

**WA-NEE COMMUNITY SCHOOLS**  
**Elkhart-Kosciusko Counties, Indiana**  
**OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF THE**  
**BOARD OF SCHOOL TRUSTEES**  
**November 27, 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, November 27, 2023, 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 School Board Secretary Shawn Johnson the following members responded as present:

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| Christina Eshelman | Curt Flickinger | Trevor Hershberger |
| Shawn Johnson      | Don Lehman      | Brian Topping      |

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

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

- A. Heather Cripe – Addressed the Board regarding public speakers at schools

**III. AMENDMENTS TO THE AGENDA**

School board member Don Lehman made, and Curt Flickinger seconded the motion to approve the additions to the agendas presented by Mrs. Eshelman. Vote: 6-0

**IV. CONSENT ITEMS**

- A. Consideration of the regular board meeting minutes for November 13, 2023
- B. Consideration of the claims dated November 27, 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. Jake Simons, Robotics Director – Fall, effective August 1, 2023
  - ii. Jake Simons, Robotics Director – Winter, effective August 1, 2023
  - iii. Jake Simons, Robotics Director – Spring, effective August 1, 2023
  - iv. Jake Simons, Robotics Summer Training, effective August 1, 2023
  - v. Pete Morey, HLC Dual Credit Stipend (Non DC Agrmt), effective August 1, 2023
  - vi. Tina Davidhizar, HLC Dual Credit Stipend (Non DC Agrmt), effective August 1, 2023
  - vii. Michael Nolt, HLC Dual Credit Stipend (Non DC Agrmt), effective August 1, 2023
  - viii. Stephi Neff, Mentor Teacher, effective for the 2023-2024 school year
  - ix. Terrie Mullet, Mentor Teacher, effective for the 2023-2024 school year
  - x. Sonya Wolfe, Mentor Teacher, effective for the 2023-2024 school year
  - xi. Jamie Martin, Mentor Teacher, effective for the 2023-2024 school year
  - xii. Marcy Porter, Mentor Teacher, effective for the 2023-2024 school year
  - xiii. Becky Baxter, Mentor Teacher, effective for the 2023-2024 school year

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- xiv. Ronda Weldy, Mentor Teacher, effective for the 2023-2024 school year
- xv. Mindi Mattern, Mentor Teacher, effective for the 2023-2024 school year
- xvi. Sarah Davies, Mentor Teacher, effective for the 2023-2024 school year
- xvii. Marcy Porter, Mentor Teacher, effective for the 2023-2024 school year
- xviii. Mary Slabaugh, Mentor Teacher, effective for the 2023-2024 school year
- xix. Cheryl Bontreger, Mentor Teacher, effective for the 2023-2024 school year
- xx. Bailie Olsen, Mentor Teacher, effective for the 2023-2024 school year
- xxi. Anni Booher, Mentor Teacher, effective for the 2023-2024 school year
- xxii. Kelly Schmidt, Mentor Teacher, effective for the 2023-2024 school year
- xxiii. Nicki Wiggins, Mentor Teacher, effective for the 2023-2024 school year
- xxiv. Kim Magnuson, EL Coach, effective November 15, 2023
- xxv. Brad Delio, Freshman Boys Basketball, effective June 8, 2023
- xxvi. Mason Porter, Ass't Boys Tennis, effective Nov. 15, 2023
- xxvii. Brooke Rasler, Aquatics Coordinator @ NWHS, effective November 15, 2023
- xxviii. Jordan Anglemeyer, Science HS Stipend @ NWHS, effective August 1, 2022
- xxix. Drew Minnich, Science HS Stipend @ NWHS, effective August 1, 2023
- xxx. Brooklyn Freeland, FCCLA Sponsor @ NWHS, effective August 1, 2023
- xxxi. Ashley Acton, Cafeteria Substitute, effective TBD
- xxxii. Eric Jackson, Bus Mechanic/Technician, effective TBD
- xxxiii. Kent Myers, Substitute Bus Driver, effective TBD
- xxxiv. Cole Miller, 4<sup>th</sup> Grade Teacher @ WES, effective January 29, 2024
- xxxv. Katie Myers, Specialized Instructor – SOAR, effective November 27, 2023

