

WA-NEE COMMUNITY SCHOOLS
Elkhart-Kosciusko Counties, Indiana
OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF THE
BOARD OF SCHOOL TRUSTEES
October 28, 2024

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 III.

The Board of School Trustees of the Wa-Nee Community Schools met Monday, October 28, 2024, 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 6:00 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	Todd Gongwer
Trevor Hershberger	Shawn Johnson	Brian Topping

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

II. PUBLIC HEARING

- A. Public Hearing concerning the proposed Ed-Flex Waiver Application – Paraprofessional Requirements

President Christina Eshelman announced the Board would be holding a public hearing to discuss and hear from the public support for and objections to the proposed Ed-Flex Waiver Application – Paraprofessional Requirements. She then asked anyone interested in speaking at the hearing to please make sure to sign-in using the sign-in sheet at the back of the room which should include your name, address, and topic. After a presentation by Dr. Gretchen Thomas, the public will have an opportunity to make comments about the proposed waiver, and each person would be limited to 3 minutes and the topic be limited to the proposed waiver under consideration.

President Eshelman then asked if anyone in the public wished to speak on the proposed Ed-Flex Waiver Application – Paraprofessional Requirements. After the public is given a chance to speak, President Eshelman announced the Public Hearing for the proposed Ed-Flex Waiver Application – Paraprofessional Requirements to be closed and the minutes should reflect that the Public Hearing was held.

II. RECOGNITION OF VISITORS & PUBLIC INPUT

There were none.

III. AMENDMENTS TO THE AGENDA

School board member Shawn Johnson made, and Trevor Hershberger seconded the motion to approve the additional amendments to the agenda as presented by Mrs. Eshelman. Vote: 6-0.

IV. CONSENT ITEMS

- A. Consideration of the regular board minutes for October 14, 2024, and special meeting October 25, 2024
- B. Consideration of the claims dated October 28, 2024
- 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. Ronda Harner, Homebound Instructor @ NES, effective October 22, 2025
 - ii. Ryan Stamper, Desktop Support Tech II, effective TBD

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2. Retirement/Resignation/End of Employment

- i. Sheri Cervantes, .5 Athletic Director @ NWMS, effective July 19, 2024
- ii. Brook Rasler, Ass't Swim Coach @ NWMS, effective October 14, 2024
- iii. Rikki Tobolski, YAP Instructional Ass't @ NWHS, effective November 8, 2024

3. Transfer

- i. Tanner Goreman, from shift custodian @ NWMS to shift custodian @ WV, effective TBD
- ii. Kelli Weldy, from Substitute Teacher to Special Ed Ass't @ NWMS, effective October 29, 2024

4. Leave of Absence

- i. Becky Baxter, Special Ed Teacher @ NWMS, October 22, 2024 to May 29, 2025

D. Consideration of Professional Leave Requests

- i. Hailee Neverman, Nappanee Kiwanis Veterans Lunch, November 12, 2024, Nappanee
- ii. Shelly Lengacher, IAG Conference, December 9-10, 2024, Indianapolis
- iii. Nate Andrews, 2024 IHSAA Sectional Meeting, October 22, 2024, Mishawaka
- iv. Jenn Wise, IASBO ECA Treasurer Seminar, November 21, 2024, Indianapolis
- v. Brittney Maxwell, IASBO ECA Treasurer Seminar, November 21, 2024, Indianapolis
- vi. Carla Wisler, IME Conference, January 15-18, 2025, Ft. Wayne
- vii. Brooklyn Freeland, Ivy Tech Dual Credit Certification, December 9, 2024, NWHS
- viii. Libby Morrical, Algebra Cohort Curriculum Work, November 1, 2024, NWHS
- ix. Mike Furfaro, Algebra Cohort Curriculum Work, November 1, 2024, NWHS
- x. Faith Bradley, ISSMA Director's State Meeting, November 5, 2024, Lucas Oil Stadium
- xi. Eric Criss, ISSMA Director's State Meeting, November 5, 2024, Lucas Oil Stadium
- xii. John Dougherty, Learning Trane Controls, November 12-14, 2024, Fishers, IN
- xiii. Matt Smith, Learning Trane Controls, November 12-14, 2024, Fishers, IN
- xiv. Faith Bradley, NWHS Band Trip, April 28 – May 2, 2025, Italy
- xv. Jeff Cramer, NWHS Main Street Voices, November 1, 2024, NWMS

