

**WA-NEE COMMUNITY SCHOOLS**  
**Elkhart-Kosciusko Counties, Indiana**  
**OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF THE**  
**BOARD OF SCHOOL TRUSTEES**  
**December 13, 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, December 21, 2020.

I. CALL TO ORDER

A. The meeting was called to order at the Wa-Nee Admin. Office at 6:00 PM by School Board President Christina Eshelman.

B. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

C. ROLL CALL

On roll call by Curt Flickinger, the following members responded as present:

Don Lehman	Lou Bonacorsi	Christina Eshelman	Terry Graber
Curt Flickinger	Todd Gongwer	Shawn Johnson	

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

II. STUDENT SHOWCASE

i. NWHS Competitive Cheer Teams

III. AMENDMENTS TO THE AGENDA

School board member Shawn Johnson made, and Curt Flickinger seconded the motion to approve the amendments to the agenda as presented by Mrs. Eshelman. Vote: 7-0

IV. CONSENT ITEMS

School board member Shawn Johnson made, and Terry Graber seconded the motion to approve the Consent Items with the inclusion of the additional items as presented by Mrs. Eshelman. Vote: 7-0

A. Consideration of the regular board minutes for November 22, 2021

B. Consideration of the claims dated December 13, 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. Lorea Weaver, Title I Ass't @ WV, effective 1/10/22
- ii. Spencer Culp, .5 Freshman Boys Basketball @ NWHS, effective 11/8/21
- iii. Shelly Hartzell, Sub Bus Driver, Sub Cafeteria, effective 11/29/21
- iv. Dustin Goeglein, 8<sup>th</sup> Ass't Boys Basketball @ NWMS, effective 12/1/21
- v. Sally Cline, Temp. FACS Teacher @ NWHS, effective 1/3/21
- vi. Ashely Bedward, Temp 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade Teacher @ WES, effective 1/3/22
- vii. Dennis Lewis, Ass't Wrestling Coach @ NWHS, effective 12/13/21
- viii. Lindsey Steffen, Special Ed Ass't @ WES, effective TBD
- ix. Brittney Lechlitner, Unified Flag Football Coach @ NWHS, effective 8/23/21

2. Retirement/Resignation/End of Employment

- i. Adam Wachtman, Bus Route 32, effective November 24, 2021
- ii. Melanie Fervida, Pool Rental Coord & Aquatics Coord @ NWHS, effective 11/23/21
- iii. Lisa Sherman, Yearbook Sponsor @ NWMS, effective 11/26/21
- iv. Mark Heeter, Academic Coach: Geography @NWMS, effective 11/28/21
- v. Boonie Booher, Head Boys Track @ NWHS, effective 12/2/21
- vi. Emili Zahner, Specialized Instructor-YAP @ NWHS, effective 12/17/21
- vii. Nancy Armstutz, P/T Custodian @ NWHS, effective 12/17/21

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### 3. Transfer

- i. Abigail Drzewiecki, from Special Ed Ass't @ NES to Substitute Teacher, effective 12/16/21
- ii. Michelle Hill, from Instructional Ass't to Temp. 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade Teacher @ WES, effective 1/3/22
- iii. Caryn Miller, from P/T Custodian to F/T Custodian @ NWHS, effective 12/2/21
- iv. Daniel Stull, from P/T Custodian @ NWMS to F/T Custodian-AC @ NWHS, effective TBD
- v. Brooke Hess, from Instructional Ass't to Temp 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Teacher @ WES, effective 1/3/22 to 2/14/22

### 4. Leave of Absence

- i. Jaclyn Pateros, SLP @ NES, effective 2/14/22 to 5/25/22
- ii. Amy Saros, SLP @ WES, effective intermittent 11/19/21 to 5/20/22
- iii. Bailie Olsen, 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade @ WES, effective 1/3/22 thru 2/28/22
- iv. Kaitlin Johnson, 5<sup>th</sup> Grade @ WES, effective 12/7/21 thru 2/14/21

### D. Consideration of Professional Leave Requests

- i. John Dougherty, Pesticide Training, December 15, 2021, Danville, IN
- ii. Geoff Harlow, Pesticide Training, December 15, 2021, Danville, IN
- iii. Brandi Henderson, Curriculum for Ag Science Ed, December 13-17, 2021, Purdue University
- iv. Morgan Alexander, IAAE Winter Workshop, January 13, 2022, IN FFA Leadership Center
- v. Michael Rand, IMEA Conference, January 13-15, 2022, Ft Wayne
- vi. AJ Risedorph, ABCA National Convention, January 6-9, 2022, Chicago, IL
- vii. Kevin Roberts, ABCA National Convention, January 6-9, 2022, Chicago, IL
- viii. Shannon Baker, ABCA National Convention, January 6-9, 2022, Chicago, IL
- ix. AJ Risedorph, IHSBCA State Clinic, January 14-18, 2022, Indianapolis, IN

### E. Consideration of Grants and Donations

- i. \$400 donation from American Legion Post 307 to be used for WES Needy Families & Students
- ii. Donation of 1/3 truck load of Lysol Wipes valued at \$48,000 from Teachers Treasures for use in Wa-Neer classrooms
- iii. \$250 donation from Midwest Spring to be used by NWHS & WV Robotics
- iv. \$250 donation from Kevin & Heather Roberts to be use by NWHS baseball
- v. \$50 donation from Jason Fields to be used by NWMS Robotics
- vi. \$1,000 donation from Kenneth & Debbra Julian to be used by Bring Change 2 Mind
- vii. \$250 donation from Shawn & Carrie Johnson to be used by NWHS Mental Health Awareness Club
- viii. \$50,000 donation from Ryan Thwaits to be used for NWHS Field of Dreams project
- ix. \$50,000 donation from Craig & Teneen Dobbs to be used for NWHS Field of Dreams project
- x. \$500 donation from State Farm - Sylvia Benjamin to be used for NWMS Robotics Programs
- xi. \$500 donation from Interra Credit Union to be used for NWHS Red Regiments
- xii. \$500 donation from McCormick Motors to be used for NWHS Red Regiments

### V. RECOGNITION OF VISITORS & PUBLIC INPUT

There were none.

### VI. ACTION ITEMS

#### A. APPROVAL OF THE SCHOOL CALENDARS FOR 2022-23 AND 2023-24

School board member Curt Flickinger made, and Terry Graber seconded the motion to approve the school calendars for 2022-23 and 2023-24 as presented by Dr. Croner. Vote: 5-1-1

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B. APPROVAL OF THE OUT-OF-STATE AND/OR OVERNIGHT TRAVEL REQUESTS FOR:

- NWHS Varsity Boys Basketball to Richmond Tournament Dec. 28 & 29, 2021, Richmond, IN

School board member Curt Flickinger made, and Shawn Johnson seconded the motion to approve the out of state and/or overnight travel request as presented by Dr. Croner. Vote: 7-0

C. APPROVAL OF THE WCS REOPENING PLAN

School board member Shawn Johnson made, and Terry Graber seconded the motion to approve the WCS Reopening Plan as presented by Dr. Croner. Vote 7-0

7. DISCUSSION/INFORMATION

- A. Textbook Process Update – Gretchen McEndarfer
- B. Christmas Break – December 20, 2021 thru January 2, 2022

There being no more items to come to the attention of the board, school board member Shawn Johnson made, and Terry Graber supported the motion that the meeting be adjourned. Vote: 7-0

SIGNED:



Board President



Board Secretary