#### **2. Retirement/Resignation/End of Employment**

- i. Brenda Beehler, MS Team Leader: Special Education, effective September 5, 2023
- ii. Eliseo Roa, Wrestling Ass't Coach @ NWMS, effective May 26, 2023
- iii. Servando Duran, Unified Track & Field @ NWHS, effective November 15, 2023
- iv. Emily Livengood, 4<sup>th</sup> Grade @ WES, effective January 5, 2024

#### **3. Leave of Absence**

- i. Grace Allen, Ag Teacher @ NWHS, effective March 15 – May 30, 2024

#### **4. Transfer**

- i. Brock Beehler, from Ass't Boys Tennis @ NWHS to Volunteer Coach, effective November 15, 2023
- ii. Ryne Robinson, from JV Girls Basketball to .5 JV Girls Basketball @ NWHS, effective November 15, 2023
- iii. Gene Zercher, from Var. Ass't Girls Basketball to .5 Var. Ass't Girls Basketball, effective November 15, 2023
- iv. Brock Treesh, from Frosh Girls Basketball to .5 Var. Ass't Girls Basketball, effective November 15, 2023
- v. Rosie May, from Specialized Instructor-SOAR to Special Ed Ass't @ NES, effective November 27, 2023
- vi. Lindsey Steffen, from Special Ed Ass't to Specialized Inst. Student Safety & Behavior, effective Jan. 8, 2024

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#### D. Consideration of Professional Leave Requests

- i. Jennifer Shetler, WIDA Training, November 20, 2023, Wakarusa Elementary
- ii. Brianna Reddy, WIDA Training, November 20, 2023, Wakarusa Elementary
- iii. Nate Andrews, IHSA Meeting for State, November 20-21, 2023, Indianapolis
- iv. Lisa Craven, Skyward SMS Training, December 11-14, 2023, Virtual

#### E. Consideration of Grants and Donations

- i. \$200 donation from Phil Hahn to be used for Academic Teams at NWHS
- ii. Gift of 3 Chartered buses from Metz Auto Group valued at \$3,600 to be used by NWHS Football
- iii. \$100 donation from Animal Aid Clinic South to be used by the NWHS Academic Teams
- iv. \$100 donation from Jeffrey S. Burden DDS Inc to be used by the NWHS Academic Teams
- v. \$100 donation from Nappanee Chamber of Commerce to be used by the NWHS Academic Teams
- vi. \$500 donation from Henschen Oil to be used by the NWHS Academic Teams
- vii. \$100 donation from Newcomer Towing & Service to be used by the NWHS Academic Teams
- viii. \$100 donation from Zimmer Metal Sales to be used by the NWHS Academic Teams
- ix. \$100 donation from Scooter's Coffee to be used by the NWHS Academic Teams
- x. \$100 donation from Heckaman Homes to be used by the NWHS Academic Teams
- xi. \$250 donation from New Paris Telephone to be used for Wa-Nee Robotics

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

## VI. ACTION ITEMS

### A. APPROVAL OF THE ECA CORRECTIONS

School board member Trevor Hershberger made, and Brian Topping seconded the motion to approve the ECA Corrections as presented by Dr. Croner. Vote: 6-0

### B. APPROVAL OF THE RFP FOR THE CONSTRUCTION MANAGER AS CONSTRUCTOR FOR THE WAKARUSA ELEMENTARY SCHOOL 2023 ADDITIONS

School board member Curt Flickinger made, and Shawn Johnson seconded the motion to approve the RFP for the Construction Manager as Constructor for the Wakarusa Elementary School 2023 Additions as presented by Dr. Croner. Vote: 6-0

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

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

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VII. DISCUSSION/INFORMATION

- i. Policy 5136.02 - USE OF GENERATIVE ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE PROGRAMS
- ii. Financial Updates – Randi Libby

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

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

SIGNED:

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Christina Eshelman, President

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Shawn C. Johnson, Secretary