

**WA-NEE COMMUNITY SCHOOLS**  
**Elkhart-Kosciusko Counties, Indiana**  
**OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF THE**  
**BOARD OF SCHOOL TRUSTEES**  
**January 23, 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 II.*

The Board of School Trustees of the Wa-Nee Community Schools met Monday evening, January 23, 2023, 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 Shawn Johnson the following members responded as present:

Christina Eshelman	Curt Flickinger	Todd Gongwer	Trevor Hershberger
Shawn Johnson	Brian Topping	Don Lehman	– virtually using Microsoft Teams

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 Shawn Johnson made, and Curt Flickinger 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 9, 2023
- B. Consideration of the claims dated January 23, 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. Sarah Davies, Extended Day Substitute Teacher, effective on call as needed
    - ii. Samantha Abel, Cafeteria Substitute, effective TBD
    - iii. Liz Zahm, Temp. Special Ed Teacher @ NES, effective February 1, 2023
    - iv. Rachael Agee, P/T Custodian @ NWHS, effective January 16, 2023
  - 2. Retirement/Resignation/End of Employment
    - i. Dana Riddle, SOAR Teacher @ NES, effective January 24, 2023
- D. Consideration of Professional Leave Requests
  - i. Weston Lambert, IASP:INALI Seminar, February 7, 2023, Indianapolis
  - ii. Kris Hershberger, National SRO Conference, June 28 – July 3, 2023, Indianapolis
  - iii. James Geleske, National SRO Conference, June 27 – July 3, 2023, Indianapolis
  - iv. John Tice, National SRO Conference, June 27 – July 3, 2023, Indianapolis
  - v. Dan Hawkins, National SRO Conference, June 27 – July 3, 2023, Indianapolis
  - vi. Stephen Sherk, HASTI Conference, February 12-15, 2023
  - vii. Sonya Wolfe, HASTI Conference, February 12-15, 2023

***The next regularly scheduled meeting of the Wa-Nee School Board will be Monday, February 13, 2022, at 6:00 PM***

***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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- viii. Tom Bennett, HASTI Conference, February 12-15, 2023
- ix. Samantha Willsey, HASTI Conference, February 12-15, 2023
- x. Robin Bilinski, Prep for Next Level Parent/Teacher Night, February 13, 2023, NWHS
- xi. Matt Protzman, State Robotics Tournament, March 24-25, 2023, Lucas Oil Stadium
- xii. Kenton Chapman, State Robotics Tournament, March 24-25, 2023, Lucas Oil Stadium
- xiii. Laura Hale, State Robotics Tournament, March 25, 2023, Lucas Oil Stadium
- xiv. Boonie Booher, IFCA Clinic, March 9-11, 2023, Indianapolis
- xv. Mike Furfaro, IFCA Clinic, March 9-11, 2023, Indianapolis
- xvi. Cody Vincent, IFCA Clinic, March 9-11, 2023, Indianapolis
- xvii. Nate Andrews, IFCA Clinic, March 9-11, 2023, Indianapolis
- xviii. Chase Estep, IFCA Clinic, March 9-11, 2023, Indianapolis
- xix. Doug Odiorne, IFCA Clinic, March 9-11, 2023, Indianapolis
- xx. Kyle Stickley, IFCA Clinic, March 9-11, 2023, Indianapolis
- xxi. Brad Stutzman, IFCA Clinic, March 9-11, 2023, Indianapolis
- xxii. Patrick Thompson, IFCA Clinic, March 9-11, 2023, Indianapolis
- xxiii. Jody Weldy, IFCA Clinic, March 9-11, 2023, Indianapolis
- xxiv. Dave Wilson, IFCA Clinic, March 9-11, 2023, Indianapolis
- xxv. Jim Hess, IFCA Clinic, March 9-11, 2023, Indianapolis
- xxvi. Taylor Burkhart, IHSAA Girls Basketball Sectional Meeting, January 24, 2023, Fairfield HS
- xxvii. Phil Ummel, IGGCA Clinic, March 3, 2023, Whitestown
- xxviii. Kris Fielstra, HEA 3-E, January 26, 2023, Goshen Intermediate School
- xxix. Servando Duran, NHSSCA Conference, June 23-24, 2023, Chicago, IL
- xxx. Larry Fielstra, HEA 3-E, January 26, 2023, Goshen Intermediate School

E. Consideration of Grants and Donations

- i. \$500 donation from Kenneth & Ashley Walters to be used by NWHS Young Adult Program
- ii. \$100 donation from Psi Iota Xi-Eta Zeta to be used by NWHS Band
- iii. \$100 donation from Psi Iota Xi-Eta Zeta to be used by NWHS Choir
- iv. \$100 donation from Psi Iota Xi-Eta Zeta to be used by NWHS Drama
- v. \$125 donation from Psi Iota Xi-Eta Zeta to be used by NWHS Art
- vi. \$125 donation from Psi Iota Xi-Eta Zeta to be used by NWHS Yearbook
- vii. \$500 donation from Cutting Edge Machine & Tool to be used by NWHS Robotics
- viii. \$1,000 donation from Metcalf Payne & Bell to be used by NWHS Robotics
- ix. \$125 donation from Wakarusa Chamber of Commerce to be used by New Generation Choir

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

**Don Lehman entered the meeting virtually using Microsoft Teams at this point in the meeting.**

V. ACTION ITEMS

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

School board member Shawn Johnson 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: 7-0

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

School board member Shawn Johnson made, and Brian Topping seconded the motion to approve the transfer of appropriations in major fund accounts as presented by Mrs. Libby. Vote: 7-0

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C. Approval of the permission to advertise for RFP for the NWHS Cafeteria Project

School board member Shawn Johnson made, and Curt Flickinger seconded the motion to approve the permission to advertise for RFP for the NWHS Cafeteria Project presented by Mrs. Libby 5-0

D. Approval of the recommended changes to the 2023-24 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 2023-2024 as presented by Dr. Thomas. Vote: 7-0

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

School board member Trevor Hershberger made, and Curt Flickinger seconded the motion to approve Edgenuity/Imagine Learning as the alternative curriculum as presented by Dr. Thomas. Vote: 7-0.

F. Approval of the recommended changes to the 2023-24 NWHS Credit Recovery/Alternative Path Courses

School board member Shawn Johnson made, and Todd Gongwer seconded the motion to approve the recommended changes to the 2023-24 NWHS Credit Recovery/Alternative Path Courses as presented by Dr. Thomas. Vote: 7-0.

G. Approval of the additional mentor at Woodview Elementary School

School board member Curt Flickinger made, and Trevor Hershberger seconded the motion to approve the additional mentor at Woodview Elementary School as presented by Dr. Croner. Vote: 7-0

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

- NES Robotic Team to State Robotics Championship, March 24-25, 2023, Indianapolis
- Woodview Robotic Team to State Robotics Championship, March 24-25, 2023, Indianapolis
- NWMS 8<sup>th</sup> grade to Six Flags Great America, May 18, 2023, Gurnee, IL

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

VI. DISCUSSION/INFORMATION

- i. Outstanding Checks Report – Randi Libby
- ii. 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: 7-0

SIGNED:

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Christina Eshelman, President

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Shawn C. Johnson, Secretary

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