

WA-NEE COMMUNITY SCHOOLS
Elkhart-Kosciusko Counties, Indiana
OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF THE
BOARD OF SCHOOL TRUSTEES
October 9, 2023

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 9, 2023, in their first 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, Shawn Johnson the following members responded as present:

Christina Eshelman	Todd Gongwer	Trevor Hershberger
Shawn Johnson	Don Lehman	Brian Topping

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

II. SPECIAL BOARD RECOGNITION

There were none.

III. RECOGNITION OF VISITORS & PUBLIC INPUT

There were none.

IV. ADOPTION OF THE PROPOSED 2024 SCHOOL BUDGET

- A. Consider adopting the 2024 School Budget.
 - i. Adoption of the 2024 Budget.
 - ii. Reversions resolution for the 2023 Operations Fund
 - iii. Adoption of Capital Projects Plan 2024, 2025, and 2026
 - iv. Adoption of the 2024-2027 Bus Replacement Plan.
 - v. Business Manager Authorization Resolution

School board member Shawn Johnson moved, and Brian Topping seconded the motion to adopt the 2024 School Budget, 2024, 2025, 2026 Capital Projects Plan, and the 2024-2027 Bus Replacement Plan, Reversion Resolution for the 2023 Operation Fund, and the Business Manager Authorization Resolution as presented Mrs. Libby. Vote: 6-0

V. SPECIAL ORDER OF BUSINESS

A. Public Hearing on First Amendment to Lease

President Christina Eshelman announced the next item on the agenda is for the Board to hold a public hearing on the first amendment to lease being entered into in connection with the proposed construction projects. President Eshelman then asked if anyone in the public wished to speak on the proposed projects and additional appropriations for the proposed renovation projects. After the public is given a chance to speak, President Eshelman announced the Public Hearing for the proposed projects be closed and the minutes should reflect that the Public Hearing was held.

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- B. Consider the Adoption Resolutions relating to the 2023 Projects
 - i. Adopt Resolution Authorizing Execution of First Amendment to Lease
 - ii. Adopt Resolution Re-Approving Building Corporation, Approving the Issuance of Bonds and Approving Transaction Documents

School board member Shawn Johnson made, and Trevor Hershberger seconded the motion to adopt the resolutions relating to the 2023 Projects as presented by Mrs. Eshelman. Vote: 6-0

V. AMENDMENTS TO THE AGENDA

A. Amendments to the Agenda

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

VI. CONSENT ITEMS

- A. Consideration of the regular board minutes for September 25, 2023
- B. Consideration of the claims dated October 9, 2023
- 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. Nicki Wiggins, Extended Day Teacher @ WV, effective October 10 – December 14, 2023
 - ii. Melissa Troxel, Extended Day Teacher @ WV, effective October 10 – December 14, 2023
 - iii. Laura Brubaker, Extended Day Teacher @ WV, effective October 10 – December 14, 2023
 - iv. Jennifer Schrock, Extended Day Teacher @ WV, effective October 10 – December 14, 2023
 - v. Erin Haseley, Extended Day Teacher @ WV, effective October 10 – December 14, 2023
 - vi. Danae Sarber, Extended Day Teacher @ WV, effective October 10 – December 14, 2023
 - vii. Jen Shetler, .6 FTE Academic Interventionist @ WES, effective January 2024
 - viii. Steve Sherk, Department Team Leader – Science @ NWMS, effective October 3, 2023
 - 2. **Retirement/Resignation/End of Employment**
 - i. Jakyah Qaiyim, Freshman Boys Basketball @ NWHS, effective September 26, 2023
- D. Consideration of Professional Leave Requests
 - i. Weston Lambert, INALI Training, October 3, 2023, Indianapolis
 - ii. Jade Sipic, IASP District II Principals Meeting, September 29, 2023, Ivy Tech South Bend
 - iii. Weston Lambert IASP District II Principals Meeting, September 29, 2023, Ivy Tech South Bend
 - iv. Becky Baxter, Developing Behavior Plans, November 8, 2023, Merrillville, IN
 - v. Christopher Berg, Assistant Principals Conference, November 17 & 18, 2023, Indianapolis
 - vi. Valarie Mathews, Speedway Robotics Competition, November 18 & 19, 2023, Speedway, IN
 - vii. Pat Gross, Speedway Robotics Competition, November 18 & 19, 2023, Speedway, IN
 - viii. Joey Shepherd, Midwest Band & Orchestra Clinic, December 20-22, 2023, Chicago, IL
- E. Consideration of Grants and Donations
 - i. \$150 donation from Barnes & Thornburg LLP for the Larry Weaver Memorial to be used by NWHS Athletics
 - ii. \$50 donation from Pamela King for the Larry Weaver Memorial to be used by NWHS Athletics
 - iii. \$250 donation from William Cramer for the Larry Weaver Memorial to be used by NWHS Athletics
 - iv. \$100 donation from David & Cheryl Riggle for the Larry Weaver Memorial to be used by NWHS Athletics
 - v. \$100 donation from James & Rikki Tuesley for the Larry Weaver Memorial to be used by NWHS Athletics
 - vi. \$250 donation from Andy & Billie Roeder for the Larry Weaver Memorial to be used by NWHS Athletics
 - vii. \$100 donation from Michael Nicolini for the Larry Weaver Memorial to be used by NWHS Athletics

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- viii. \$700 donation from Friends of Wakarusa Public Library to be used by NWMS Battle of Books
- ix. \$200 donation from J & N Stone to be used by NWHS FFA Farmer's Lunch Donation
- x. \$200 donation from Wakarusa Heavy Equipment to be used by NWHS FFA Farmer's Lunch Donation
- xi. \$50 donation from Ceres Solutions to be used by NWHS FFA Farmer's Lunch Donation
- xii. \$100 donation from Hahn Auctioneers Inc to be used by NWHS FFA Farmer's Lunch Donation
- xiii. \$385 donation from Stephanie & Chad Newcomer to be used for NWHS Boys Tennis posters
- xiv. \$100 donation from Midwest Auto Credit to be used for NWHS Lifeskills Coffee Cart
- xv. \$100 donation from Agronomic Solutions to be used for NWHS FFA Farmer's Lunch

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

VII. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

There was none.

VIII. ACTION ITEMS

A. Approval of the bids for the NWHS Tennis Pavilion

School board member Shawn Johnson made, and Todd Gongwer seconded the motion to approve the bids for the NWHS Tennis Pavilion as presented by Dr. Croner. Vote: 6-0

B. Approval of the reauthorize the current WCS Reopening Plan with no changes last approved May 9, 2023

School board member Trevor Hershberger made, and Brian Topping seconded the motion to approve the reauthorize the current WCS Reopening Plan with no changes last approved May 9, 2023 as presented by Dr. Croner. Vote: 0-6

C. Approval of the amended reauthorize the current WCS Reopening Plan

School board member Shawn Johnson made, and Brian Topping seconded the motion to approve the reauthorize the amended WCS Reopening Plan with requested changes. Vote: 6-0

IX. DISCUSSION/INFORMATION

- i. Construction Update – Weigand
- ii. Playing Surface for Andrews Field – Dr. Croner

There being no further business to come to the attention of the board school board member Shawn Johnson made and Trevor Hershberger seconded the motion to adjourn. Vote: 6-0

SIGNED: _____
Christina Eshelman, President

Shawn C. Johnson, Secretary

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