

WA-NEE COMMUNITY SCHOOLS
Elkhart-Kosciusko Counties, Indiana
OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF THE
BOARD OF SCHOOL TRUSTEES
February 13, 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 evening, February 13, 2023, in their first meeting of the month.

I. CALL TO ORDER

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

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

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

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

II. SPECIAL BOARD RECOGNITION

- A. NWHS FFA Officer Team
- B. SRO Appreciation

III. RECOGNITION OF VISITORS & PUBLIC INPUT

Chad Haviland addressed the board sharing his concerns with the current Special Education classes offered at Wakarusa Elementary School.

IV. AMENDMENTS TO THE AGENDA

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

V. CONSENT ITEMS

- A. Consideration of the regular board and executive session meeting minutes for January 23, 2023
- B. Consideration of the claims dated February 13, 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. Betsy Rangel, Temp. Life Skills Teacher @ NES, effective April 10 – October 2, 2023
 - ii. Jacki Geese, Temp. SOAR Teacher @ NES, effective TBD
 - iii. Zac McGowen, FMLA Prep Buyout, effective March 30 to May 25, 2023
 - iv. Andrew Weingart, Homebound Teacher @ NES, effective TBD
 - v. Rose May, Instructional Ass't @ NES, effective TBD

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2. Retirement/Resignation/End of Employment
 - i. Jessica Clyde, Special Ed Ass't @ NES, effective February 24, 2023

3. Transfer
 - i. Hillary Jarrell, from P/T Special Ed Ass't to F/T Special Ed Ass't, effective February 6, 2023
 - ii. Simona Smith, from ELL Ass't @ NWMS & WES to ELL Ass't @ WES, effective January 31, 2023
 - iii. Brooke Yoder, P/T Spanish to F/T Spanish @ NWHS, effective March 30 – May 25, 2023

D. Consideration of Professional Leave Requests

- i. Jonathan Yoder, Indiana Robotics State Championship, March 24-25, 2023, Indianapolis
- ii. Preston Edwards, Indiana Robotics State Championship, March 24-25, 2023, Indianapolis
- iii. AJ Risedorph, IIAAA Conference, March 18-21, 2023, Indianapolis
- iv. Randy Mitschelen, Indiana Robotics State Championship, March 24-25, 2023, Indianapolis
- v. Valarie Mathews, Indiana Robotics State Championship, March 24-25, 2023, Indianapolis
- vi. Steven Gearhart, Indiana Robotics State Championship, March 24-25, 2023, Indianapolis
- vii. Brock Treesh, Aspiring Leaders Conference, April 14-15, 2023, MSD Lawrence Twp.
- viii. Krystalynn Gross, Student Teacher Grace College Meeting, January 20, 2023, Grace College
- ix. Brian Freeland, Indiana State Robotics Championship, March 24-25, 2023, Indianapolis
- x. Patrick Gross, Indiana State Robotics Championship, March 24-25, 2023, Indianapolis
- xi. Andy Hostetter, Indiana State Robotics Championship, March 24-25, 2023, Indianapolis
- xii. Pete Morey, AP TIP -Mock Reading, April 14, 2023, IUPUI
- xiii. Tina Davidhizar, AP Calculus -Mock Reading, April 14, 2023, IUPUI
- xiv. Tina Davidhizar, AP Conference Calculus BC, July 11-14, 2023, Pike High School
- xv. Kris Fielstra, HEA 3-E, February 9, 2023, Goshen Intermediate School
- xvi. Kris Fielstra, HEA 3-E, March 16, 2023, Goshen Intermediate School
- xvii. Kris Fielstra, HEA 3-E, April 24, 2023, Goshen Intermediate School
- xviii. Kris Fielstra, HEA 3-E, May 19, 2023, Goshen Intermediate School

E. Consideration of Grants and Donations

- i. \$125 donation from Wakarusa Chamber of Commerce to be used for NWMS Select Singers
- ii. \$500 donation from Trine University to be used for NWHS Trine Dual Credit Students
- iii. \$1,000 donation from Eta Zeta Chapter to be used for School Nurses
- iv. \$500 donation from Zeta Nu Chapter Tri Kappa to be used for NWHS Academic Teams

School board member Don Lehman made, and Curt Flickinger 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 FOR THE RFP FOR WINDOWS AT WOODVIEW & WAKARUSA ELEMENTARY

School board member Curt Flickinger made, and Trevor Hershberger seconded the motion to approve the RFP for windows at Woodview & Wakarusa Elementary as presented by Mrs. Eshelman. Vote: 6-0

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B. APPROVAL OF THE OVERNIGHT TRAVEL REQUEST FOR:

- WES Robotic Team to State Robotics Championship, March 24-25, 2023, Indianapolis
- NWMS Robotic Team to State Robotics Championship, March 24-25, 2023, Indianapolis

School board member Shawn Johnson made, and Brian Topping seconded the motion to approve the overnight travel request as presented by Mrs. Eshelman. Vote: 6-0

VI. DISCUSSION/INFORMATION

- A. Kindergarten Round-Up Update – Gretchen Thomas
- B. Extended Day & Summer School Update – Gretchen Thomas
- C. Enrollment Update – Dr. Croner

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come to the attention of the board school board member Don Lehman made and Curt Flickinger seconded the motion to adjourn. Vote: 5-0

SIGNED:

Christina Eshelman, President

Shawn C. Johnson, Secretary