WA-NEE COMMUNITY SCHOOLS
Elkhart-Kosciusko Counties, Indiana
OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF THE
BOARD OF SCHOOL TRUSTEES
February 9, 2026

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

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.

The Board of School Trustees of the Wa-Nee Community Schools met Monday evening, February 9, 2026, in their first meeting of the month.

I. CALL TO ORDER

A. The meeting was called to order at the Wa-Nee Community Schools Administration Office at 6:00 PM by School Board President Christina Eshelman.

B. Pledge of Allegiance

C. Roll Call

On roll call by Secretary Trevor Hershberger the following members responded as present:

Christina Eshelman	Curt Flickinger	Trevor Hershberger
David Kauffman	John Payne	Brian Topping

Superintendent Scot Croner, Business Manager Jessica McFarland, and Clerk Lisa Hall were also present.

II. SPECIAL BOARD RECOGNITION

i. NorthWood FFA

III. RECOGNITION OF VISITORS & PUBLIC INPUT

There were none

IV. AMENDMENTS TO THE AGENDA

School board member Christina Eshelman made, and David Kauffman seconded the motion to approve the amendments to the agenda as presented by Mr. Flickinger. Vote: 6-0

IV. CONSENT ITEMS

A. Consideration of the regular board minutes for January 26, 2026
B. Consideration of the claims dated February 9, 2026
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. Coren Mast, Sub Custodian, effective upon satisfactorily completing all pre-employment Expanded Criminal History Background & Drug Testing

   2. Resignation/Retirement/End of Employment
      i. Mark Zahm, Summer Grounds, effective February 9, 2026
      ii. Rebekah Neff, Life Skills Ass't @ NWHS, effective February 6, 2026

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3. Transfer
   i. Dana Brown, from 3rd Grade Teacher to STEM Specialized Instructor @ WV, effective August 19, 2026
   ii. Rachael Bush, from Life Skills Teacher to Special Ed Teacher @ NWHS, effective July 1, 2026
   iii. Zoran Sipic, from Special Ed Teacher @ NWMS to Young Adult Teacher @ NWHS, effective July 1, 2026

4. Leave of Absence
   i. Rod Lone, Health Teacher @ NWMS, effective April 22 thru May 28, 2026

D. Consideration of Professional Leave Requests
   i. Servando Duran, APC Curriculum Meetings, February 10, 2026, Virtual
   ii. Pete Morey, BPA State Conference, March 8-10, 2026, Indianapolis
   iii. Nate Andrews, IFCA Coaches Clinic, March 12-14, 2026, Indianapolis
   iv. Mike Furfaro, IFCA Coaches Clinic, March 12-14, 2026, Indianapolis
   v. Chase Estepp, IFCA Coaches Clinic, March 12-14, 2026, Indianapolis
   vi. Bonnie Boocher, IFCA Coaches Clinic, March 12-14, 2026, Indianapolis
   vii. Doug Odiorne, IFCA Coaches Clinic, March 12-14, 2026, Indianapolis
   viii. David Wilson, IFCA Coaches Clinic, March 12-14, 2026, Indianapolis
   ix. Patrick Thompson, IFCA Coaches Clinic, March 12-14, 2026, Indianapolis
   x. Jody Weldy, IFCA Coaches Clinic, March 12-14, 2026, Indianapolis
   xi. Pete Morey, SPA State Conference, March 8-10, 2026, Indianapolis
   xii. Taylor Burkhart, SPA State Conference, March 8-10, 2026, Indianapolis
   xiii. Phil Ummel, Indiana HS Golf Coaches Clinic, March 13, 2026, Golf Club of Indiana, Whitestown, IN
   xiv. Brittney Lechlitner, IEP Paperwork, March 5, 2026, NES
   xv. Brittney Lechlitner, IEP Paperwork, March 23, 2026, NES

