I. President Bob Bond called the meeting to order at 6:32 p.m. Other Board Members present were Carey McKibben, Kathy Fuller, David Larimer, Sue Keenan, and Bob Murphy. (Note: Mr. Murphy arrived at 6:43 p.m.) Also seated at the board table was Eva Merkel, Interim Superintendent. Present in the audience was Jenny Landez, Cathy Phillip, Crystal Leu, Melvin Glick, Jill Grady, Marty Burns, Brad Targgart, Chris Wilkins, Dawn Keplinger, Susan Mueller, Katie Yoder, Susan Burchett, Tammy Fennell, and Dan Huizenga. Representing the media was Guy Thompson from the LaGrange Standard/News and Patrick Redmon from the Kendallville News-Sun.

II. Mr. Bond led the room to the Pledge to the United States Flag.

III. Mr. Bond invited members of the audience to speak to items on the agenda.

   a. No one requested to speak.

IV. COMMUNICATIONS

   a. Mrs. Merkel announced the Lakeland High School Football team’s annual golf outing fundraiser will be held on July 18, 2015.

   b. Mrs. Merkel announced that Lakeland School Corporation will be moving to a paperless application process by using a web service call Searchsoft.

   c. Mrs. Merkel read a thank you note from Ryne Krock thanking the administration for inviting him to luncheon to discuss economic development in LaGrange County.

   d. Mrs. Merkel announced that Lima-Brighton Elementary and Wolcott Mills Elementary will have the Latch Key program at the start of the 2015-16 school year.

   e. Mrs. Merkel along with Crystal Leu presented Blue Gold Awards to all six (6) board members from the Lakeland High School FFA students. The award was to honor the board members for the helping the FFA with monetary needs to build the new barn for the program.

   f. Mrs. Merkel announced that Lima-Brighton Elementary named one of the 2015 President’s Education Award winners.

V. CONSENT AGENDA

Mr. McKibben made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda as presented, seconded by Ms. Keenan and approved unanimously.

The Board approved of the following items:

   a. May 18, 2015 Board meeting minutes

   b. Resignation of Tom Barnes as 7th Grade Football Coach at Lakeland Middle School

   c. Resignation of Lauren Harris as Junior Varsity Volleyball Coach at Lakeland High School

   d. Resignation of Julee Schrock as Junior Class Sponsor at Lakeland High School

   e. Employment of Jessica Givens as 7th Grade Volleyball Coach at Lakeland Middle School
f. Employment of Julie Rasbaugh as Summer Help scanning records  
g. Employment of Robbie Miller as Summer Help scanning records  
h. Employment of Madison Bateman as Summer Help scanning records  
i. Employment of Robert Albaugh as Cross Country Coach at Lakeland Middle School  
j. Approval of Gerrit Geurs as a Volunteer Cross Country Coach at Lakeland Middle School  
k. Approval of Bryce Jones as a Volunteer Cross Country Coach at Lakeland High School  
l. Employment of Erin Olinger as Athletic Department/Guidance Office Secretary at Lakeland Middle School  
m. Resignation of Megan Hockley as Yearbook Sponsor at Lakeland Middle School  
n. Approval of Kevin Wenzel as a Volunteer Assistant Football Coach at Lakeland High School  
o. Resignation of Jessica Weimer as a Title I Paraprofessional at Lima-Brighton Elementary  
p. Employment of Dan Huizenga as Varsity Girls’ Basketball Coach at Lakeland High School pending completion of background check  
q. Resignation of Jason Schackow as Instruction Coach at Lakeland High School  
r. Resignation of Gail Hollister as a Title I Paraprofessional at Parkside Elementary  
s. Resignation of Kelli Kenner as a Title I Paraprofessional at Parkside Elementary  
t. Resignation of Josalyn Burlew as a Food Service Employee at Lima-Brighton Elementary  
u. Payroll and claims for Lakeland School Corporation  

VI. SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT  

a. Mrs. Merkel recommended the Board accept the resignation of Jodi Bontrager as a teacher at Parkside Elementary.  

Mr. McKibben made a motion to accept the resignation of Jodi Bontrager as a teacher at Parkside Elementary, seconded by Mr. Larimer and approved unanimously.  

b. Mrs. Merkel recommended the Board approve transfer of Raejean Foster, Special Education Teacher, from a temporary contract to a regular teacher’s contract effective at the start of the 2015-2016 school year.  

Mr. Larimer made a motion to approve transfer of Raejean Foster, Special Education Teacher, from a temporary contract to a regular teacher’s contract effective at the start of the 2015-2016 school year, seconded by Ms. Keenan and approved unanimously.  

c. Mrs. Merkel recommended the Board approve the employment of Dan Huizenga as a Vocational Business Teacher at Lakeland High School pending completion of background check at the start of the 2015-2016 school year.  

Mr. McKibben made a motion to approve the employment of Dan Huizenga as a Vocational Business Teacher at Lakeland High School pending completion of background check at the start of the 2015-2016 school year, seconded by Ms. Keenan and approved unanimously.
d. Mrs. Merkel recommended the Board accept the resignation of Juan Garcia as a Spanish Teacher at Lakeland High School effective at the end of the 2014-2015 school year.

Mr. Larimer made a motion to accept the resignation of Juan Garcia as a Spanish Teacher at Lakeland High School effective at the end of the 2014-2015 school year, seconded by Mr. McKibben and approved unanimously.

e. Mrs. Merkel recommended the Board accept the resignation of Elena Ruiz as a Spanish/French Teacher at Lakeland High School effective at the end of the 2014-2015 school year.

Mr. McKibben made a motion to accept the resignation of Elena Ruiz as a Spanish/French Teacher at Lakeland High School effective at the end of the 2014-2015 school year, seconded by Ms. Keenan and approved unanimously.

f. Mrs. Merkel recommended the Board approve the employment of Traci Blaize as Principal at Lima-Brighton Elementary School beginning July 1, 2015.

