WA-NEE COMMUNITY SCHOOLS
Elkhart-Kosciusko Counties, Indiana
OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF THE
BOARD OF SCHOOL TRUSTEES
April 13, 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, April 13, 2026.

I. CALL TO ORDER

A. The meeting was called to order at Wa-Nee Community Schools board room at 6:00 PM by School Board President Curt Flickinger.

B. Pledge of Allegiance

C. Roll Call

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

Curt Flickinger	Trevor Hershberger	David Kauffman
Don Lehman	John Payne	Brian Topping

Superintendent Scot Croner, Director of Curriculum Gretchen Thomas, Business Manager Jessica McFarland and Clerk Lisa Hall were also present.

II. SPECIAL RECOGNITION

There was none.

III. RECOGNITION OF VISITORS & PUBLIC INPUT

There was none.

IV. AMENDMENTS TO THE AGENDA

School board member Trevor Hershberger made, and John Payne seconded the motion to approve the additional items to the agenda as presented by Mr. Flickinger. Vote: 6-0

V. CONSENT ITEMS

A. Consideration of the regular board minutes for March 23, 2026
B. Consideration of the claims dated April 13, 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. Shirley Null Perez, Sub Cafeteria, effective upon satisfactorily completing all pre-employment Expanded Criminal History Background & Drug Testing
ii. Robert Ivin, Sub Driver, effective TBD
iii. Myrika Coblentz, Sub Cafeteria, effective upon satisfactorily completing all pre-employment Expanded Criminal History Background & Drug Testing
iv. Caleb Newcomer, 8th Grade Social Studies @ NWMS, effective upon satisfactorily completing all pre-employment Expanded Criminal History Background & Drug Testing
v. Regina Diamond, Shift Custodian @ NES, effective upon satisfactorily completing all pre-employment Expanded Criminal History Background & Drug Testing

2. Resign/Retire/End of Employment
i. Faith Bradley, Band Teacher @ NWMS, effective May 29, 2026
ii. Mary Minnis, Instructional Assistant @ WES, effective May 28, 2026
iii. Makenna Gall, .5 Robotics Coach @ NES, effective March 31, 2026

iv. Courtney Cherrone, P/T Instructional Ass't @ WES, effective May 28, 2026
v. Shannon Nowak, 4th Grade Teacher @ WV, effective May 29, 2026

3. Transfer
   i. Coren Mast, from Sub Custodian to Part Time Custodian @ NWHS, effective TBD
   ii. Melanie Fervida, from PE Teacher @ NWHS to PE Teacher @ WV/NES, effective 2026-27 SY
   iii. Jenni Zurcher, from Specialized Instr. - STEM @ NES to Specialized Instr. - STEM @ WV/NES, effective 2026-27 SY
   iv. Kierston Irvin, from Specialized Instr. - STEM @ WES to Specialized Instr. - STEM @ WV/WES, effective 2026-27 SY
   v. Michael Rand, from Music Teacher @ WV to Music Teacher @ WV/NES, effective 2026-27 SY
   JoLynn Miller, from Music Teacher @ NES to Music Teacher @ WV/WES, effective 2026-27 SY
   Megan Jones, Art Teacher @ WV to Art Teacher @ WV/NES, effective 2026-27 school year
   vi. Dana Brown, from Specialized Instructor – STEM @ WV to Specialized Instructor - Media @ WV, effective 2026-27 SY
   vii. Karla Handrich, from PE Teacher @ WV (2 day/week) to PE Teacher @ WV (1 day/week), effective 2026-27 SY
   viii. Tori Sauceda, Music Teacher @ NES to 4th Grade Teacher @ NES, effective 2026-27 school year
   ix. Claire Williams, from Afternoon Shuttle to Sub Driver, effective April 3, 2026

