

**WA-NEE COMMUNITY SCHOOLS
Elkhart-Kosciusko Counties, Indiana
OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF THE
BOARD OF SCHOOL TRUSTEES
January 10, 2022**

A Tradition of Excellence: Preparing today's students for tomorrow's challenges.

The Board of School Trustees of the Wa-Nee Community Schools met Monday evening, January 10, 2022, in their first meeting of the month.

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at the Wa-Nee Administration Building at 6:00 PM by Superintendent Scot Croner.

2. ROLL CALL

On roll call by Superintendent, Scot Croner the following members responded as present:

Christina Eshelman	Curt Flickinger	Todd Gongwer
Terry Graber	Shawn Johnson	Lou Bonacorsi - virtually

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

3. SPECIAL ORDER OF BUSINESS

ELECTION OF BOARD OFFICERS AND BOARD OF FINANCE OFFICERS, APPOINTMENT OF TREASURER, DEPUTY TREASURER, APPOINTMENT OF LEGAL FIRMS AND ESTABLISHMENT OF MEETINGS

- A. School board member Curt Flickinger nominated Christina Eshelman as president of the school board to serve from January 1, 2022 to December 31, 2022, Todd Gongwer seconded that the nomination be closed. Vote: 6-0

SCHOOL BOARD PRESIDENT CHRISTINA ESHELMAN PRESIDED OVER THE MEETING AT THIS POINT

- B. School board member Curt Flickinger nominated as Terry Graber vice president of the school board to serve from January 1, 2022 to December 31, 2022, Todd Gongwer seconded that the nomination. Vote: 6-0
- C. School board member Terry Graber nominated Curt Flickinger as secretary of the school board to serve from January 1, 2022 to December 31, 2022, Lou Bonacorsi seconded that the nomination be closed. Vote: 6-0
- D. School board member Curt Flickinger nominated Christina Eshelman and as president of the Board of Finance to serve from January 1, 2022 to January 1, 2023, and Terry Graber seconded that the nomination be closed. Vote: 6-0
- E. School board member Terry Graber nominated Curt Flickinger and as secretary of the Board of Finance to serve from January 1, 2022 to January 1, 2023 and Shawn Johnson seconded that the nomination be closed. Vote: 6-0
- F. Board of Finance Report – Randi Libby

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- Investment Report
- Fiscal Indicators Report

OTHER ITEMS OF SPECIAL BUSINESS

- G. Upon the recommendation of Superintendent Croner, school board member Shawn Johnson moved that the board keep the same meeting dates of the 2nd and the 4th Mondays of the month with a start time to 6:00 PM at the Wa-Nee Administration Building. Curt Flickinger seconded the motion. Vote: 6-0
- H. Upon the recommendation of Superintendent Croner, school board member Curt Flickinger moved that the board appoint the legal firms of Warrick & Boyn, LLC of Elkhart to serve Wa-Nee Community Schools from January 1, 2021 to December 31, 2022. Terry Graber seconded the motion. Vote: 6-0
- I. Upon the recommendation of Superintendent Croner, school board member Shawn Johnson moved that the board appoint Business Manager, Randi Libby as the School Board Treasurer and Crystal Manring, Wa-Nee Bookkeeper as Deputy Treasurer from January 1, 2022 to December 31, 2022. Terry Graber seconded the motion. Vote: 6-0.

