

**LAKE RIDGE SCHOOLS**

Date: August 28, 2023

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

Call this meeting to order.

Mission Statement

Pledge of Allegiance

This is a Regular Meeting of the Board of School Trustees of the Lake Ridge Schools, Lake County, Indiana, August 28, 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 August 18, 2023 payroll for payment.

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

III. Consider the minutes of the August 14, 2023 school board meeting.

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

**IV. 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.**

**V. Professional Development**

V.A. We recommend Pam Balint attend the Wabash Valley Education Center's SIOP Follow-Up Days of 2023 Summer Series on September 14-15, 2023, in West Lafayette, IN with expenses paid out of the NESP fund.

V.B. We recommend Diane Anderson virtually attend the Teach Daily Daily Five Training/ Relationship First on August 28, August 31, September 5- 6, September 12-

13, September 19-20, and September 26, 2023, with expenses paid from the Title IIA fund.

V.C. We recommend Natasha Johnson virtually attend the Project Lead the Way PLTW Launch on Tuesdays from September 12, 2023, to October 3, 2023, with expenses paid out of the Title I fund.

V.D. We recommend Linda Hobock, Regin Johnson, Anjelica Mendoza, Marsha Daniel, and Melissa Klahn attend the Wabash Valley Education Center's SIOP Train the Trainer Strategies in West Lafayette, IN with expenses paid from the NESP fund.

V.E. We recommend Daniel Brugioni, Denise Harrin and Michael Miller attend the Wabash Valley Education Center PD Pop New Digital PSAT/SAT Reading and Writing Section on September 12, 2023, with expenses paid from the Title IIA fund.

V.F. We recommend Anissa Magee attend the Vincennes University's Family and Consumer Science Training on September 22-23, 2023, in Indianapolis, Indiana with expenses paid from the Title IIA fund.

V.G. Recommend approving the Professional Development items.

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

#### **VI. 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

VI.A. We recommend accepting Susana Cueva's resignation from the Eighth Grade ELA Teacher at Lake Ridge New Tech Middle School effective June 5, 2023.

VI.B. We recommend accepting Terica Carson's resignation from the Third Grade Teacher position at Longfellow New Tech Elementary School effective August 18, 2023.

VI.C. We recommend Tierra Taylor's resignation from the Fourth Grade Teacher position at Longfellow New Tech Elementary School effective June 5, 2023.

VI.D. We recommend Kyle Kwasny be employed as the JV Football Coach for the 2023-2024 Athletic Season.

VI.E. We recommend Ben Dermody be employed as the JV Football Coach for the 2023-2024 Athletic Season.

VI.F. We recommend Gary Richardson be employed as the Assistant Varsity Football Coach for the 2023-2024 Athletic season.

VI.G. We recommend Shane Conover be employed as the Assistant Varsity Football Coach for the 2023-2024 Athletic season.

VI.H. We recommend Nathaniel Lowery be employed as the Assistant Varsity Girl's Basketball Coach for the 2023-2024 Athletic season.

VI.I. We recommend Jalia Brown be employed as the CTE Facilitator at Lake Ridge New Tech Middle School effective August 23, 2023.

VI.J. We recommend Marixa Acevedo be employed as a Head Start Teacher Assistant effective August 28, 2023.

VI.K. We recommend approving Rosalinda Luna be employed as a Student Supervisor at Longfellow New Tech Elementary School effective August 21, 2023.

VI.L. We recommend Chitona Williams be employed as the Bookkeeper at Longfellow New Tech Elementary School effective August 29, 2023.

VI.M. We recommend Jennifer Slone be employed as an Instructional Aide at Longfellow New Tech Elementary School effective August 28, 2023.

VI.N. We recommend Iesha Carson be employed as an Instructional Aide at Longfellow New Tech Elementary School effective September 5, 2023.

VI.O. We recommend Felicia Fowler be employed as an Instructional Aide at Longfellow New Tech Elementary School effective September 5, 2023.

VI.P. Recommend approval of the Leaves/Resignations/Employment items.

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

## VII. New Business

VII.A. We recommend approving and paying the attached Professional Development Preservice stipends.

VII.B. We recommend approving the following fundraisers at Calumet New Tech High School:

- September 1, 2023 - 50/50 raffle for the Cheerleading account.
- September 7, 2023 - Open swim for Swim account.
- September 8, 2023 - 50/50 raffle for Girls Golf account.
- September 21, 2023 - Open Swin for Swim account.
- October 5, 2023 - Open Swin for Swim account.
- October 19, 2023 - Open Swin for Swim account.
- July 12, 2023- Car Wash sales for the Boys and Girls Tennis account.
- July 31, 2023, to August 4, 2023- Double Good Popcorn Sales for the Volleyball account.

VII.C. We recommend approving the following donations at Calumet New Tech High School:

- August 8, 2023, in the amount of \$800.00 check to the Band account of the city of Crown Point.
- August 14, 2023, in the amount of \$50.00 check to the Wrestling account from Milosh Jackovich.
- August 14, 2023, in the amount of \$100.00 check to the Wrestling account from Michael Chirich Jr.
- August 14, 2023, in the amount of \$100.00 check to the Wrestling from Celeste Murday.
- August 15, 2023, in the amount of \$136.00 in cash to the Student General account from various donors.

VII.D. We recommend approving the following donations made to Longfellow New Tech Elementary School :

- Lunch for the 70+ staff from Shirer Insurance
- Box of school supplies from Sonja from Aqua Babes
- Box of school supplies from Griffith Lutheran Church
- Box of school supplies – Hard Rock Casino

VII.E. We recommend approving Angelica Moya to be employed as the interim trainer at Calument New Tech High School for the 2023-2024 school year.

VII.F. We recommend approving an ECA (Extra Curricular Activity) account to be created for the Unified Bowling Team.

VII.G. We recommend approving the resolution approving the school bus routes for the school year of 2023-2024.

VII.H. We recommend approving the 2023-2024 Athletic Trainer contract with Methodist Hospital.

VII.I. We recommend approving a MOU (Memorandum of Understanding) with the Infinity Counseling and Wellness Center, LLC to provide Mental Health Services.

VII.J. We are recommending approving and paying the attached stipends for 200 additional hours of work for the implementation of PowerSchool.

VII.K. We recommend approving and paying the attached ECA stipend for the Lead MTSS Lake Ridge Lead School Counselor.

VII.L. We recommend approving a MOU (Memorandum of Understanding) with the Trine University Transition to Teaching Program.

VII.M. We recommend approving a purchase order over \$10,000 to purchase NWEA testing materials for the 2023-2024 school year.

VII.N. Recommend approval of the new business items.

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

VII.N.1) We recommend approving the following Lake Ridge New Tech Schools districtwide fundraiser:

- September 1, 2023 to December 31, 2023- American Heart Association Donations to the Administrators Donation Fund.

**VIII. Adjournment**

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