

WA-NEE COMMUNITY SCHOOLS
Elkhart-Kosciusko Counties, Indiana
OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF THE
BOARD OF SCHOOL TRUSTEES
November 22, 2021

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, November 22, 2021.

I. CALL TO ORDER

- A. The meeting was called to order at NorthWood High School Media Center at 6:00 PM by School Board President Christina Eshelman.
- B. Pledge of Allegiance
- C. Roll Call

On roll call by Secretary Terry Graber the following members responded as present:

Lou Bonacorsi, Christina Eshelman, Todd Gongwer, Shawn Johnson, Terry Graber, Don Lehman Superintendent Scot Croner, Director of Curriculum Gretchen Thomas, and Business Manager Randi Libby, and Lisa Hall were also present.

II. AMENDMENTS TO THE AGENDA

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

III. CONSENT ITEMS

- A. Consideration of the regular board minutes for November 8, 2021
- B. Consideration of the claims dated November 22, 2021
- 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. Sarah Hall, Temp P. E. Teacher @ WV/NES, effective January 24 thru April 8, 2022
 - ii. Jill Juday, Temp 1st Grade Teacher @ WV, effective February 25 Thru May 2, 2022
 - iii. Jessica Hawk, 8th Grade Girls Ass't Basketball @ NWMS, effective November 12, 2021
 - iv. Jonathan Kauffman, Desktop Support Technician I, effective November 29, 2021
 - v. Zoran Sipic, Specialized Instructor – YAP @ NWHS, effective November 22, 2021
 - 2. **Retirement/Resignation/End of Employment**
 - i. Chelsea Wachtman, 2nd Grade Teacher @WES, effective December 17, 2021
 - 3. **Transfer**
 - i. Dan Hahn, from Bus Route 57 to sub driver, effective December 17, 2021
 - ii. Kim Culp, from F/T Custodian-Nights to Pool Custodian @ NWHS, effective TBD
- D. Consideration of Professional Leave Requests
 - i. Nate Andrews, IFAC All- State Selections, December 3, 2022, Indianapolis
- E. Consideration of Grants and Donations
 - i. \$150 donation from LPS, Inc. to be used by the NWMS Robotics
 - ii. \$1,000 donation from GLFM, LLC to be used by the WES Robotics
 - iii. \$50,000 donation from Gus & Teri Feiler to be used for the NWHS Field of Dreams project
- F. Consideration of Speech Language Pathologist and Mental Health Counselors contracts

School board member Shawn Johnson made, and Terry Graber seconded the motion to approve the consent items plus the amended additional consent items as presented by Mrs. Eshelman. Vote: 6-0.

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IV. RECOGNITION OF VISITORS & PUBLIC INPUT

There was none.

V. DISCUSSION/INFORMATION

- i. Student Showcase – Dr. Croner
 - a. Wa-Nee Christmas Card Winner – Rachel Roberts 11th Grade student at NorthWood High School
- ii. Program Update
 - a. Bring Change 2 Mind – Becky Tice

VI. ACTION ITEMS

A. APPROVAL OF THE TEACHER APPRECIATION GRANT (TAG) AND SUPPORT STAFF APPRECIATION STIPEND

School board member Shawn Johnson made, and Lou Bonacorsi seconded the motion to approve the Teacher Appreciation Grant and Support Staff stipends as presented by Dr. Croner. Vote: 6-0

B. APPROVAL OF THE UPDATED AMENDMENT TO THE AGREEMENT WITH THE CITY OF NAPPANEE FOR THE WELLFIELD PARK/SOCCER COMPLEX

School board member Shawn Johnson made, and Terry Graber seconded the motion to approve the updated amendment to the agreement with the City of Nappanee for the Wellfield Park/Soccer Complex as present by Dr. Croner. Vote: 6-0

C. APPROVAL OF THE ECSEC AGREEMENT

School board member Don Lehman made, and Shawn Johnson seconded the motion to approve the ECSEC Agreement as present by Dr. Croner. Vote: 6-0

D. APPROVAL OF THE ADOPTION OF SCHOOL BOARD POLICY(S):

- Policy 6220 Budget Preparation
- Policy 6221 Rainy Day Fund
- Policy 5110 Student Residence Verification

School board member Shawn Johnson made, and Terry Graber seconded the motion to approve the adoption of the School Board Policies as present by Dr. Croner. Vote: 6-0

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

- NWHS Varsity Wrestling, 2021-22 Semi-State, February 11-12, 2022, Ft. Wayne
- NWHS Varsity Wrestling, 2021-22 State, February 18-19, 2022, Indianapolis

School board member Shawn Johnson made, and Lou Bonacorsi seconded the motion to approve the out of state and/or overnight travel requests as present by Dr. Croner. Vote: 6-0

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F. APPROVAL OF THE WOODVIEW ELEMENTARY MENTOR'S

Merrie Chapman	Brian Hardy	Phil Jenkins
Clell Kandel	Jeff Kitson	Deb Marsh
Kelly Mikel	Mark Mikel	Frank Ramirez
Dustin Solano	Annette Spitaels	Randy Spitaels
Karen Stats	Seth Watkins	Melanie Williams

School board member Shawn Johnson made, and Don Lehman seconded the motion to approve the Woodview Elementary Mentor's as present by Dr. Croner. Vote: 6-0

G. APPROVAL OF THE REQUEST FOR PROPERTY ANNEXATION

School board member Shawn Johnson made, and Terry Graber seconded the motion to approve the request for property annexation as present by Dr. Croner. Vote: 6-0

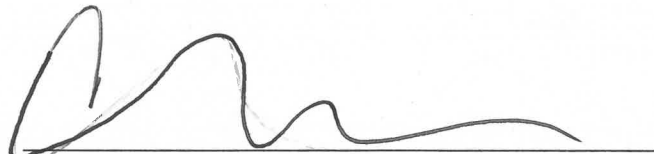
VII. DISCUSSION/INFORMATION

- i. Student Showcase
 - Red Regiment Recognition – Scot Croner
 - Videos:
 - <https://youtu.be/WQs3vereQNU> (Behind the Scenes)
 - <https://youtu.be/7zNXfqT8nFk?t=224> (Full Show)
- ii. Program Showcase
 - Mental Health – Lindsay London
- iii. Financial Updates – Randi Libby

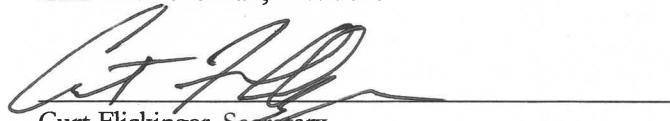
VIII. ADJOURNMENT

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

SIGNED:



Christina Eshelman, President



Curt Flickinger, Secretary