LAKE RIDGE SCHOOLS

Date:October 12, 2026
Invocation given by: _____
Call this meeting to order.
Mission Statement
Pledge of Allegiance
This is aRegular Meeting of the Board of School Trustees of the Lake Ridge Schools, Lake County, Indiana, October 12, 20266:00 PM, in the
Lake Ridge Schools
6111 West Ridge Road
Gary, IN 46408
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I. Public hearing on the proposed 2027 budget.

II. Motion needed to open the public hearing.

_____ moved. _____ seconded. Motion carried.

III. 2027 proposed budget summary statement provided by Adrian Wilkerson.

IV. The floor is open for public comments to anyone who raises their hand to speak about the 2027 budget.

V. Motion needed to close the public hearing on the budget.

_____ moved. _____ seconded. Motion carried.

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

III. Consider the attached Accounts Payable Vouchers and the September 18, 2026, and October 2, 2026, payrolls for payment.

_____ moved. _____ seconded. Motion carried

IV. Consider the Treasurer's Report as of July 31, 2026, and August 31, 2026.

_____ moved. _____ seconded. Motion carried.

V. Consider the Old National Athletic Complex Donations Fund Treasurer Report as of July 31, 2026, and August 31, 2026.

_____ moved. _____ seconded. Motion carried.

VI. Consider the Old National Self Insurance Fund Treasurer Report as of July 31, 2026, and August 31, 2026.

_____ moved. _____ seconded. Motion carried.

VII. Consider the minutes of the September 14, 2026, school board meeting.

_____ moved. _____ seconded. Motion carried.

VIII. Public Comment
Public comments must remain respectful and are limited to three minutes per speaker. Personnel matters and individual student issues will not be discussed during the public meeting.

Please approach the microphone and state your name and address for the record. If your questions or concerns are not addressed during the meeting, you may schedule an appointment with the Superintendent. Please see Ms. Acevedo for assistance with scheduling.

IX. **Superintendent Report**

X. **Additions and Deletions**

XI. **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

XI.A. We recommend terminating Nichole Barksdale from the 9th Grade Biology Teacher position at Calumet New Tech High School, effective September 22, 2026.

XI.B. We recommend accepting Laura Solivais's resignation from the First-Grade Teacher position at Hosford Park Elementary and Early Learning Center, effective October 8, 2026.

XI.C. We recommend accepting Maricela Alvarez's resignation from the Title Aide position at Longfellow New Tech Elementary School, effective October 9, 2026.

XI.D. We recommend accepting Julian Rabb's resignation from the Spanish Teacher position at Calumet New Tech High School, effective September 30, 2026.

XI.E. We recommend accepting Nickolas Panousis's resignation from the 7th Grade Math Teacher position at Lake Ridge New Tech Middle School, effective October 2, 2026.

XI.F. We recommend accepting Ashleigh Claudio's resignation from the Kindergarten Teacher position at Hosford Park Elementary and Early Learning Center, effective October 17, 2026.

XI.G. We recommend approving the termination of Corshon Townsend from the Instructional Aide position with Lake Ridge New Tech Schools, effective October 5, 2026.

XI.H. We recommend Katherine Peterson be employed as Literacy Interventionist at Hosford Park Elementary and Early Learning Center, effective for the 2026–2027 school year.

XI.I. We recommend Marc Grkinich be employed as 10th Grade Biology Teacher at Calumet New Tech High School, effective for the 2026–2027 school year.

XI.J. We recommend Darnesia Frink be employed as Main Office Secretary at Lake Ridge New Tech Middle School, effective for the 2026–2027 school year.

XI.K. We recommend Kathleen Reyna be employed as 9th Grade Biology Teacher at Calumet New Tech High School, effective for the 2026–2027 school year.

XI.L. Recommend approval of the Leaves/Resignations/Employment items.

_____ moved _____ seconded. Motion carried.

XII. **New Business**

XII.A. We recommend approving the FY 2027-2028 Head Start Continuation Grant, for 100 full day Head Start Slots. The total continuation grant is $1,011,906. Which includes the following :

We recommend approval for the FY 2027-2028 Head Start Continuation Grant Program Operation in the amount of $804,095

We recommend approval for the FY2027-2028 Head Start Continuation Grant Training and Technical Assistant budget in the amount of $5415.00.

We recommend approval for the FY2027-2028 Head Start Continuation Grant Non Federal Share $202,396.

XII.B. We recommend approving and paying the following teachers for additional curriculum work completed during the summer.

XII.C. We recommend approving the October 12, 2026 Personnel Report.

XII.D. We recommend approving the attached fall and winter athletic coaching recommendations for Calumet New Tech High School for the 2026–2027 school year.

XII.E. We recommend approving the attached donations made to Lake Ridge New Tech Schools in support of the district's relief efforts following the August 11, 2026, storm.

XII.F. Recommend approval of the new business items.

_____ moved. _____seconded. Motion carried.

XIII. **Administrative/ Board member Comments**

XIV. **Adjournment**

_____ moved. _____ seconded. Motion carried.