# WA-NEE COMMUNITY SCHOOLS
**ELKHART-KOSCIUSKO COUNTIES, INDIANA**
# PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF SCHOOL TRUSTEES
**July 13, 2026**

*A Tradition 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 II.*

The Board of School Trustees of the Wa-Nee Community Schools met Monday evening, June 13, 2026, in their second meeting of the month.

I. CALL TO ORDER

A. The meeting was called to order at the Wa-Nee Administration Office at 6:10 PM by School Board President Curt Flickinger.

B. Pledge of Allegiance

C. Roll Call

On roll call by Vice-President Curt Flickinger the following members responded as present:

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| Christina Eshelman | Curt Flickinger | David Kauffman |
| Don Lehman | John Payne | Brian Topping |

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

II. RECOGNITION OF VISITORS & PUBLIC INPUT

There were none.

III. AMENDMENTS TO THE AGENDA

School board member Christina Eshelman made, and John Payne 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 and executive session minutes for June 22, 2026
B. Consideration of the claims dated July 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. Kirsten Keller, Lifeskills Ass't @ NWHS, effective upon satisfactorily completing all pre-employment Expanded Criminal History Background & Drug Testing

2. **Resignation/Retirement/End of Employment**
   i. Roxanne Hubbard, F/T Cafeteria @ NWHS, effective June 22, 2026
   ii. Jenni Heeter, Sub Bus Driver, effective June 22, 2026
   iii. David Link, Freshman Football Ass't Coach @ NWHS, effective June 23, 2026
   iv. Talia Reed, 8th Grade Language Arts Teacher @ NWMS, effective June 30, 2026
   v. Teresa Butler, Special Ed/SOAR Teacher @ NWHS, effective July 7, 2026
   vi. Garrett Stuckman, Head Wrestling Coach @ NWHS, effective July 13, 2026

3. **Transfer**
   i. Patrick Thompson, .5 Football Freshman Football Coach to Volunteer Coach, effective June 23, 2026
   ii. Lindsey Steffen, Specialized Instructor to Title I Specialized Instructor @ WV, effective August 20, 2026
   iii. Rose Powell, from Kdg. Teacher @ WES to 4th Grade Teacher @ WV, effective August 20, 2026
   iv. David Miller, from Special Ed Ass't to Head Custodian @ WES, effective August 3, 2026
   v. Chelsea Wachtman, from Instructional Ass't @ WES to 8th Grade ELA Teacher @ NWMS, effective August 1, 2026

**A. Consideration of Grants and Donations**
   i. $1,000 donation from Isaac Benjamin to be used for the NWHS Football program
   ii. $1,000 donation from Isaac Benjamin to be used for the NWHS Girls Wrestling program
   iii. $100 donation from Casey's to be used for the Red Regiment
   iv. $1,276 donation from Patrick Industries/Indiana Transport to be used for NWHS Boys Soccer Camp
   v. $15,000 donation from Kenneth & Sarah Norris to be used for the Red Regiment
   vi. $500 donation from R. Yoder Construction to be used for Top Transportation Team Celebration
   vii. $2,000 grant from the Elkhart Community Foundation to be used for NWHS Baseball Semi State expenses

**B. Consideration of Professional Leave Requests**
   i. Mike Furfaro, IU ACP Training, October 2, 2026, IUSB
   ii. Tina Davidhizar, ACP Math Professional Development Seminar, October 2, 2026, IUSB
   iii. Matt Hostetter, STN Expo Transportation Conference, July 9-14, 2026, Reno, NV

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

V. UNFINISHED BUSINESS ITEMS

There were none

VI. ACTION ITEMS

A. Approval of the pre-approval for overnight and/or out-of-state travel requests.

School board member John Payne made, and Christina Eshelman seconded the motion to approve the pre-approval for overnight and/or out-of-state travel request as presented by Dr. Croner. Vote: 6-0

B. Approval of the changes to the Commencement to Sunday, June 6, 2027, at .2:00PM.

School board member John Payne made, and Don Lehman seconded the motion to approve the changes to the Commencement to Sunday, June 6, 2027, at .2:00PM as presented by Dr. Croner. Vote: 6-0

C. Approval of the increased meal prices and milk prices for the 2026-2027 school year.

School board member Christina Eshelman made, and John Payne seconded the motion to approve the increased meal prices and milk prices for the 2026-2027 as presented by Mrs. McFarland. Vote: 6-0

D. Approval of the renewal of the ECSEC Agreement for 2026-2027

School board member Don Lehman made, and David Kauffman seconded the motion to approve the renewal the ECSEC Agreement for the 2026-2027 school year as presented by Dr. Croner. Vote: 6-0

E. Approval of the updates to the 2026-27 Classified Manual

School board member John Payne made, and Don Lehman seconded the motion to approve the updates to the 2026-27 Classified Manual as presented by Dr. Croner. Vote: 6-0

F. Approval of the overnight and/or out-of-state request for:
- FFA Premier Leadership Training, August 28-30, 2026, Indiana Convention Center

School board member Don Lehman made, and John Payne 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. Policy 2623 Student Assessment – Dr. Gretchen Thomas
ii. 2026 Bond Issuance Timeline – Jessica McFarland
iii. Financial Update – Jessica McFarland
iv. 2025-26 WCS Evaluation Summary – Dr. Scot Croner

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

A. There being no further business to come to the attention of the board, board member Christina Eshelman made, and Don Lehman seconded the motion to adjourn. Vote: 6-0

SIGNED: _____
Curt Flickinger, President

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Trevor Hershberger, Secretary