WA-NEE COMMUNITY SCHOOLS
Elkhart-Kosciusko Counties, Indiana
OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF THE
BOARD OF SCHOOL TRUSTEES
May 11, 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, May 11, 2026.

I. CALL TO ORDER

A. The meeting was called to order at the Wa-Nee Administration Office 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	John Payne

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

II. RECOGNITION OF VISITORS & PUBLIC INPUT

There was none.

IV. AMENDMENTS TO THE AGENDA

School board member John Payne made, and David Kauffman seconded the motion to approve the additional items to the agenda as presented by Mr. Flickinger. Vote: 4-0

V. CONSENT ITEMS

A. Consideration of the regular board minutes for April 13, 2026
B. Consideration of the claims dated May 11, 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)
   2. Employment (the following shall be employed upon satisfactorily completing all pre-employment Expanded Criminal History Background & Drug Testing)
      i. Whitney Goeglein, Art Teacher @ NES 1 day/week, effective August 2026
      ii. LeAnn Ailes, Instructional Ass't @ WV, effective TBD
      iii. Jordyn Parrish, Special Ed Ass't @ NES, effective upon satisfactorily completing all pre-employment Expanded Criminal History Background & Drug Testing
      iv. Christopher Pinto, Band Director @ NWMS, effective upon satisfactorily completing all pre-employment Expanded Criminal History Background & Drug Testing
      v. Hope Martin, 2nd Grade Summer School Teacher @ WV, effective June 1-25, 2026
      vi. Laura Hale, 3rd Grade Summer School Teacher @ WV, effective June 1-25, 2026
      vii. Virginia Taylor, 3rd Grade Summer School Teacher @ WV, effective June 1-25, 2026
      viii. Christine Ramer, 2nd Grade Summer School Teacher @ WV, effective June 1-25, 2026
      ix. Sarah Davies, Summer School Sub Teacher @ WV, effective TBD

x. Rachael Stutzman, Summer School Secretary @ WV, effective June 8-25, 2026
xi. Sundown Deisch, Summer School Nurse @ WV, effective June 8-25, 2026
xii. Natalie Ulanowicz, 8th Grade Cheer Sponsor @ NWMS, effective upon satisfactorily completing all pre-employment Expanded Criminal History Background & Drug Testing
xiii. Mark Mikel, Interim Head Boys Track Coach @ NWHS, effective April 22, 2026
xiv. Skylah Tenner, Future Educator Apprentice @ WV, effective upon satisfactorily completing all pre-employment Expanded Criminal History Background & Drug Testing
xv. Lauren Scherer, 4th Grade Teacher @ WV, effective upon satisfactorily completing all pre-employment Expanded Criminal History Background & Drug Testing
xvi. Jon Pearson, Desktop Support Tech II @ NWMS/WES, effective upon satisfactorily completing all pre-employment Expanded Criminal History Background & Drug Testing
xvii. Vickey Sprague, Summer Custodian @ NWHS, effective Summer 2026
xviii. Bobby Smith, Summer Custodian @ NWHS, effective Summer 2026
xix. Janet Zimmerman, Summer Custodian @ NWHS, effective Summer 2026

2. Resign/Retire/End of Employment
   i. Katie Phillips, 4th Grade Teacher @ WES, effective May 28, 2026
   ii. Erin Miller, P/T Food Service @ NES, effective May 27, 2026
   iii. Elli Newcomer, Special Ed Ass't @ WES, effective May 8, 2026
   iv. Diana Barnett, P/T Custodian @ NWHS, effective April 17, 2026
   v. Hilary Laidig, Cell Phone Club Sponsor @ NWHS, effective January 8, 2026
   vi. Allen Burkett, .5 Robotics Sponsor @ NWMS, effective 2026-27 school year
   vii. Servando Duran, Director of Athletic Performance, effective June 30, 2026
   viii. Courtney Wenger, STEM Teacher @ NWMS, effective May 28, 2026

3. Transfer
   i. Peggy Jones, from P/T Cafeteria @ NWHS to Sub Cafeteria, effective May 27, 2026
   ii. Larry Timmins, from P/T Custodian @ NWHS to Shift Custodian @ NWMS, effective TBD
   iii. Penny Nickerson, from Instructional Ass't to Special Ed Ass't @ NES, effective August 20, 2026

