WA-NEE COMMUNITY SCHOOLS
Elkhart-Kosciusko Counties, Indiana
OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF THE
BOARD OF SCHOOL TRUSTEES
April 14, 2025

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 14, 2025.

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 Christina Eshelman.

B. Pledge of Allegiance

C. Roll Call

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

Christina Eshelman	Trevor Hershberger	David Kauffman
Don Lehman	John Payne	Brian Topping

Curt Flickinger attended virtually using Microsoft Teams

Superintendent Scot Croner, 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 Don Lehman made, and David Kauffman seconded the motion to approve the additional items to the agenda as presented by Mrs. Eshelman. Vote: 7-0

V. CONSENT ITEMS

A. Consideration of the regular board and executive session minutes for March 24, 2025
B. Consideration of the claims dated April 14, 2025
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. Christine Ramer, Summer School Teacher @ WES, effective May 30, 2025
ii. Cole Miller, Summer School Teacher @ WES, effective May 30, 2025
iii. Jaci Hochstetler, 7th Grade Social Studies @ NWMS, effective 2025-26 school year
iv. Morgan Slabaugh, Specialized Instructor – PE @ NES, effective upon satisfactorily completing all pre-employment checks for 2025-26 school year
v. Gretchen Rodesiler, Kindergarten Teacher @ WES, effective upon satisfactorily completing all pre-employment checks for 2025-26 school year
vi. Daniele McKibbin, SOAR Assistant @ NWMS, effective upon satisfactorily completing all pre-employment checks for 2025-26 school year
vii. Marcy Porter, EL Summer School Teacher @ WES, effective May 30, 2025
viii. Heather Bontrager, EL Summer School Teacher @ WV, effective May 30, 2025
ix. Kim Magnuson, EL Summer School Teacher @ NES, effective May 30, 2025
x. Laura Hale, Summer School Teacher @ NES, effective May 30 to June 26, 2025

xi. Hope Martin, Summer School Teacher @ NES, effective May 30 to June 26, 2025
xii. Sarah Davis, Substitute Summer School Teacher @ NES, effective May 30 to June 26, 2025
xiii. Bri Reddy, Instructional Ass't @ WES, effective August 14, 2025

2. Resign/Retire/End of Employment
   i. Felicia Hochstetler, Special Ed Ass't @ NES, effective March 25, 2025
   ii. Megan Keller, Instructional Ass't @ WES, effective May 28, 2025
   iii. Lisa Stump, 4th Grade teacher @ WES, effective May 29, 2025
   iv. Elli Newcomer, Volunteer Unified Track Coach, effective April 2, 2025
   v. Sarah Bowser, Instructional Ass't @ WES, effective May 28, 2025
   vi. Patrick Klamm, 6th Grade Science Teacher @ NWMS, effective May 29, 2025
   vii. Olivia Hart, Special Ed Ass't @ WES, effective May 28, 2025

3. Transfer
   i. Ronda Stump, from Sub Floater to Sub Driver, effective June 1, 2025

D. Consideration of Professional Leave Requests
   i. Grace Allen, 2025 4-H/FFA Dairy CDE Invitational, April 17, 2025, Roann, IN
   ii. Valerie Anglemyer, Vex Robotics World Championships, May 5-15, 2025, Dallas, TX
   iii. Carla Wisler, 7th & 8th Grade Choir Concert Rehearsal, May 5, 2025, NWHS
   iv. Faith Bradley, 8th Grade & Jazz Band Rehearsal, May 6, 2025, NWHS
   v. Kelly Vorhis, AP Seminar, April 17, 2025, NWHS

E. Consideration of Grants and Donations
   i. $483 donation from Chuck Mitschelen to be used by NWHS Track & Field
   ii. $250 donation from Newmar to be used by NWHS Band
   iii. $10,000 grant from Views on Learning to be used by Wa-Nee Robotics
   iv. $100 donation from Shirley & Rolaph Whelchel to be used by NWHS for NSPPA Convention
   v. $15 donation from Tomi Kauffman to be used by NWHS Athletic Sports Medicine
   vi. $100 donation from NWHS Social Committee Fund to be used by NWHS Athletic Sports Medicine
   vii. $200 donation from Charles & Darcey Mitschelen to be used by NWHS Athletic Sports Medicine
   viii. $100 donation from Scott & Melanie Fervida to be used by NWHS Athletic Sports Medicine
   ix. $50 donation from Maryann Whiteman to be used by NWHS Athletic Sports Medicine
   x. $200 donation from Elkhart County Farm Bureau to be used by NWHS FFA
   xi. $250 donation from Newmar to be used for FCCLA State Conference
   xii. Donation of food items to be used by WES for student needs valued at $450
   xiii. $750 donation from Kiwanis Club of Nappanee to be used for Wa-Nee Robotics Worlds Competition
   xiv. $30,000 grant donation from NorthWood Football Club Fund to be used for Andrews Field Fencing Project Phase 2
   xv. Donation of food items to be used by WES for student needs valued at $120

School board member John Payne made, and Brian Topping seconded the motion to approve the Consent Items and additional items as presented by Mrs. Eshelman. Vote: 7-0

VI. ACTION ITEMS

A. Approval of the textbook adoption for Science at NWMS

School board member Trevor Hershberger made, and Don Lehman seconded the motion to approve the textbook adoption for Science at NWMS as presented by Dr. Croner. Vote: 7-0

B. Approval of the of the WES Mentor
- Brooke Nasser

School board member Trevor Hershberger made, and Brian Topping seconded the motion to approve the WES Mentor as presented by Dr. Croner. Vote: 7-0

C. Approval of the Wa-Nee Walking Challenge

School board member Don Lehman made, and David Kauffman seconded the motion to approve the Wa-Nee Walking Challenge as presented by Mrs. McFarland. Vote: 7-0

D. Approval of the 2025-2026 Classified Manual

School board member David Kauffman made, and Trevor Hershberger seconded the motion to approve the 2025-2026 Classified Manual as presented by Dr. Croner. Vote: 7-0

E. Consider approving the out of state and/or overnight travel request for:
- NWHS Robotics Team to Robotics Worlds, Dallas, TX, May 5-12, 2025
- NWMS Robotics Team to Robotics Worlds, Dallas, TX, May 11-15, 2025
- NWHS Academic Teams to State Competition, Purdue University, May 9-10, 2025
- NWHS Baseball to Niles High School, Niles, MI, April 19, 2025

School board member Don Lehman and Brian Topping seconded the motion to approve the out of state and/or overnight travel request as presented by Dr. Croner. Vote: 7-0

VII. DISCUSSION/INFORMATION

i. NWHS Athletic Department Update – AJ Risedorph

There being no further business to come to the attention of the board member Trevor Hershberger made, and Don Lehman seconded the motion to adjourn. Vote: 7-0

SIGNED: _____
Christina Eshelman, President

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Trevor Hershberger, Secretary