

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

A Standard 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, March 10, 2025 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 Trevor Hershberger the following members responded as present:

Christina Eshelman	Curt Flickinger	Trevor Hershberger
David Kauffman	John Payne	

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

II. SPECIAL BOARD RECOGNITION

III. RECOGNITION OF VISITORS & PUBLIC INPUT

IV. AMENDMENTS TO THE AGENDA

School board member Curt Flickinger made, and Trevor Hershberger seconded the motion to approve the additional items to the agenda as presented by Mrs. Eshelman. Vote: 5-0

V. CONSENT ITEMS

- A. Consideration of the regular board minutes for February 10, 2025
- B. Consideration of the claims dated March 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. Megan Bules, Homebound Instructor @ NWHS, effective February 3, 2025
 - ii. Brittani Shields, Soccer Girls JV Coach @ NWHS, effective February 24, 2025
 - iii. Andrew Weddle, Baseball JV Assistant Coach @ NWHS, effective February 24, 2025
 - iv. Brandi Henderson, Summer SAE Ag @ NWHS, effective June 2, 2025
 - v. Grace Allen, Summer SAE Ag @ NWHS, effective June 2, 2025
 - vi. Emily Winters, Elementary Ed Teacher @ WDV, effective August 2025
 - vii. Jaci Hochstetler, Temp. 7th Grade Social Studies @ NWMS, effective March 10, 2025
 - 2. Resignation/Retirement/End of Employment
 - i. Kathryn Dosal, Special Ed. Asst. @ NES, effective February 18, 2025
 - ii. Hailee Neverman, Key Club Sponsor @ NWHS, effective January 22, 2025
 - iii. Kathy Anglin, Principal's Secretary @ WDV, effective the end of the 2024-2025 school year
 - 3. Transfers
 - i. Angie Cleveland, from P/T Custodian @ WES to Substitute Custodian, effective February 7, 2025

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- ii. Dawn Payne, from PE Teacher @ NES, WDV to NWAA Teacher, effective August 13, 2025
- iii. Claire Williams, from P/T Custodian @ NWMS to Substitute Custodian, effective March 11, 2025
- iv. Angel Abshire, from Sp. Ed. Asst. to Lifeskills Asst. @ NES, effective March 5, 2025

D. Consideration of Professional Leave Requests

- i. Grace Allen, FFA Pay Dirt March 5, 2024, Elkhart County Fairgrounds
- ii. Faith Bradley, DG/Band/Guard District Learning Trip January 31, 2025
- iii. Weston Lambert, Early College Program March 3, 2025, Indianapolis
- iv. Dina Koble, Early College Program March 3, 2025, Indianapolis
- v. Jade Sipic, Early College Program March 3, 2025, Indianapolis
- vi. Stephi Neff, Early College Program March 3, 2025, Indianapolis
- vii. Elizabeth Morrical, Algebra Cohort Curriculum Review March 4, 2025, NWHS
- viii. Mike Furfaro, Algebra Cohort Curriculum Review, March 4, 2025, NWHS
- ix. Evan Fras, IIAAA Conference March 22 – 25, 2025, Indianapolis
- x. Anni Boucher, Kindergarten Assessment Days April 24 & 29, 2025, WES
- xi. Amanda Haldaman, Kindergarten Assessment Days April 24 & 29, 2025, WES
- xii. Rose Powell, Kindergarten Assessment Days April 24 & 29, 2025, WES
- xiii. Brenna Egendoerfer, Kindergarten Assessment Days April 24 & 29, 2025, WES
- xiv. Mindi Mattern, TRBI Summit May 2, 2025, Elkhart
- xv. Lindsay London, TBRI Summit May 2, 2025, Elkhart
- xvi. Kim Branham, TBRI Summit May 2, 2025, Elkhart
- xvii. Phil Ummel, Golf Coaches Association Clinic March 14, 2025, Whitetown
- xviii. Sarah Davies, Kindergarten Assessment Days May 13 – 14, 2025, NES
- xix. Hope Martin, Kindergarten Assessment Days May 13 – 14, 2025, NES
- xx. Marissa Reinholtz, Kindergarten Assessment Days May 13 – 14, 2025, NES
- xxi. Abigail Slabaugh, Kindergarten Assessment Days May 13 – 14, 2025, NES
- xxii. Ronda Weldy, Kindergarten Assessment Days May 13 – 14, 2025, NES
- xxiii. Grace Allen, NWHS FFA Farm Bureau Ag Day, March 18, 2025, Goshen
- xxiv. Grace Allen, IN State Proficiency Grading, March 20, 2025, Tippecanoe Valley HS
- xxv. Brandi Henderson, State Proficiency Grading, March 20, 2025, Tippecanoe Valley HS
- xxvi. Brandi Henderson, Lewis Cass Livestock Judging Invitational, March 18, 2025, Logansport
- xxvii. Brandi Henderson, Region 2 Livestock Judging Competition, March 27, 2025, Huntington
- xxviii. Brandi Henderson, Region 1 Livestock Judging Competition, April 15, 2025, Lafayette
- xxix. Brandi Henderson, Jasper Judges Livestock Judging Invitational, April 19, 2025
- xxx. Brandi Henderson, State Livestock Judging Competition, May 2 – 3, 2025, Lebanon
- xxxi. Aaron Wolfe, Basketball Sectional Meeting, February 24, 2025, Syracuse
- xxxii. Jessica Eubank, Strategies for Teaching a College Level Course, March 7, 2025, Indianapolis
- xxxiii. Mindy Valtierra, KTEA Student Testing, February 25, 2025, NWMS
- xxxiv. Faith Bradley, Work With Incoming 6th Grade Band Students, March 5, 2025, WES
- xxxv. Faith Bradley, Work with Incoming 6th Grade Band Students, March 7, 2025, NES & WDV
- xxxvi. Tori Saucedo, Play Production 6th – 8th Grade, March 6, 2025, NWMS
- xxxvii. Eric Criss, Band Clinic for Students, March 25, 2025, Fort Wayne
- xxxviii. Faith Bradley, Band Clinic for Students, March 25, 2025, Fort Wayne
- xxxix. Brittney Lechlitrer, IEP Documentation Prep, March 10, 2025, WDV
- xl. Ann Saucedo, Spring Musical All School Performance, March 6, 2025, NWMS

