

**WA-NEE COMMUNITY SCHOOLS**  
**Elkhart-Kosciusko Counties, Indiana**  
**OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF THE**  
**BOARD OF SCHOOL TRUSTEES**  
**January 22, 2024**

*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 evening, January 22, 2024, in their first meeting of the month.

**I. CALL TO ORDER**

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

On roll call by Secretary Trevor Hershberger the following members responded as present:

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

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

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

There were none

**III. AMENDMENTS TO THE AGENDA**

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

**IV. CONSENT ITEMS**

- A. Consideration of the regular board meeting minutes for January 8, 2024
- B. Consideration of the claims dated January 22, 2024
- 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. Dina Koble, High Ability Coordinator @ NWHS, effective August 1, 2023
    - ii. Drew Minnich, JV Baseball Ass't Coach @ NWHS, effective January 10, 2024
    - iii. Ronda Potucek, P/T Custodian @ NWHS, effective TBD
    - iv. Amber Hogan, Sp. Ed. Ass't @ NES, effective TBD
  - 2. Transfer
    - i. Rachel Stutzman, from Instructional Ass't to Principal Secretary @ NES, effective TBD
    - ii. Kham Piercy, from Substitute Teacher to STEM Instructor @ WV, effective TBD
  - 3. Leave of Absence
    - i. Lynette Ufkin, Specialized Instructor @ WDV, effective January 22, 2024 to February 16, 2024
    - ii. Scott Mikel, Social Studies Teacher @ NWMS, effective February 13, 2024 to March 8, 2024
    - iii. William Moyer, Full Time Custodian @ NES, effective January 15, 2024 to April 4, 2024
    - iv. Elizabeth Griffin, Mental Health Counselor @ WDV, effective November 12, 2023 to May 31, 2024

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***This meeting will be held at Wa-Nee Administration Office.***

***This meeting will be held at Nappanee Elementary School - 755 E. Van Buren - Nappanee, IN***

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**D. Consideration of Professional Leave Requests**

- i. AJ Risedorph, IHSBCA Baseball Clinic, January 18-20, 2024, Keystone at the Crossing
- ii. Kyler Hauptli, IHSBCA Baseball Clinic, January 18-20, 2024, Keystone at the Crossing
- iii. Drew Minnich IHSBCA Baseball Clinic, January 18-20, 2024, Keystone at the Crossing
- iv. Dina Koble, NAGC Teacher Summit, February 13 & 14, 2024, Virtual
- v. Weston Lambert, INALI Meeting, February 6-7, 2024, Lawrence Township Center
- vi. Sheila Cripe, GFS Concession Food Show, February 6, 2024, Grand Rapids, MI
- vii. Sheri Cervantes, GFS Concession Food Show, February 6, 2024, Grand Rapids, MI
- viii. Roxanne Hubbard, GFS Concession Food Show, February 6, 2024, Grand Rapids, MI
- ix. Pete Morey, BPA State Conference, March 10-12, 2024, Indianapolis, IN
- x. Ted Doty, BPA State Conference, March 10-12, 2024, Indianapolis, IN
- xi. Robin Bilinski, IHSPA Convention, January 25-26, 2024, Franklin College
- xii. Nicki Wiggins, Learning Walk, February 8, 2024, NWMS
- xiii. Gretchen Thomas, IASA Cohort (6 sessions), TBD
- xiv. Michael Rand, Elementary Music Teacher's Meeting, January 23, 2024, NES
- xv. Carla Wisler, Indiana Music Educators Conference, January 11-13, 2024, Ft. Wayne
- xvi. Brooklyn Freeland, Family Consumer Sciences Spring Meeting, April 24-25, 2024, Indianapolis
- xvii. Elizabeth Eberle, Learning Walk, February 8, 2024, NWMS
- xviii. Mary Slabaugh, Learning Walk, February 8, 2024, NWMS
- xix. Cody Vincent, Learning Walk, February 8, 2024, NWMS
- xx. Katie Johnson, Learning Walk, February 8, 2024, NWMS

