

**WA-NEE COMMUNITY SCHOOLS**  
**Elkhart-Kosciusko Counties, Indiana**  
**OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF THE**  
**BOARD OF SCHOOL TRUSTEES**  
**February 10, 2025**

*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, February 10, 2025, in their first meeting of the month.

**I. CALL TO ORDER**

- A. The meeting was called to order at the Wa-Nee Community Schools Administration Office 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	Trevor Hershberger	David Kauffman
Don Lehman	John Payne	Brian Topping

Superintendent Scot Croner, Business Manager Jessica McFarland, and Clerk Lisa Hall were also present.

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

There were none

**III. AMENDMENTS TO THE AGENDA**

School board member Trevor Hershberger made, and David Kauffman 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 minutes for January 27, 2025
- B. Consideration of the claims dated February 10, 2025
- 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. Zach Benko, Baseball Summer, @ NWHS, effective TBD
    - ii. Tom Bennett, .5 Robotics Summer Camp @ NWMS, effective January 28, 2025
    - iii. Valerie Anglemeyer, .5 Robotics Summer Camp @ NWMS, effective January 28, 2025
    - iv. Rod Lone, Unified Flag Football Coach @ NWHS, effective February 1, 2025
    - v. Paul Eitler, Desktop Support Technician II, effective TBD
    - vi. Rikki Tobolski, Life Skills Assistant @ NES, effective February 19, 2025
    - vii. Madeline Kuhn, Temp. 7<sup>th</sup> Grade Math @ NWMS, effective January 8, 2025
    - viii. Hilary Laidig, Cell Phone Free Zone @ NWHS, effective TBD
    - ix. Tom Bennett, Homebound Instructor, effective February – May 2025
  - 2. Transfer
    - i. Drew Minnich, from .5 JV Asst to Varsity Asst Baseball @ NWHS, effective TBD
    - ii. Krystal Beehler, from 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade Teacher to Sp. Ed. Teacher @ WES, effective August 1, 2025
    - iii. Ledia Olivera, from Life Skills Asst NWHS to Substitute, effective January 31, 2025

***The next regularly scheduled meeting of the Wa-Nee School Board will be Monday, February 24, 2025, at 6:00 PM***

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

***1300 N. Main St. Nappanee, IN 46550***

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3. Retirement/Resignation/End of Employment

- i. Luke Bontrager-Waite, Desktop Support Specialists II, effective January 30, 2025

D. Consideration of Professional Leave Requests

- i. Taylor Burkhart, IHSAA Sectional Meeting, January 30, 2025, Syracuse
- ii. Amy Rosa, STAI, Fort Wayne, June 22 -25, 2025
- iii. Matt Hostetler, STAI, Fort Wayne, June 22 -25, 2025
- iv. Eric Jackson, STAI, Fort Wayne, June 22 -25, 2025
- v. Jamie Eggers, STAI, Fort Wayne, June 22 -25, 2025
- vi. Nate Andrews, State Clinic for IHSAA Football Coaches, March 13 – 15, 2025, Indianapolis
- vii. Jim Hess, State Clinic for IHSAA Football Coaches, March 13 – 15, 2025, Indianapolis
- viii. Chase Estepp, State Clinic for IHSAA Football Coaches, March 13 – 15, 2025, Indianapolis
- ix. Mike Furfaro, State Clinic for IHSAA Football Coaches, March 13 – 15, 2025, Indianapolis
- x. Thomas Heim, State Clinic for IHSAA Football Coaches, March 13 – 15, 2025, Indianapolis
- xi. Jody Weldy, State Clinic for IHSAA Football Coaches, March 13 – 15, 2025, Indianapolis
- xii. Charlie Roeder, State Clinic for IHSAA Football Coaches, March 13 – 15, 2025, Indianapolis
- xiii. Dave Wilson, State Clinic for IHSAA Football Coaches, March 13 – 15, 2025, Indianapolis
- xiv. David Link, State Clinic for IHSAA Football Coaches, March 13 – 15, 2025, Indianapolis
- xv. Boonie Booher, State Clinic for IHSAA Football Coaches, March 13 – 15, 2025, Indianapolis
- xvi. Patrick Thompson, State Clinic for IHSAA Football Coaches, March 13 – 15, 2025, Indianapolis
- xvii. Doug Odiorne, State Clinic for IHSAA Football Coaches, March 13 – 15, 2025, Indianapolis
- xviii. Evan Fras, State Clinic for IHSAA Football Coaches, March 13 – 15, 2025, Indianapolis
- xix. Jake Everett, IASA Cohort 8 Spring Conferences (6 sessions), TBD
- xx. Katie Ewers, 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Honors ELA Planning, January 14, 2025, NWMS
- xxi. Mandy Davis, 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Honors ELA Planning, January 14, 2025, NWMS
- xxii. Anni Booher, ICTE Conference, March 29, 2025, Winona Lake
- xxiii. Jeanie Prenkert, Planning Day for Honor Students/High Ability, January 14, 2025, NWMS
- xxiv. Stacey Morgan, ICTE Conference, March 29, 2025, Winona Lake
- xxv. Randy Cripe, Sp. Ed. Conference, March 7, 2025, Indianapolis
- xxvi. Mindy Valtierra, Conduct KTEA Testing, February 25, 2025, NWMS

