

WA-NEE COMMUNITY SCHOOLS
Elkhart-Kosciusko Counties, Indiana
OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF THE
BOARD OF SCHOOL TRUSTEES
February 26, 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, February 26, 2024, in their second meeting of the month with an Exec. Session immediately following this meeting.

I. CALL TO ORDER

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

On roll call by Vice-President Curt Flickinger the following members responded as present:

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

Superintendent Scot Croner, Director of Curriculum Gretchen Thomas, Business Manager Jessica McFarland were also present.

II. EDUCATION EXCELLENCE

NWHS – Weston Lambert

III. RECOGNITION OF VISITORS & PUBLIC INPUT

There was none.

IV. AMENDMENTS TO THE AGENDA

School board member Shawn Johnson made, and Curt Flickinger seconded the motion to approve the additional items to the agenda as presented by Mrs. Eshelman. Vote: 7-0

V. CONSENT ITEMS

- A. Consideration of the regular board meeting minutes for February 11, 2024
- B. Consideration of the claims dated February 26, 2026
- 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)
 - 1. Kristin Munsell P/T Cafeteria @ NES, effective March 4, 2024
 - 2. Cory Suiter, .5 Wrestling Ass't Coach @ NWMS, effective December 20, 2023
 - 2. Transfer
 - i. Rod Parker, Head Track Coach @ NWMS to Volunteer Coach, effective February 11, 2024
- D. Consideration of Professional Leave Requests
 - i. Valerie Anglemyer, TitleCon 2024, April 10-11, 2024, Plainfield, IN
 - ii. Grace Allen, Ivy Tech PD & Curriculum Planning, February 26, 2024, NWHS
 - iii. Brandi Henderson, Ivy Tech PD & Curriculum Planning, February 26, 2024, NWHS
 - iv. Brooklyn Freeland, Ivy Tech PD & Curriculum Planning, February 26, 2024, NWHS

The next regular School Board meeting will be held on **Monday, March 11, 2024, at 6:00 PM**

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- v. Tina Davidhizar, Mock Reading AP Calculus, April 12, 2024, Ivy Tech Indianapolis
- vi. Zac McGowen, Dual Credit PD Day, Trine University, April 19, 2024
- vii. Pete Morey, Mock Reading AP TIP -CSP, March 7, 2024, Carmel
- viii. Pete Morey, Mock Reading AP TIP -CSA, April 12, 2024, Indianapolis
- ix. Megan Jones, Curriculum Planning – Elementary Art (K-5), March 11, 2024, NES
- x. Hailee Neverman, ELA Observation Course, February 28, 2024, NWMS
- xi. Hailee Neverman, Key Club Service Project, March 14, 2024, Heritage House Nappanee
- xii. Aaron Wolfe, Basketball Sectional Meeting, February 20, 2024, Syracuse, IN
- xiii. Heather Bontrager, Elkhart Co Media Specialist, March 13, 2024, Fairfield
- xiv. Brandi Henderson, Pay Dirt, March 5, 2024, Elkhart County Fairgrounds
- xv. Whitney Goegelein, Curriculum Planning – Elementary Art (K-5), March 11, 2024, TBD
- xvi. Eric Criss, IBA All-State Honor Band, March 8-10, 2024, Purdue
- xvii. Tori Saucedo, NWMS production of Newsies, March 7, 2024, NWMS
- xviii. Sundown Deisch, Youth Mental Health First Aid, April 18, 2024, Elkhart
- xix. Virginia Taylor, Conference for 1st Grade Teachers, April 17-18, 2024, Virtual
- xx. Kristia Phelps, Conference for 1st Grade Teachers, April 17-18, 2024, Virtual
- xxi. Phil Ummel, Golf Coaches Association Clinic, March 8, 2024, Whitestown

E. Consideration of Grants and Donations

- i. \$750 donation from Trine University to be used for NWHS Trine Fund for student needs
- ii. \$100 donation from Beverly Fales to be used for NWHS FCCLA
- iii. \$100 donation from ETA Zeta Chapter to be used for WES Speech needs
- iv. \$1,700 donation from Matt Adams for NWHS Girls Basketball Charter Bus
- v. \$500 donation from M J Finishing LLC for NWHS Girls Basketball Regional student tickets
- vi. \$500 donation from Dicor Corporation for NWHS Girls Basketball Regional student tickets
- vii. \$500 donation from KZRV, LP for NWHS Girls Basketball Regional student tickets
- viii. \$500 donation from Williamsburg Furniture NWHS Girls Basketball Regional student tickets
- ix. \$150 donation from Chad Zahner to be used for NWHS FFA Week
- x. \$200 donation from Reliance Construction to be used for NWHS FFA Week
- xi. \$200 donation from Plevna Implement to be used for NWHS FFA Week
- xii. \$500 donation from Wa-Nee Waves to be used for NWHS Boys Swim State
- xiii. \$200 donation from Donna Persing to be used for NWHS Boys State Swim

School board member Curt Flickinger made, and Shawn Johnson seconded the motion to approve the Consent Items including the additional amendment to the agenda items as presented by Mrs. Eshelman.
Vote: 7-0

VI. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

There was none.

VII. ACTION ITEMS

A. APPROVAL OF BUSINESS MANAGER JESSICA MCFARLAND THE AUTHORITY TO SIGN FOR AND MANAGE ALL CREDIT CARDS

School board member Trevor Hershberger made, and Brian Topping seconded the motion to approve Business Manager Jessica McFarland the authority to sign for and manage all credit cards as presented by Jessica McFarland. Vote: 7-0

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B. APPROVAL OF THE OVERNIGHT TRAVEL REQUEST FOR:

- NES 5th Grade students to Camp Amigo, May 9, 2024, Sturgis, MI
- NWHS Boys Golf, Boys Golf IHSAA State Finals, June 11-12, 2024, Prairie View Golf Club, Carmel, IN
- NWHS Boys & Girls Track, IHSAA Track & Field State Finals, May 30-June 1, 2024, IU Bloomington

Shawn Johnson made, and Don Lehman seconded the motion to approve the overnight travel request as presented by Mrs. Eshelman. Vote: 7-0

C. APPROVAL OF THE FOLLOWING NWAA MENTORS:

- Natalie Abel
- Gail Greenlee
- Jessica Morganthaler
- Patrick O'Keefe

Shawn Johnson made, and Don Lehman seconded the motion to approve the NWAA Mentors as presented by Dr. Croner. Vote: 7-0

VIII. DISCUSSION/INFORMATION

i. Financial Update – Jessica McFarland

There being no further business to come to the attention of the board school board member Shawn Johnson made, and Don Lehman seconded the motion to adjourn. Vote: 7-0

SIGNED:

Christina Eshelman, President

Trevor Hershberger, Secretary

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