4. Leave of Absence
   i. Garry Anglemyer, F/T Custodian, April 22 thru May 20, 2026

D. Consideration of Professional Leave Requests
   i. Mindi Mattern, TBRI Summit, April 17, 2026, Granger Community Church
   ii. Cheyanne Thompson, TBRI Summit, April 17, 2026, Granger Community Church
   iii. Rylee Beck, TBRI Summit, April 17, 2026, Granger Community Church
   iv. Jen Johnson, TBRI Summit, April 17, 2026, Granger Community Church
   v. Aaron Wolfe, IBCA Coaching Clinic, April 23-24, 2026, Mt. Vernon High School
   vi. Brandi Henderson, State Small Engines Contest, April 24, 2025, Lebanon, IN
   vii. Brittany Sheetz, TBRI Summit, April 17, 2026, Granger Community Church
   viii. Kris Fielstra TBRI Summit, April 27, 2026, Granger Community Church
   ix. Brandi Henderson, Talent Pipeline Management Workshop, April 15, 2026
   x. Marcy Porter, ILPS Writing, May 12, 2026, NWHS
   xi. Heather Bontrager, ILPS Writing, May 12, 2026, NES
   xii. Anni Boocher, TBRI Summit, April 17, 2026, Granger Community Church
   xiii. Michael Rand, TBRI Summit, April 17, 2026, Granger Community Church
   xiv. Jake Simons, TBRI Summit, April 17, 2026, Granger Community Church
   xv. Virginia Taylor, TBRI Summit, April 17, 2026, Granger Community Church
   xvi. Kristina Phelps, TBRI Summit, April 17, 2026, Granger Community Church
   xvii. Erin Haseley, TBRI Summit, April 17, 2026, Granger Community Church
   xviii. Mandy DeMien, TBRI Summit, April 17, 2026, Granger Community Church
   xix. Dana Brown, TBRI Summit, April 17, 2026, Granger Community Church
   xx. Kim Branham, TBRI Summit, April 17, 2026, Granger Community Church
   xxi. Marcy Porter, SIOP Annual Conference, July 14-16, 2026, Virtual
   xxii. Heather Bontager, SIOP Annual Conference, July 14-16, 2026, Virtual
   xxiii. Gretchen Thomas, SIOP Annual Conference, July 14-16, 2026, Virtual
   xxiv. Cheyenne Thompson, SIOP Annual Conference, July 14-16, 2026, Virtual
   xxv. Lisa Sherman, SIOP Annual Conference, July 14-16, 2026, Virtual
   xxvi. Rebecca Larrabee, SIOP Training, May-July 2026, Virtual
   xxvii. Jamie Mast, SIOP Training, May-July 2026, Virtual
   xxviii. Hailee Neverman, SIOP Training, May-July 2026, Virtual
   xxix. Sarah Davies, SIOP Training, May-July 2026, Virtual

xxx. Kelly Vorhis, SIOP Training, May-July 2026, Virtual
xxxi. Cheyenne Thompson, SIOP Training, May-July 2026, Virtual
xxxii. Andy Hostetter, SIOP Training, May-July 2026, Virtual
xxxiii. Gretchen Thomas, Statewide Curriculum & Assessment Resource Network, 2x's/month 2026-27 School Year, Virtual
xxxiv. Jenn Wise, Senior Walk Through, May 21, 2026, NWMS, WES, NES, WV
xxxv. Mindi Slone, Senior Walk Through, May 21, 2026, NWMS, WES, NES, WV

E. Consideration of Grants and Donations
i. $250 donation from Schwartz Electric Inc to be used for Wa-Nee Educator Appreciation Breakfast
ii. $250 donation from Burt Advisory Group to be used for Wa-Nee Educator Appreciation Breakfast
iii. $250 donation from Warrick & Boyn LLP to be used for Wa-Nee Educator Appreciation Breakfast
iv. $500 donation from Barton Coe Vilamaa to be used for Wa-Nee Educator Appreciation Breakfast
v. $150 donation from Plevna Implement Company to be used for NorthWood FFA
vi. $250 donation from Clunette Elevator to be used for NorthWood FFA
vii. $5,000 anonymous donation to be used for NWHS BPA National trip
viii. $200 donation from Wa-Nee Wishes, Inc to be used for NES Care Closet
ix. Donation of non-perishable food items from Nappanee Missionary Church to be used for NES Care Closet
i. $50 donation from Wakarusa Public Library to be used for 2 books for NWMS library
ii. $320 anonymous donation to be used for ice cream for musical cast and crew
iii. $200 donation from Mullet's Seamless Guttering to be used for Winter Percussion
iv. $125 donation from Dawn Pickens to be used for NWHS Life Skill class
v. $10,000 grant from Views on Learning to be used for NWHS Robotics Teams trip to Worlds
vi. $100 donation from Jeff & Corinne Hertsel to be used for NWHS Musical
vii. $50 donation from Todd & Krystal Beer to be used for NWHS BPA Nationals

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

VI. ACTION ITEMS

A. Approval of the NWHS Student Athlete Handbook

School board member Trevor Hershberger made, and David Kauffman seconded the motion to approve the NWHS Student Athlete Handbook as presented by Dr. Croner. Vote: 6-0

B. Approval of the textbook adoption for Reading K-5, ELA 6-8 and NWMS & NWHS Music - Band

School board member Trevor Hershberger made, and Don Lehman seconded the motion to approve the textbook adoption for Reading K-5, ELA 6-8 and NWMS & NWHS Music - Band as presented by Dr. Thomas. Vote: 6-0

C. Approval of the Wa-Nee Walking Challenge

School board member John Payne made, and Trevor Hershberger seconded the motion to approve the Wa-Nee Walking Challenge as presented by Mrs. McFarland. Vote: 6-0

D. Approval of the approval for overnight and/or out of state travel requests for:
- NWHS Academic State Competition, May 8-9, 2026, Purdue University
- NWHS FFA to Joliet Livestock Judging, April 4, 2026, Joliet Junior College

School board member David Kauffman made, and Brian Topping seconded the motion to approve the overnight and/or out of state travel requests as presented by Dr. Croner. Vote: 6-0

VII. DISCUSSION/INFORMATION

i. Bank of Indianapolis Investment Review
ii. NWHS Athletic Department Update—AJ Risedorph
iii. Textbook Adoption – Gretchen Thomas
- Personal Finance @ NWHS
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There being no further business to come to the attention of the board member Don Lehman made, and Trevor Hershberger seconded the motion to adjourn. Vote: 6-0

SIGNED: _____
Curt Flickinger, President

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Trevor Hershberger, Secretary