

**WA-NEE COMMUNITY SCHOOLS**  
**Elkhart-Kosciusko Counties, Indiana**  
**OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF THE**  
**BOARD OF SCHOOL TRUSTEES**  
**February 14, 2022**

*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 IV.*

The Board of School Trustees of the Wa-Nee Community Schools met Monday evening, February 14, 2022, in their first meeting of the month.

**I. CALL TO ORDER**

- A. The meeting was called to order at the Wa-Nee Administration Office 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:

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

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

**II. AMENDMENTS TO THE AGENDA**

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

**III. CONSENT ITEMS**

- A. Consideration of the regular board meeting minutes for January 24, 2022
- B. Consideration of the claims dated February 14, 2022
- 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. Mark Mikel, .5 Head Boys Track Coach @ NWHS, effective January 26, 2022
    - ii. Crist Helmuth, Substitute Bus Driver, effective TBD
    - iii. Melanie Fervida, .5 Aquatics Coordinator @ NWHS effective 7/1/21 to 11/23/21
    - iv. Phil Slabach, Substitute Driver, effective 2/1/22
    - v. Denny Miller, Substitute Driver, effective 2/4/22
    - vi. Heather Mishler, Temp. English @ NWHS, effective 2/22/22
    - vii. Morgan Alexander, FFA Advisor @ NWMS, effective 2/3/22
    - viii. Hailee Neverman, Specialized Instructor – APEX @ NWHS, effective 2/14/22
    - ix. Stephanie Gillespie, Temp. Speech Ass't @ NES, effective March 1 thru May 24, 2022
  - 2. Resignation/Retirement/End of Employment
    - i. Darin Simms, Specialized Instructor @ NWHS, effective February 15, 2022
    - ii. Kimberlee Culp, F/T Custodian – Pool @ NWHS, effective January 27, 2022
    - iii. Dawn Payne, 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Math Teacher @ NWMS, effective January 7, 2022

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3. Transfer
  - i. Clara Slabaugh, from Bus Route #52 to sub driver, effective May 24, 2022
  
4. Leave of Absence
  - i. April French, School Nurse @ WES, effective April 22 through May 25, 2022

D. Consideration of Professional Leave Requests

- i. Nate Andrews, NHSSCA State Clinic, March 5, 2022, Mishawaka
- ii. Nate Andrews, IHSAA Football Clinic, March 11, 2022, Indianapolis
- iii. Boonie Boocher, IHSAA Football Clinic, March 11, 2022, Indianapolis
- iv. Brad Stutzman, IHSAA Football Clinic, March 11, 2022, Indianapolis
- v. Mike Furfaro, IHSAA Football Clinic, March 11, 2022, Indianapolis
- vi. Chase Estepp, IHSAA Football Clinic, March 11, 2022, Indianapolis
- vii. Jonathan Yoder, Indiana Robotics State Championship, March 11-12, 2022, Indianapolis
- viii. John Dougherty, Pesticide Conference, February 16, 2022, Elkhart
- ix. Geoff Harlow, Pesticide Conference, February 16, 2022, Elkhart
- x. Pete Morey, BPA State Conference, March 13-15, 2022, Indianapolis
- xi. Jamie Mast, Collaboration Time, February 1, 2022, NWHS
- xii. Kelly Vorhis, Collaboration Time, February 1, 2022, NWHS
- xiii. Megan Bules, Elkhart Area Career Center Tour, February 1, 2022, Elkhart
- xiv. Phil Ummel, IHSAA Golf Coaches Clinic, March 4, 2022, Golf Club of Indiana
- xv. Jake Simons, Indiana Robotics State Championship, March 11-12, 2022, Indianapolis
- xvi. Aaron Wolfe, World Read Aloud Day, Nappanee Elementary, February 17, 2022
- xvii. Amy Rosa, STAI Conference, June 3-7, 2022, Indianapolis
- xviii. Matt Hostetter, STAI Conference, June 3-7, 2022, Indianapolis
- xix. Michael Nolt, ACP Chemistry Conference, April 28, 2022, IU Bloomington
- xx. Randall Mitschelen, Indiana State Robotics Championship, March 11-12, 2022, Indianapolis
- xxi. Andy Hostetter, Indiana State Robotics Championship, March 11-12, 2022, Indianapolis
- xxii. Valerie Anglemyer, Fullbright Teaching Field Experience, March 20 – April 2, 2022, France
- xxiii. Avery Bontrager, State Robotics Championship, March 11-12, 2022, Indianapolis, IN

E. Consideration of Grants and Donations

- i. \$200 donation from Solar Energy to be used by NES
- ii. \$400 donation from Denny Yoder to be used by WES for student needs
- iii. \$1,000 donation from Mary & Justin Dale to be used by WV Robotics
- iv. \$100 donation from Nappanee Family Eyecare to be used by NWHS Academic Teams
- v. \$500 donation from Dr. Weldy's Associates, Inc to be used by NWHS Academic Teams
- vi. \$100 donation from Martin's Well Drilling, Inc to be used by NWHS Academic Teams
- vii. \$100 donation from Topping Dental to be used by NWHS Academic Teams
- viii. \$100 donation from Goshen College to be used by NWHS Academic Teams
- ix. \$250 donation from Jet Technologies to be used by NWHS FFA
- x. \$500 donation from Main Street Roasters to be used by Wa-Nee Robotics

School board member Don Lehman made, and Lou Bonacorsi seconded the motion to approve the Consent Items as presented by Mrs. Eshelman. Vote: 6-0

VI. RECOGNITION OF VISITORS & PUBLIC INPUT

There were none.

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VII. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

There were none.

V. ACTION ITEMS

A. APPROVAL FOR THE FOLLOWING NAPPANEE ELEMENTARY MENTORS:

- Shana Knight
- Steven Slabaugh

School board member Curt Flickinger made, and Don Lehman seconded the motion to approve the Nappanee Elementary Mentors as presented by Mrs. Eshelman. Vote: 6-0

B. APPROVAL OF THE OVERNIGHT TRAVEL REQUEST FOR:

- NES 5<sup>th</sup> grade students to Camp Amigo, May 19, 2022, Sturgis, MI
- NWHS BPA students to BPA State Conference, March 13-15, 2022, Indianapolis

School board member Don Lehman made, and Terry Graber seconded the motion to approve the overnight travel request as presented by Mrs. Eshelman. Vote: 6-0

IV. DISCUSSION/INFORMATION

- A. Kindergarten Round-Up Update – Gretchen Thomas
- B. Extended Day & Summer School Update – Gretchen Thomas
- C. Phone (VOIP) System Update – Randi Libby
- D. 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 Lou Bonacorsi seconded the motion to adjourn. Vote: 6-0

SIGNED:

  
Christina Eshelman, President

  
Curt Flickinger, Secretary