Recommend Pam Balint, Andria DeFrier, and Jodi Garcia attend the Dyslexia: Helping Children Who Struggle to Successfully Read, Write, and Spell workshop in Alsip, IL with expenses paid from the Title I Grant.

VIII.D. Recommend Dr. Shirley and Cynthia Mose-Trevino attend the AASA-School Superintendents Association National Conference on February 16-19, 2022 in Nashville, TN with expenses paid from Title IIA.

VIII.E. Recommend Dr. Shirley, Cynthia Mose-Trevino, Regin Johnson, Sandra Brown, Dolores Estrada, Jenae McKnight, Chris Bajmakovich, Rae Lopez, Rachel Niemann, Earl Smith, Julie Rivera, Robert Wilson, Lisa Hedger, Burnadette Cope, Karen Lee, Nicole Williams, Cecil Wingo, Anissa Magee, Dan Brugioni, Hank Curry, Eric Dillon, Patricia Gussman, Donovan Short, Jonathan Nwannunu, Mariela Luna-Martinez, Jenny Rhodes, Jessica Flores, Jermaine Chandler, Marsh Daniel, Andrea DeFrier, Kelsey Calhoun, Shauntel White, Sabrina Jackson, Sarah Dillard, Lois Lark, Tiara Harris, April Morrow, Levell Kensey, Sharnice Williams, Pam Balint, Jodi Garcia, Kyle Stephens and Annmarie Goodman attend the Classroom 180 Virtual Bootcamp on January 25, February 1, 5, and 15, 2022 with expenses paid from the Title IV Grant.

VIII.F. Recommend approving the Professional Development items.

\_\_\_\_\_ moved. \_\_\_\_\_ seconded. Motion carried.

**IX. Leave/Resignation/Employment**

All new employment to Lake Ridge New Tech Schools is contingent upon a cleared Expanded Criminal History Background Check within 30 days and a cleared Expanded Child Protection Index Check within 60 days of effective date. IC 20-26-2-1.5 and IC 20-26-2-1.3

IX.A. Recommend accepting Roxanne Shimek’s resignation from the Supervisory School Nurses position for Lake Ridge New Tech Schools effective January 12, 2022.

IX.B. Recommend accepting Kerri Wilkes resignation from the EL Teacher of Record position at Longfellow New Tech Elementary School effective December 10, 2021.

IX.C. Recommend Violet Phillips be employed as a Head Start Teacher effective January 3, 2021.

IX.D. Recommend Samantha Bakker be employed as a part-time School Health Assistant at Lake Ridge New Tech Schools effective January 3, 2022.

IX.E. Recommend Jocelyn Harris be employed as a Title I Paraprofessional at Longfellow New Tech Elementary School effective December 7, 2021.

IX.F. Recommend Karen Coleman be employed as a 2nd grade teacher at Longfellow New Tech Elementary School effective December 7, 2021.

IX.G. Recommend Michelle Wilson be employed as an Academic Interventionist at Longfellow New Tech Elementary School effective December 9, 2021.

IX.H. Recommend approval of the Leaves/Resignations/Employment items.

\_\_\_\_\_ moved \_\_\_\_\_ seconded. Motion carried.

**X. New Business**

X.A. Recommend approving the attached list of Non-Resident Transfer Students at Longfellow New Tech Elementary School for the 2021-2022 school year.

X.B. Recommend approving the attached list of non-resident transfer students at Lake Ridge New Tech Middle School for the 2021-2022 school year.

X.C. Recommend accepting the following donation(s) for Calumet New Tech High School:  
11/5/2021 – Donor Choose swim suits and swim caps – for the Swim Account  
11/8/2021 \$4.00 – from an anonymous donor – for the Swim Account  
11/22/2021 \$750 – from Haunted Hills Haunted House – for the Swim Account  
12/2/2021 \$11.00 – from an anonymous donor – for the Student General Account  
12/3/2021 1500 cloth masks from the Salvation Army with an approximate value of \$150 – to be given to students who are without a mask while in the building  
12/10/2021 – 30, \$50 Strack & Van Til gift cards with a total value of \$1500 from the Salvation Army – to be given to students who are in need.

X.D. Recommend approving the following fundraiser(s) at Calumet New Tech High School:  
12/17/2021 thru 12/25/2021 – receive 10% of sale proceeds from the store Five Below for anyone who shows the fundraiser flyer – for the Swim Account  
1/4/2021 thru 1/18/2021 – Dominoes Price Cards 50% of profit and possibly free shirts –for the Swim Account

X.E. Recommend approving and paying stipends to the attached list of staff for work done that is above and beyond the scope of their normal work day paid from the NESP Grant.

X.F. Recommend approving and paying stipends to the attached list of staff for work done that is above and beyond the scope of their normal work day paid from the Lilly Grant.

X.G. Recommend approving and paying stipends to the attached list of staff for serving as transportation liaisons paid from the Education Fund.

X.H. Recommend approving and paying stipends to the attached list of nursing staff for work above and beyond the scope of their normal work day paid from the CARES Act Fund.

X.I. Recommend granting permission for the Business Manager to conduct end of year transactions for 2021.

X.J. Recommend approving a Purchase Order over \$10,000 to School Outfitters paid from the Head Start Fund.

X.K. Recommend approving a Purchase Order over \$10,000 to Lake Shore paid from the Head Start Fund.

X.L. Recommend approval of the new business items.

\_\_\_\_\_ moved. \_\_\_\_\_seconded. Motion carried.

## **XI. Adjournment**

\_\_\_\_\_ moved. \_\_\_\_\_ seconded. Motion carried.