

LAKE RIDGE SCHOOLS

Date: June 12, 2023

Invocation given by: _____

Call this meeting to order.

Mission Statement

Pledge of Allegiance

This is a Regular Meeting with Executive Session of the Board of School Trustees of the Lake Ridge Schools, Lake County, Indiana, June 12, 2023 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 and the May 26 and June 9, 2023 payrolls for payment.

_____ moved. _____ seconded. Motion carried

III. Consider the Treasurer Report as of March 31 and April 30, 2023.

_____ moved. _____ seconded. Motion carried.

IV. Consider the First Midwest Athletic Complex Donations Fund Treasurer Report as of March 31 and April 30, 2023.

_____ moved. _____ seconded. Motion carried.

V. Consider the First Midwest Self Insurance Fund Treasurer Report as of March 31 and April 30, 2023.

_____ moved. _____ seconded. Motion carried.

VI. Consider the minutes of the April 10 and May 1, 2023 school board meetings.

_____ 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.

VIII. Professional Development

VIII.A. We recommend Kristi Peterson, Maria Ramos, Kayla Kurek, Angele Johnson, Kyle Stephens, Lynn Dorado, Barbara Meeks, Aaliyah Curtis, Adam Klimczak, Sam Miestowski, and Kate Herrin attend the South Shore Summer of Learning Conference on June 12-13, 2023, in Hammond, Indiana with expenses paid from the Title I fund.

VIII.B. We recommend Burnadette Cope attend the IHSAA (Indiana High School Athletic Association) New Athletic Director Workshop on July 20, 2023, in Indianapolis, IN with expenses paid from the Education Fund.

VIII.C. We recommend Robin Henderson virtually attend the Northern Indiana Education Service Center Efficiency with Google Apps PD on June 12, 2023 – July 28, 2024, with expenses paid from the Education Fund.

VIII.D. We recommend Lois Lark attend the IDOE Building Thinking classrooms Conference on June 29- June 30, 2023, in Indianapolis, IN with expenses paid from the Title IIA and Title 1 Funds.

VIII.E. We recommend Regin Johnson, Marsha Daniel, Melissa Day, Denise Herrin, Asada Muhammad, Pamala Balint, Shannan Kuesis, and Jessica Flores attend the WVEC (Wabash Valley Educational Center) SIOP Train the Trainer on June 13-15, 2023, in West Lafayette, IN with expenses paid from the NESP fund.

VIII.F. We recommend approving the attached list of teachers/admin attending the New Tech Network NTAC Conference on July 17-21, 2023, in Dallas, Texas with expenses paid from the ESSER, Title IIA, Title IV, High Ability and Title I funds.

VIII.G. We recommend approving Barbara Meeks, Kate Herrin, Adam Klimczak, and Sam Miestowski attend the AI for Educators Professional Development on June 22, 2023 in Hobart, IN with expenses paid from the Title I fund.

VIII.H. We recommend Pamala Balint attend the WVEC (Wabash Valley Education Center) SIOP 99 Ideas and Activities Professional Development on June 20, 2023, in West Lafayette, IN with expenses paid from the NESP fund.

VIII.I. 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. We recommend approving Abigael Allen’s resignation from the Academic Interventionist position at Calumet New Tech High School effective June 5, 2023.

IX.B. We recommend approving Francis Allen’s resignation from the Academic Interventionist position at Calumet New Tech High School effective June 5, 2023.

IX.C. We recommend approving Jordan London’s resignation from the Head Start Building Assistant effective June 1, 2023.

IX.D. We recommend accepting Susan Bennett’s resignation from the Art teacher position at Longfellow New Tech Elementary School effective June 5, 2023.

IX.E. We recommend accepting Maria De Jesus’ resignation from the EL Teacher of Record position at Longfellow New Tech Elementary effective June 5, 2023.

IX.F. We recommend Brian Mullins be employed as the Strength and Conditioning Coach at Calumet New Tech High School effective July 17, 2023.

IX.G. We recommend Nicholas Fowler be employed as a Home School Liaison at Calumet New Tech High School effective August 14, 2023.

IX.H. We recommend Benjamin Dermody be employed as a Social Studies Teacher at Calumet New Tech High School effective August 14, 2023.

IX.I. We recommend Stephanie Daniels be employed as a Physical Education Teacher at Calumet New Tech High School effective August 14, 2023.

IX.J. We recommend Eric Alvarez be employed as a Second Grade Teacher at Longfellow New Tech Elementary School effective August 14, 2023.

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

_____ moved _____ seconded. Motion carried.

X. New Business

X.A. We recommend approving the following fundraisers at Lake Ridge New Tech Middle School:

- July 5, 2023 – August 5, 2023 -Culver's Restaurant percentage of sales for the athletic account.
- July 2, 2023 - July 5, 2023 - Double Good Popcorn sales for the Girls Basketball account.

X.B. We recommend approving the following donations at Calumet New Tech High School:

- May 25, 2023 - in the amount of \$50.00 in cash to the Yearbook from Naseem Malik
- May 25, 2023 - in the amount of \$40.00 in cash to the Yearbook from Debra Moleski
- May 25, 2023 - in the amount of \$14.00 in cash to the Yearbook from BC2M.
- June 2, 2023 - in the amount of \$100.00 check # 6295 to Wrestling from Joseph Flores.
- June 2, 2023 -in the amount of \$154.00 check # 13632 to Wrestling from Jose Rodriguez.
- June 2, 2023 - in the amount of \$75.00 check # 142 to Wrestling from Berry Handley.
- June 2, 2023 - in the amount of \$212.00 in cash to Wrestling from Alberto Hernandez.
- June 7, 2023 - in the amount of \$20.00 in cash to Student General from Maureen Rak.
- June 7, 2023 in the amount of \$1.00 in cash to Student General from Kyla Davis.

X.C. We recommend approving the following fundraisers at Calumet New Tech High School:

- June 13, 2023, to June 17, 2023 – Double Good Popcorn sales for the Football account.
- June 22, July 23, August 3, August 17, and August 31, 2023 – Open swim ticket sales for the Swim account.

X.D. We recommend approving and paying the attached list of grant stipends for the 2022- 2023 school year.

X.E. We recommend approving a request made by the Lake Ridge Educational Foundation to return a \$1,000.00 donation made to the Class of 2023 that was board approved at the May 10, 2023 board meeting.

X.F. We recommend the cancellation of the teacher contract of Emily Acevez pursuant to Indiana Code 20-28-7.5 and her termination effective at the end of the 2022-23 school year.

X.G. We recommend the cancellation of the teacher contract of Durrell Nash pursuant to Indiana Code 20-28-7.5 and his termination effective at the end of the 2022-23 school year.

X.H. We recommend approving the attached Indiana Literacy Cadre Coach Job description.

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

_____ moved. _____ seconded. Motion carried.

XI. Adjournment

_____ moved. _____ seconded. Motion carried.