Ms. Keenan made a motion to approve the employment of Traci Blaize as Principal at Lima-Brighton Elementary School beginning July 1, 2015, seconded by Mr. Larimer and approved unanimously.

g. Mrs. Merkel recommended the Board approve the employment of Dawn Keplinger as a 5th Grade Teacher at Wolcott Mills Elementary pending completion of background check at the start of the 2015-2016 school year.

Mrs. Fuller made a motion to approve the employment of Dawn Keplinger as a 5th Grade Teacher at Wolcott Mills Elementary pending completion of background check at the start of the 2015-2016 school year, seconded by Mr. Larimer and approved unanimously.

h. Mrs. Merkel recommended the Board approve the employment of Susan Burchett as a Special Education Teacher at Lima-Brighton Elementary at the start of the 2015-2016 school year.

Mr. McKibben made a motion to approve the employment of Susan Burchett as a Special Education Teacher at Lima-Brighton Elementary at the start of the 2015-2016 school year, seconded by Ms. Keenan and approved unanimously.

i. Mrs. Merkel recommended the Board approve the transfer of Charity Eichorn’s elementary teacher’s temporary contract to a regular teacher’s contract effective at the start of the 2015-2016 school year.

Mr. McKibben made a motion to approve the transfer of Charity Eichorn’s elementary teacher’s temporary contract to a regular teacher’s contract effective at the start of the 2015-2016 school year, seconded by Mr. Larimer and approved unanimously.

j. Mrs. Merkel recommended the Board approve staffing and wage changes for the Lakeland School Corporation Food Service Department. (Full recommendation is attached in the minute book.)
Mr. Murphy made a motion to approve staffing and wage changes for the Lakeland School Corporation Food Service Department, seconded by Mrs. Fuller and approved unanimously.

k. Mrs. Merkel recommended the Board roll all contracts for Principals, Assistant Principals, Director of Curriculum and Student Services, Business Manager, Human Resources Director, Technology Director, Special Education Coordinator, and High School Athletic Director.

Ms. Keenan made a motion to roll all contracts for Principals, Assistant Principals, Director of Curriculum and Student Services, Business Manager, Human Resources Director, Technology Director, Special Education Coordinator, and High School Athletic Director, seconded by Mrs. Fuller and the motion passed with a vote of five (5) in favor and one (1) opposed. Mr. McKibben was the opposing vote.

l. Mrs. Merkel recommended the Board approve the return of a staff member on medical leave beginning July 1, 2015 as per doctor release paperwork.

Mrs. Fuller made a motion to approve the return of a staff member on medical leave beginning July 1, 2015 as per doctor release paperwork, seconded by Mr. Murphy and approved unanimously.

m. Mrs. Merkel recommended the Board approve the 2015-2016 Teacher Evaluation Plan.

Mr. McKibben made a motion to approve the 2015-2016 Teacher Evaluation Plan, seconded by Mrs. Fuller and approved unanimously.

VII. SCHOOL BOARD PRESIDENT’S REPORT

a. Mr. Bond thanked the Lakeland High School FFA for the award given to each of the Board Members. He stated that he looked forward to seeing the finished product. Mr. Bond also thanked Mrs. Merkel for all the extra hard work and effort she has given as Interim Superintendent over the past six months.

VIII. OTHER BUSINESS

a. Mrs. Merkel recommended the Board approve the 2015-2016 school year food bids.

Mr. McKibben made a motion to approve the 2015-2016 school year food bids, seconded by Ms. Keenan and approved unanimously.

b. Mrs. Merkel recommended the Board approve the transfer funds from Universal Service Fund #6620 back to General Fund #100.

Mr. McKibben made a motion to approve the transfer funds from Universal Service Fund #6620 back to General Fund #100, seconded by Mrs. Fuller and approved unanimously.

c. Mrs. Merkel recommended the Board approve the transfer funds from General Fund #100 to Pension Debt Fund #250.
Mr. McKibben made a recommendation to approve the transfer funds from General Fund #100 to Pension Debt Fund #250, seconded by Keenan and approved unanimously.

d. Mrs. Merkel recommended the Board approve a temporary General Fund #100 transfer to Textbook Fund #900.

Mrs. Fuller made a motion to approve a temporary General Fund #100 transfer to Textbook Fund #900, seconded by McKibben and approved unanimously.

e. Mrs. Merkel recommended the Board approve of an Athletic Trainer from Parkview Hospital to work with Lakeland School Corporation Athletes effective August 1, 2015.

Ms. Keenan made a motion to approve of an Athletic Trainer from Parkview Hospital to work with Lakeland School Corporation Athletes effective August 1, 2015, seconded by Mr. McKibben and approved unanimously.

IX. PUBLIC COMMENTS

a. No one requested to speak.

X. BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS

a. Mr. Murphy apologized for being late to the meeting. He also complimented the High School on a great graduation ceremony.

b. Mr. Larimer welcomed all the new staff members to Lakeland School Corporation. He also thanked Marty Burns for her years of service as this was her last meeting as a principal. Mr. Larimer also thanked the Lakeland High School FFA for the award. He also thanked the entire administrative team for all the hard work and extra efforts put forth over the past six months.

c. Mrs. Keenan stated “ditto” to everything Mr. Larimer said.

XI. ADJOURNMENT

a. Mr. Murphy made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:54 p.m. seconded by Mr. McKibben and meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted by Jenny Landez.

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                                 Jenny Landez      Date Approved

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                                Bob Bond, President     David Larimer, Vice President

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                              Kathy Fuller, Secretary    Sue Keenan

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                               Carey McKibben     Bob Murphy