4. AMENDMENTS TO THE AGENDA

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

5. CONSENT ITEMS

- A. Consideration of the regular board meeting minutes for December 13, 2021
- B. Consideration of the claims dated January 10, 2022
- 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. Beth Beer, Extended Day Teacher @ WV, effective 1/10/22
 - ii. Brandi Trusty, Extended Day Teacher @ WV, effective 1/10/22
 - iii. Jessica Gibson, Extended Day Teacher @ WV, effective 1/10/22
 - iv. Laura Brubaker, Extended Day Teacher @ WV, effective 1/10/22
 - v. Laura Hale, Extended Day Teacher @ NES, effective 1/10/22
 - vi. Mindi Mattern, Extended Day Teacher @ NES, effective 1/10/22
 - vii. Emily Reinhardt, Extended Day Teacher @ NES, effective 1/10/22
 - viii. Tori Saucedo, Extended Day Teacher @ NES, effective 1/10/22
 - ix. Monty Flowers, Sub Bus Driver, effective TBD
 - x. Richard Bainter, Sub Bus Driver, effective TBD
 - xi. Steve Sherk, PM Shuttle Driver, effective November 29, 2021
 - xii. Elizabeth Eberle, Extended Day Teacher @ MES, effective 1/10/22
 - xiii. Anni Booher, Extended Day Teacher @ WES, effective 1/10/22
 - xiv. Erin Haseley, Extended Day Teacher @ WES, effective 1/10/22
 - xv. Burt Kuhn, Extended Day Teacher @ WES, effective 1/10/22
 - xvi. Tonya White, Extended Day Teacher @ WES, effective 1/10/22
 - xvii. Mary Slabaugh, Extended Day Teacher @ WES, effective 1/10/22
 - xviii. Tricia Ulery, Extended Day Teacher @ WES, effective 1/10/22
 - xix. Susana Castillo, Instructional Ass't @ WES, effective 1/5/22
 - xx. Allison Dutkowski, Special Ed Ass't @ NES, effective TBD

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2. Retirement/Resignation/End of Employment

- i. Donna Schmucker, P/T Cafeteria @ NWMS, effective 12/18/21
- ii. Blake Glogouski, .5 Wrestling Coach @ NWMS, effective 12/6/21
- iii. Marcy Porter, Bilingual Instructional Coach, effective August 2022

3. Transfer

- i. Allison Denton, from Float Driver to Regular Route Driver #57, effective January 3, 2022
- ii. Brandi Henderson, from Substitute Teacher to Agriculture Teacher @ NWHS, effective January 3, 2022

Leave of Absence

- i. Kristin Harris, F/T Cafeteria @ NWMS, effective March 3 thru May 24, 2022

D. Consideration of Professional Leave Requests

- i. JoLynn Miller, IMEA State Conference, January 14-15, 2022, Grand Wayne Center
- ii. Grace Allen, 2022 IAAE Winter Workshop, January 13, 2022, Indiana FFA Leadership Center
- iii. Brandi Henderson, 2022 IAAE Winter Workshop, 1/13/22, Indiana FFA Leadership Center
- iv. Brandi Henderson, FFA Leadership Summit, January 20, 2022, Huntington University
- v. Brooke Hess, Minds in Motion, January 26, 2022, Middlebury, IN
- vi. Megan Keller, Minds in Motion, January 26, 2022, Middlebury, IN
- vii. Karla Myers Handrich, Minds in Motion, January 25, 2022, Middlebury, IN
- viii. Stephanie Lechlitner, Minds in Motion, January 25, 2022, Middlebury, IN
- ix. Kim Culp, Pool Operator Conference, January 20, 2021, Virtual
- x. Dina Koble, ACP Speech Review Day, 2/11/22, online
- xi. Mike Furfaro, ACP Math Seminar, 2/28/22, IU Bloomington
- xii. Samantha Willsey, Fullbright Teachers Global Classroom Fellowship, 3/20/22-4/2/22, France
- xiii. Samantha Willsey, Ecology Project International, 3/4-12/22, Baja Mexico