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E. Consideration of Grants and Donation

- i. \$250 anonymous donation to be used for NES Care Closet
- ii. \$1,600 donation from Indiana Oxygen Company to be used for Welding Supplies NW Ag Dept.
- iii. \$200 donation from Gen Y Hitch to be used for Ring Sponsorship IHSAA Girls Wrestling
- iv. \$200 donation from Jason & Amanda Evers to be used for Yearbook Staff NSPA Convention
- v. \$250 donation from Moyer Electric Inc to be used for FCCLA State Conference
- vi. \$100 donation from R Yoder Construction to be used for FCCLA State Conference
- vii. \$250 donation from American Fidelity to be used for 2025 Teacher Appreciation
- viii. \$100 donation from The Tax Man Inc. to be used for Amplification for NWMS Musical
- ix. \$350 donation from J & N Stone to be used for Amplification for NWMS Musical
- x. \$250 donation from The Waters of Wakarusa to be used for Amplification for NWMS Musical
- xi. \$100 anonymous donation to be used for Amplification for NWMS Musical
- xii. \$250 donation from New Paris Telephone Co. to be used for Amplification for NWMS Musical
- xiii. \$250 donation from Schwartz Electric to be used for 2025 Teacher Appreciation
- xiv. \$250 donation from Coldwell Banker Real Estate Group to be used for Amplification for NWMS Musical
- xv. \$500 anonymous donation to be used for NWHS Baseball
- xvi. \$300 donation from Reliance Corp. to be used for NES Care Closet
- xvii. \$100 donation from E. Newcomer & Son to be used for Winter Percussion
- xviii. \$150 donation from Schwartz Electric Inc to be used for Winter Percussion
- xix. \$500 donation from Subway – Wakarusa to be used for Winter Percussion
- xx. \$250 donation from Henschen Oil Inc. to be used for Winter Percussion
- xxi. \$500 donation from Tuttle Family Foundation to be used for Amplification for NWMS Musical
- xxii. \$100 donation from Main Street Coffee House to be used for NWHS BPA
- xxiii. \$100 donation from E. Newcomer & Son to be used for Amplification for NWMS Musical
- xxiv. \$200 donation from Zimmer Metal Sales to be used for Amplification for NWMS Musical
- xxv. \$100 donation from E. Newcomer & Son to be used for FCCLA State Conference
- xxvi. \$500 donation from Nappanee Noon Kiwanis Club to be used for Amplification for NWMS Musical
- xxvii. \$250 donation from JoEllen Merryman to be used for NES Care Closet
- xxviii. \$200 donation from Earl Huber to be used for NES Care Closet
- xxix. \$500 donation from USI Insurance Services, LLC to be used for 2025 Teacher Appreciation
- xxx. \$250 donation from Burt Advisory Group to be used for 2025 Teacher Appreciation
- xxxi. \$8,000 donation from Martin Bros. Contracting Inc. to be used for NWHS Swim Timing/Scoreboard System
- xxxii. \$100 donation from David & Kara Kauffman to be used by NWHS BPA
- xxxiii. \$8,000 donation from CB Custom Painting to be used for NWHS Swim Timing/Scoreboard system
- xxxiv. \$100 donation from Gary & Kathy Hudson to be use by NWHS Baseball in memory of Denny Myers

School board member Curt Flickinger made, and David Kauffman seconded the motion to approve the Consent Items and additional items as presented by Mrs. Eshelman. Vote: 5-0

VI. ACTION ITEMS

A. Approval of the contract renewal of Skyward from July 1, 2025 – June 2, 2028

School board member Trevor Hershberger made, and Curt Flickinger seconded the motion to approve the contract renewal of Skyward as presented by Dr. Croner. Vote: 5-0

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B. Consider the approval of the out of state and/or overnight trips for the following:

- NWHS FFA, State Small Engines, Trafalgar, April 25 – April 26, 2025
- NWHS Choir New York City Tour, New York, May 29 – June 2, 2026
- NWHS Girls Tennis, Indianapolis, June 5 – June 6, 2025
- NWHS Girls Tennis, Indianapolis, June 13 – June 14, 2025
- NWHS Boys Golf, Carmel, June 17 – June 18, 2025
- NWHS Baseball, Indianapolis, June 20 – June 21, 2025

School board member Trevor Hershberger made, and John Payne seconded the motion to approve the out of state and/or overnight trips as presented by Dr. Croner. Vote: 5-0

VII. DISCUSSION/INFORMATION

- i. K-12 Student Handbooks – Scot Croner
- ii. NWHS Student Athlete Handbook – Scot Croner

School Board Member, Don Lehman entered at this point in the meeting

- iii. 2026-2029 School Calendars – Scot Croner
 - a. E-Learning for 2025-2029
- iv. Financial Update – Jessica McFarland
- v. NWHS Band trip to Italy

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

SIGNED: _____
Christina Eshelman, President

Trevor Hershberger, Secretary

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