

**WA-NEE COMMUNITY SCHOOLS  
ELKHART-KOSCIUSKO COUNTIES, INDIANA**

**A Tradition of Excellence: Preparing today's students for tomorrow's challenges**

BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
MONDAY, March 11, 2024  
REGULAR MEETING – 6:00 P.M.  
BOARD ROOM – NORTHWOOD MIDDLE SCHOOL  
EXEC. SESSION IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING

*This meeting is a meeting of the School Board in public for the purpose of conducting the School Corporation's business and is not to be considered a public community meeting. There will be time for public participation as indicated by agenda item III.*

**I. CALL TO ORDER**

A. Meeting called to order at \_\_\_\_\_ PM by \_\_\_\_\_

**B. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**C. ROLL CALL**

	PRESENT	ABSENT
Christina Eshelman	_____	_____
Curt Flickinger	_____	_____
Todd Gongwer	_____	_____
Trevor Hershberger	_____	_____
Shawn Johnson	_____	_____
Don Lehman	_____	_____
Brian Topping	_____	_____
Business Manager Jessica McFarland	_____	_____
Dir. of Curriculum Gretchen Thomas	_____	_____
Superintendent Scot Croner	_____	_____

**II. EDUCATION EXCELLENCE**

i. NWMS – Steve Bowser

**III. RECOGNITION OF VISITORS & PUBLIC INPUT**

Please sign in prior to the start of the board meeting to indicate your desire to speak. The Board President will announce each speaker by calling the name, address, and topic. Each statement shall be limited to three (3) minutes. No participant may speak more than once on any topic. This portion of the board meeting shall be limited to thirty (30) minutes per topic unless extended by a vote of the Board. If there is more than one position on a particular topic, the board shall attempt to allow a proportionate amount of time for each position.

**IV. A. Amendments to the Agenda**

Action Taken \_\_\_\_\_

**V. CONSENT ITEMS**

- A. Consideration of the regular board minutes and executive session for February 26, 2024
- B. Consideration of the claims dated March 11, 2024
- C. Consideration of the Personnel items
  - 1. Employment (the following shall be employed upon satisfactorily completing all pre-employment Expanded Criminal History Background & Drug Testing)
    - i. Thomas Bennett, Homebound Instructor @ NWMS, effective ASAP
    - ii. Katie Stephenson, NWMS Choreographer, effective January 10, 2024
    - iii. Janel Zehring, Special Ed Ass't @ NES, effective TBD
    - iv. Mark Zahm, Temp. Ag. Teacher @ NWHS, effective March 15 to May 30, 2024
    - v. Joyce Zimmerman, Summer Custodian @ NWHS, effective TBD

The next regular School Board meeting will be held on **Monday, March 25, 2024, at 6:00 PM**  
This meeting will be held at **Woodview Elementary School**. The Board's meeting site is fully accessible to all persons.  
Any person requiring further accommodations should contact the Superintendent's office at (574) 773-3131.

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- vi. Heather Campbell, Summer Custodian @ NWHS, effective TBD
- vii. Kristen Koteskey, Track Coach @ NWMS, effective March 4, 2024
- viii. Ashley Bedward, Temp. 4<sup>th</sup> Grade Teacher @ WV, effective April 8 thru May 30, 2024

2. Resignation/Retirement/End of Employment

- i. Scott Knafel, 7<sup>th</sup> Grade Volleyball Coach @ NWMS, effective November 3, 2023
- ii. Annisa Blosser, 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Volleyball Coach @ NWMS, effective February 26, 2024
- iii. Brock Treesh, Ass't Girls Basketball Coach @NWHS, effective February 27, 2024
- iv. Stephanie Slabaugh, 4<sup>th</sup> Grade Teacher @ WV, effective March 15, 2024

3. Transfers

- v. Karen Weldy, from P/T Cafeteria @ WV to Substitute Cafeteria, effective March 20, 2023

D. Consideration of Professional Leave Requests

- i. Joey Shepherd, 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Instrument Fittings, February 12, 2024, Woodview
- ii. Joey Shepherd, 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Instrument Fittings, February 14, 2024, Wakarusa
- iii. Joey Shepherd, 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Instrument Fittings, February 15, 2024, Nappanee
- iv. Brookland Freeland, Interior Design Field Trip, March 26, 2024, Mishawaka
- v. Sheila Cripe, ISNA Spring Summit, April 12, 2024, Plainfield, IN
- vi. Amy Rosa, IASBO Transportation Seminar, April 16, 2024, Indianapolis
- vii. Eric Jackson, Propane Systems Training, April 24-25, Lovonia, MI
- viii. Eric Jackson, STAI Transportation Conference, June 24-27, 2024, Westfield, IN
- ix. Steve Taylor, School Bus Safety Competition, June 22, 2024, Franklin Township
- x. Alicia Kemp, School Bus Safety Competition, June 22, 2024, Franklin Township
- xi. Matt Hostetter, School Bus Safety Competition, June 22, 2024, Franklin Township
- xii. Jamie Eggers, STAI Transportation Conference, June 22 & June 24-27, 2024, Westfield, IN
- xiii. Matt Hostetter, STAI Transportation Conference, June 24-27, 2024, Westfield, IN
- xiv. Amy Rosa, STAI Transportation Conference, June 22 & June 24-27, 2024, Westfield, IN
- xv. Steve Sherk, EPI Yellowstone Winter Ecology Project, March 18-22, 2023, Yellowstone National Park
- xvi. AJ Risedorph, 2024 IIAAA Conference, March 16-19, 2024, Indianapolis
- xvii. Robin Bilinski, Ball State J-Day, April 25-26, 2024, Muncie
- xviii. Josh Yoder, Curriculum Maps Workday, March 25, 2024, NWMS

E. Consideration of Grants and Donation

- i. \$1,800 donation from Elkhart County Gravel to be used for NWHS Boys Soccer uniforms

Action taken \_\_\_\_\_

VI. ACTION ITEMS

A. Consider the approval of the out of state and/or overnight trips for the following:

- NWHS Yearbook, Ball State J-Day, April 25-26, 2024, Marion, IN
- NWHS Choir, Broadway Musical "Wicked", May 26, 2024, Grand Rapids, MI

Action taken \_\_\_\_\_

VII. DISCUSSION/INFORMATION

- i. K-12 Student Handbooks – Scot Croner
- ii. NWHS Student Athlete Handbook – Scot Croner

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

A. There being no further business to come to the attention of the board, a motion to adjourn is in order.

Action taken \_\_\_\_\_