**E. Consideration of Grants and Donations**

- i. \$100 donation from Robert & Laura Zell to be used for Richmond Tournament
- ii. \$500 donation from Lippert to be used for NWHS Winter Guard
- iii. \$100 donation from Justin Nelson to be used for NWHS Winter Guard
- iv. \$135 donation from Terry & Karen Avery to be used for NWHS Boys Basketball
- v. \$1,250 donation from Northern Indiana Johnny Poppers, Inc to be used by NWHS FFA
- vi. \$500 donation from Interra Credit Union to be used for WES Student Needs

School board member Curt Flickinger made, and Don Lehman seconded the motion to approve the Consent Items with the inclusion of the additional items as presented by Mrs. Eshelman. Vote: 6-0

**V. ACTION ITEMS**

**A. Approval of the Transfer Resolution from the Education Fund to the Operations Fund.**

School board member Curt Flickinger made, and Trevor Hershberger seconded the motion to approve the transfer resolution from the Education Funds to the Operation Fund as presented by Mrs. Libby. Vote: 6-0

**B. Approval of the transfer of appropriations in major fund accounts.**

School board member Curt Flickinger made, and Don Lehman seconded the motion to approve the transfer of appropriations in major fund accounts as presented by Mrs. Libby. Vote: 6-0

**C. Approval of the recommended changes to the 2023-24 Classified Manual**

School board member Trevor Hershberger made, and Brian Topping seconded the motion to approve the recommended changes to the 2023-24 Classified Manual presented by Mrs. Libby 6-0

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D. Approval of the 2024 Health Screening & Biometrics Incentive

School board member Don Lehman made, and Shawn Johnson seconded the motion to approve the 2024 Health Screening & Biometrics Incentive presented by Mrs. Libby 6-0

E. Approval of the purchase of four (4) buses

School board member Shawn Johnson made, and Curt Flickinger seconded the motion to approve the purchase of four (4) buses presented by Dr. Croner 6-0

F. Approval of the promotional information on the donated Wa-Nee Robotics Box Truck

School board member Shawn Johnson made, and Brian Topping seconded the motion to approve the promotional information on the recently donated Wa-Nee Robotics Box Truck presented by Dr. Croner 6-0

G. Approval of the scheduled E-Learning Day for April 8, 2024

School board member Don Lehman made, and Trevor Hershberger seconded the motion to approve the scheduled E-Learning Day for April 8, 2024, presented by Dr. Croner 6-0

H. Approval of Edgenuity/Imagine Learning as the alternative curriculum.

School board member Curt Flickinger made, and Trevor Hershberger seconded the motion to approve Edgenuity/Imagine Learning as the alternative curriculum as presented by Dr. Thomas. Vote: 6-0.

I. Approval of the recommended changes to the 2024-25 NWHS Credit Recovery/Alternative Path Courses

School board member Curt Flickinger made, and Don Lehman seconded the motion to approve the recommended changes to the 2024-25 NWHS Credit Recovery/Alternative Path Courses as presented by Dr. Thomas. Vote: 6-0.

J. Approval of the recommended changes to the 2024-25 NWHS Course Description Guide

School board member Curt Flickinger made, and Trevor Hershberger seconded the motion to approve the recommended changes to the NWHS Course Description Guide for 2024-2025 as presented by Dr. Thomas. Vote: 6-0

K. Approval of the out of state and/or overnight travel request for:

- NWHS BPA members to BPA State Conference, March 10-12, 2024, Indianapolis, IN

School board member Shawn Johnson made, and Trevor Hershberger seconded the motion to approve the out of state and/or overnight travel request as presented by Dr. Croner. Vote: 6-0

VI. DISCUSSION/INFORMATION

- i. Outstanding Checks Report – Randi Libby
- ii. Curricular Materials Update – Randi Libby
- iii. Financial Update Report – Randi Libby

VII. ADJOURNMENT

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

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SIGNED:

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Christina Eshelman, President

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Trevor Hershberger, Secretary

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