E. Consideration of Grants and Donations

- i. \$50 donation from Justin & Amy Bell to be used for Yearbook Staff NSPA Convention
- ii. \$500 donation from R. Yoder Construction to be used for 2025 Teacher Appreciation
- iii. \$250 donation from Robert Hoffer to be used for 2025 Teacher Appreciation
- iv. \$500 donation from Warrick & Boyn LLP to be used for 2025 Teacher Appreciation
- v. \$500 donation from Barton Coe Vilamma to be used for 2025 Teacher Appreciation

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

VII. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

There were none.

V. ACTION ITEMS

A. Approval of the Early Literacy Achievement Grant

School board member Trevor Hershberger made, and David Kauffman seconded the motion to approve the Early Literacy Achievement Grant as presented by Dr. Croner. Vote: 6-0

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**B. Approval of the NWMS 25-26 Course Titles & Descriptions**

School board member David Kauffman made, and Brian Topping seconded the motion to approve the NWMS 25-26 Course Titles & Descriptions as presented by Dr. Croner. Vote: 6-0

**C. Approval of the Woodview Elementary Mentors**

- Chris Walter
- Ayana Hershberger
- Carrie O'Keefe
- Randall Mast
- Dick Stutzman

School board member Don Lehman made, and Trevor Hershberger seconded the motion to approve the mentors for Woodview Elementary schools as presented by Dr. Croner. Vote: 6-0.

**D. Approval of the out of state and/or overnight trips for the following:**

- NWHS Boys Wrestling Semi-State, Fort Wayne, March 14 – 15, 2025
- NWHS Robotics @ State March 21 – 22, 2025, Indiana State Fairgrounds
- NWMS Robotics @ State March 21 – 22, 2025 Indiana State Fairgrounds
- NES Robotics @ State March 21 – 22, 2025, Indiana State Fairgrounds
- WES Robotics @ State March 21 – 22, 2025, Indiana State Fairgrounds

School board member Trevor Hershberger made, and Don Lehman seconded the motion to approve the overnight travel request as presented by Dr. Croner. Vote: 6-0

**V. DISCUSSION/INFORMATION**

- A. Kindergarten Round-Up/IREAD/Extended Day-Summer School Update – Dr. Croner
- B. Enrollment Update – Dr. Croner
- C. Upcoming February 24 board meeting

**VIII. ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business to come to the attention of the board school board member Don Lehman made and John Payne seconded the motion to adjourn. Vote: 6-0

SIGNED:

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Christina Eshelman, President

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Trevor Hershberger, Secretary

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