E. Consideration of Grants and Donations

- \$1,953 donation from Todd & Melissa Cleveland to be used for the NWHS Captains Club
- \$1,000 donation from Eric & Angela Miller to be used for NWHS Pep Band shirts
- \$25,000 donation from the Tuttle Family Foundation to be used for the Field of Dreams project
- \$25,000 donation from Blake & Marissa Cleveland to be used for the Field of Dreams project
- \$50,000 donation from Charlie & Kristin Roeder to be used for the Field of Dreams project
- \$100,000 donation from the Dr. Jeffrey Hartzell Family to be used for the Field of Dreams project
- \$300,000 donation from the Cleveland Family Foundation to be used for the Field of Dreams project
- \$50 donation from the Vincent Family to be used for the NWMS Student Council
- \$100 donation from DNA Veterinary Associates to be used for the NWHS Academic Teams
- \$100 donation from Phil Hahn & Associates to be used for the NWHS Academic Teams
- \$100 donation from Stickleby's Ace Hardware to be used for the NWHS Academic Teams
- \$100 donation from Martin Brothers Contracting, Inc to be used for the NWHS Academic Teams
- \$100 donation from Quality Window & Door to be used for the NWHS Academic Teams
- \$100 donation from Newcomer Service to be used for the NWHS Academic Teams
- \$200 donation from Intech Trailers to be used for the NWHS Academic Teams
- \$250 donation from Patrick Industries/Indiana Transport to be used for the NWHS Academic Teams
- \$300 donation from J & N Stone, Inc to be used for the NWHS Academic Teams
- \$1,000 donation from Henschen Oil, Inc to be used for the NWHS Academic Teams
- \$1,000 donation from Nappanee Missionary Church to be used for winter clothes for needy children
- \$100 donation from Kevin & Marita Roemke for the Diane Brown Memorial Fund at WES

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

6. **RECOGNITION OF VISITORS & PUBLIC INPUT**

7. **ACTION ITEMS**

A. **APPROVAL OF THE CONFLICT-OF-INTEREST STATEMENTS**

The school board was asked to consider Conflict of Interest Statements for the following board members. Conflict of Interest Statements are required of board members and key administrators pursuant to and in compliance with Indiana Code (35-44-1-3.) Conflict of Interest Statements are needed because:

- Don Lehman's daughter, Bailie, is an employee of Wa-Nee Community Schools.
- Shawn Johnson's wife, Carrie, is an employee of Wa-Nee Community Schools.
- Curt Flickinger is employed by J & N Stone with which Wa-Nee may do business.

School board member Terry Graber made, and Christina Eshelman seconded the motion to approve the Conflict-of-Interest statements as presented by Mrs. Eshelman. Vote: 5-0-1

B. **APPROVAL OF THE NWHS COURSE DESCRIPTION GUIDE FOR 2022-2023 SCHOOL YEAR**

School board member Curt Flickinger made, and Terry Graber seconded the motion to approve the NWHS Course Description Guide for 2022-2023 as presented by Mrs. Eshelman. Vote: 6-0

C. **APPROVAL OF HEALTH SCREENING INCENTIVE**

School board member Curt Flickinger made, and Shawn Johnson seconded the motion to approve the Health Screening Incentive as presented by Mrs. Eshelman. Vote: 6-0

D. **APPROVAL OF THE OUT OF STATE AND/OR OVERNIGHT TRAVEL REQUEST FOR:**

- NWHS Student Media/Yearbook to IHSPSA State Convention, January 27-28, 2022, Franklin College
- NWHS FFA students to Foundations in Reaching Excellence Camp, January 14-16, 2022, Trafalgar, IN

School board member Shawn Johnson made, and Curt Flickinger seconded the motion to approve the out of state and/or overnight travel requests as presented by Mrs. Eshelman. Vote: 6-0

E. **APPROVAL OF THE AGREEMENT WITH BARTON COE VILAMAA TO COMPLETE REMAINING PROJECTS AT WELLFIELD PARK**

School board member Shawn Johnson made, and Terry Graber seconded the motion to approve the Agreement with Barton Coe Vilamaa to complete remaining projects at Wellfield Park as presented by Mrs. Eshelman. Vote: 6-0

8. **DISCUSSION & INFORMATION**

**Allowance of Accounts Payable Vouchers
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(IC 5-11-10-2 permits the governing body to sign the Accounts Payable Voucher Register in lieu of signing each claim the governing body is allowing.) We have examined the vouchers listed on the forgoing accounts payable voucher register, consisting of 11 pages, and payroll voucher register consisting of 46 pages except for vouchers not allowed as shown on the register such vouchers are allowed in the total amount of \$5,499,305.59.

Dated on this **10th day of January 2022.**

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

SIGNED:


CHRISTINA ESHELMAN, President


CURT FLICKINGER, Secretary