D. Consideration of Professional Leave Requests
   i. Anni Boocher, TBRI Summit, April 17, Granger Community Church
   ii. Kris Fielstra, TBRI Summit, April 17, Granger Community Church
   iii. Daniell Gilbert, TBRI Summit, April 17, Granger Community Church
   iv. Laura Blosser, TBRI Summit, April 17, Granger Community Church
   v. Stephanie Boggs, TBRI Summit, April 17, Granger Community Church
   vi. Brandi Henderson, State Livestock Judging, May 1-2, 2026, Boone County Fairgrounds
   vii. Kristin Cramer, 5th Grade Olympics, May 12, 2026, NWMS
   viii. Amy Rosa, STAI Conference, June 22-25, 2026, Fort Wayne
   ix. Jamie Eggers, STAI Conference, June 20-25, 2026, Fort Wayne
   x. Matt Hostetter, STAI Conference, June 20-25, 2026, Fort Wayne
   xi. Eric Jackson, STAI Conference, June 20-25, 2026, Fort Wayne
   xii. Brooklyn Freeland, FCCLA District 2 Spring Contest Day, May 12, 2026, Rochester, IN
   xiii. Carey Yakym, ILP Writing, May 15, 2026, NWMS
   xiv. Brittney Lechlitner, Ft. Wayne Zoo Trip, May 14, 2026, Ft. Wayne
   xv. Weston Lambert, RECN Retreat, June 3 & 4, 2026, University of Indy
   xvi. Dina Koble, RECN Retreat, June 3 & 4, 2026, University of Indy
   xvii. Stephi Neff, RECN Retreat, June 3 & 4, 2026, University of Indy
   xviii. Jade Sipic, RECN Retreat, June 3 & 4, 2026, University of Indy
   xix. Brooklyn Freeland, Dual Credit Culinary Camp, June 10-12, 2026, Ivy Tech Indianapolis

xx. Kelly Vorhis, AP Scoring Day, May 8, 2026, NWHS
xxi. Scott Knafel, 5th Grade Olympics, May 12, 2026, NWMS
xxii. Kim Magnuson, ILP Power School Training, May 12, 2026, Admin Building

E. Consideration of Grants and Donations
i. $500 donation from R. Yoder Construction to be used for 5th Grade Olympics
ii. $500 donation from Kuhn Medical Clinic to be used for 7th Grade Field Trips
iii. $350 donation from Nappanee Missionary Church to be used for NWMS Student needs
iv. $100 donation from Josephine Sajda to be used for NWHS Girls Wrestling
v. $200 donation from Miller Poultry to be used for FCCLA National Leadership Conference
vi. $175 donation from Wakarusa Chamber of Commerce to be used for NWMS Select Singers
vii. $175 donation from Wakarusa Chamber of Commerce to be used for NWHS Choir
viii. $477.96 donation from Culver's of Goshen to be used for Northwood Winter Percussion
ix. $4,000 donation from Kirby & Melissa Reinhardt to be used for NWHS Athletics Student Needs
x. $486.10 donation from NorthWood Football Club Fund to be used for NWHS Football Apparel
xi. $800 donation from Nappanee PTO to be used for 5th Grade Olympics

School board member David Kauffman made, and Trevor Hershberger seconded the motion to approve the Consent Items and additional items as presented by Mr. Flickinger. Vote: 4-0

VI. ACTION ITEMS

A. APPROVAL OF THE TEXTBOOK ADOPTION FOR TEXTBOOK ADOPTION FOR PERSONAL FINANCE @ NWHS

School board member Trevor Hershberger made, and John Payne seconded the motion to approve the textbook adoption for textbook adoption for Personal Finance at NWHS as presented by Dr. Thomas. Vote: 4-0

B. APPROVAL OF THE NIESC SHARED DIETITIAN CONSORTIUM SERVICES CONTRACT

School board member Trevor Hershberger made, and David Kauffman seconded the motion to approve the NIESC Shared Dietitian Consortium Services Contract as presented by Dr. Croner. Vote: 4-0

C. APPROVAL OF THE BEACON ATHLETIC TRAINING AND HEALTHCARE CLINIC CONTRACT

The Beacon Athletic Training Contract and Beacon Healthcare Clinic Contract was tabled and will be brought back to the board at the May 26, 2026 meeting.

D. APPROVAL OF THE OUT OF STATE OR OVERNIGHT TRAVEL REQUESTS FOR:
- NWHS Boys Basketball, Summer Basketball Games, June 9-10, 2026, Chesterton High School
- NWHS Boys Basketball, Basketball Tournament, June 15-17, 2026, Wisconsin Dells High School
- FCCLA EOY Celebration, June 15, 2026, Warren Dunes, Bridgman, MI
- NWHS Boys Basketball, Basketball Games, June 26-27, 2026, Carmel High Schoo1
- NWHS Cross Country (Boys & Girls), July 6, 2026, Warren Dunes, Bridgman, MI

School board member David Kauffman made, and John Payne seconded the motion to approve the out of state and/or overnight travel request as presented by Dr. Croner. Vote: 4-0

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VII. DISCUSSION/INFORMATION

i. K-12 Student Handbooks
ii. AP English additional novel *Fahreneit 451*, by Ray Bradbury
iii. Graduation Commencement – Friday, June 5th @ 7:30 PM (doors open at 6:00 PM)
iv. Reminder our next school board will be held Tuesday, May 26, 2026 @ 6:00 PM

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come to the attention of the board school board member John Payne made, and Trevor Hershberger seconded the motion to adjourn. Vote: 4-0

SIGNED: _____
Curt Flickinger, President

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Trevor Hershberger, Secretary