E. Consideration of Grants and Donations

- i. \$30,000 donation from the Nappanee PTO to be used for NES playground
- ii. \$250 donation from L J Wagner Home Interiors to be used for NorthWood FFA
- iii. \$99.60 anonymous donation to be used for NWMS Band
- iv. \$200 donation from Thompson-Lengacher & Yoder Funeral Home to be used for NWHS Academic Team
- v. \$100 donation from Jim & Laurie Sumpter to be used for NWHS Girls Wrestling
- vi. \$147.60 donation from Lisa Benner to be used for NWHS Athletics
- vii. \$100 donation from New Paris Telephone to be used by the NWHS Academic Team
- viii. \$200 donation from J & N Stone to be used by the NWHS Academic Team

School board member Curt Flickinger made, and Brian Topping seconded the motion to approve the consent items plus the amended additional items as presented by Mrs. Eshelman. Vote: 6-0.

V. ACTION ITEMS

- A. Approval of the ratification of the 2024-2025 the Contractual Agreement Between the Board of School Trustees of Wa-Nee Community Schools and the Wa-Nee Education Association

School board member Curt Flickinger made, and Trevor Hershberger seconded the motion to approve the 2024-2025 the Contractual Agreement Between the Board of School Trustees of Wa-Nee Community Schools and the Wa-Nee Education Association as presented by Dr. Croner. Vote: 6-0

- B. Approval of the Administrators, Speech Language Pathologists, Mental Health Counselors, and Director of Athletic Performance contracts

School board member Curt Flickinger made, and Shawn Jonson seconded the motion to approve the contracts for Administrators, Speech Language Pathologists, Mental Health Counselors, and Director of Athletic Performance as presented by Dr. Croner. Vote: 6-0

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C. Approval of the permission to advertise for RFP for Safety Netting at Field of Dreams

School board member Shawn Johnson made, and Brian Topping seconded the motion to approve the permission to advertise for RFP for Safety Netting at Field of Dreams as presented by Dr. Croner.

Vote: 6-0

D. Approval of the renewal of liability insurance with USI

School board member Curt Flickinger made, and Trevor Hershberger seconded the motion to approve the renewal of liability insurance with USI as presented by Mrs. McFarland. Vote: 6-0

E. Approval of the out of state and/or overnight travel requests for:

- NW Ski & Snowboard Club, minimum of 5 trips, various dates December 2024 thru February 2025, Swiss Valley Ski Resort, Jones, MI
- NWMS 7th Grade students, Kalamazoo Air Zoo, May 23, 2025, Portage, MI
- NWHS Girls Swimming to IHSAA State Swimming, February 13-15, 2025, IUPUI Natatorium
- NWHS Girls Basketball to IHSAA State Basketball, March 1-2, 2025, Gainbridge Fieldhouse
- NWHS Boys Basketball to IHSAA State Basketball, March 28-29, 2025, Gainbridge Fieldhouse
- NWHS Boys Basketball to Richmond High School, January 1-3, 2025, Richmond, IN
- NWHS Boys Swimming to IHSAA State Swimming, February 27 to March 1, 2025, IUPUI Natatorium
- NWHS Boys Wrestling to IHSAA State Wrestling, February 20-22, 2025, Gainbridge Fieldhouse
- NWHS Girls Wrestling to IHSAA State Wrestling, January 16-17, 2025, Gainbridge Fieldhouse
- NWHS Choir students, 24-25 Indiana All-State Choir, January 17-18, 2025, Embassy Theatre, Ft. Wayne

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

F. Approval of the Consider the additional Woodview Mentors

- Jennifer Tompos
- Sara Nephew
- Mary Miller

School board member Shawn Johnson made, Curt Flickinger and seconded the motion to approve the additional Woodview Mentors as presented by Dr. Croner. Vote: 6-0

VI. DISCUSSION/INFORMATION

i. Financial Update – Jessica McFarland

VII. ADJOURNMENT

There being no more items to come to the attention of the board, school board member Shawn Johnson made, and Todd Gongwer supported the motion that the meeting be adjourned. Vote: 6-0

SIGNED:

Christina Eshelman, President

Trevor Hershberger, Secretary