E. Consideration of Grants and Donations
   i. $1.074.83 donation from Panther Basketball, Inc to be used for the NWHS Boys Basketball program
   ii. $30 donation from Scott & Melanie Fervida to be used for NWHS Boys Basketball
   iii. $100 donation from James & Christina Pearson to be used for NWHS Boys Basketball
   iv. $80 donation from Troy & Karla Handrich to be used for NWHS Teacher Appreciation Week
   v. $50 donation from Nate & Angela King to be used for NWHS Teacher Appreciation Week
   vi. $100 donation from Nick & Mandy Davis to be used for NWHS Teacher Appreciation Week
   vii. $100 donation from Fred & Heather Lechlitner to be used for NWHS Teacher Appreciation Week
   viii. $50 donation from Eric & Heather Patterson to be used for NWHS Teacher Appreciation Week
   ix. $50 donation from Todd & Kami Coffin to be used for NWHS Teacher Appreciation Week
   x. $50 donation from Scott & Kara Ransberger to be used for NWHS Teacher Appreciation Week
   xi. $50 donation from Justin & Amanda Sellon to be used for NWHS Teacher Appreciation Week
   xii. $40 donation from Steve & Christy Rulli to be used for NWHS Teacher Appreciation Week
   xiii. $40 donation from John & Dawn Payne to be used for NWHS Teacher Appreciation Week
   xiv. $50 donation from Keven & Kim Branham to be used for NWHS Teacher Appreciation Week
   xv. $350 donation from Charlie & Kristin Roeder to be used for NWHS Teacher Appreciation Week
   xvi. $100 donation from Nick & Natalie Abel to be used for NWHS Teacher Appreciation Week
   xvii. $800 donation from Moyer Electric Inc to be used for NWMS Swim Lane Sponsorship
   xviii. $1,000 donation from Martin Brothers Contracting to be used for NWMS Swim Lane Sponsorship
   xix. $30.50 anonymous donation to be used by the NWMS Choir
   xx. $52 anonymous donation to be used by the NWMS Band
   xxi. $33 anonymous donation to be used for New York NWHS Choir trip

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School board member Christina Eshelman made, and Brian Topping seconded the motion to approve the Consent Items with the inclusion of the additional items as presented by Mr. Flickinger. Vote: 6-0

VII. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

There were none.

V. ACTION ITEMS

A. Approval of the removal of nominal uncollected debt from prior school year(s)

School board member Christina Eshelman made, and Trevor Hershberger seconded the motion to approve the removal of nominal uncollected debt from prior school year(s) as presented by Mrs. McFarland. Vote: 6-0

A. Approval of the adoption of School Board Policy 0140 – Filling a Board Vacancy

School board member David Kauffman made, and John Payne seconded the motion to approve the adoption of School Board Policy 0140 – Filling a Board Vacancy as presented by Dr. Croner. Vote: 6-0

B. Approval of the adoption of School Board Policy 6480 – Prepayment of Invoices/Claims

School board member John Payne made, and Trevor Hershberger seconded the motion to approve the adoption of School Board Policy 6480 – Prepayment of Invoices/Claims as presented by Dr. Croner. Vote: 6-0

C. Approval of the out of state and/or overnight trips for the following:

- NWHS BPA to BPA State Convention, March 8-10, 2026, Indianapolis

School board member Trevor Hershberger made, and Brian Topping seconded the motion to approve the overnight travel request as presented by Dr. Croner. Vote: 6-0

V. DISCUSSION/INFORMATION

A. Kindergarten Round-Up/IREAD/Extended Day-Summer School Update – Dr. Croner
B. Enrollment Update – Dr. Croner
C. Impact of SEA 1 – Policy Analytics - April Fitterling

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come to the attention of the board school board member Trevor Hershberger made and Christina Eshelman seconded the motion to adjourn. Vote: 6-0

SIGNED: _____
Curt Flickinger, President

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Trevor Hershberger, Secretary

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