

WA-NEE COMMUNITY SCHOOLS
Elkhart-Kosciusko Counties, Indiana
OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF THE
BOARD OF SCHOOL TRUSTEES
March 11, 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, March 11, 2024 in their first meeting of the month.

I. CALL TO ORDER

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

On roll call by Secretary Shawn Johnson 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

- i. NorthWood Middle School – Mr. Steve Bowser

III. RECOGNITION OF VISITORS & PUBLIC INPUT

There was none.

IV. AMENDMENTS TO THE AGENDA

School board member Shawn Johnson made, and Trevor Hershberger 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 minutes and executive session for February 26, 2024
- B. Consideration of the claims dated March 11, 2024
- 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. Thomas Bennett, Homebound Instructor @ NWMS, effective ASAP
 - ii. Katie Stephenson, NWMS Choreographer, effective January 10, 2024
 - iii. Janel Zehring, Special Ed Ass't @ NES, effective TBD
 - iv. Mark Zahm, Temp. Ag. Teacher @ NWHS, effective March 15 to May 30, 2024
 - v. Joyce Zimmerman, Summer Custodian @ NWHS, effective TBD
 - vi. Heather Campbell, Summer Custodian @ NWHS, effective TBD
 - vii. Kristen Koteskey, Track Coach @ NWMS, effective March 4, 2024
 - viii. Ashley Bedward, Temp. 4th Grade Teacher @ WV, effective April 8 thru May 30, 2024
 - ix. Jenny Jess, P/T Cafeteria @ WV, effective March 21, 2024

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This meeting will be held at the **Woodview Elementary School, 800 E. Woodview Dr., Nappanee, IN 46550.**

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2. Resignation/Retirement/End of Employment
 - i. Scott Knafel, 7th Grade Volleyball Coach @ NWMS, effective November 3, 2023
 - ii. Annisa Blosser, 8th Grade Volleyball Coach @ NWMS, effective February 26, 2024
 - iii. Brock Treesh, Ass't Girls Basketball Coach @NWHS, effective February 27, 2024
 - iv. Stephanie Slabaugh, 4th Grade Teacher @ WV, effective March 15, 2024
 - v. Sylvia Benjamin, 8th Girls Track Coach @ NWMS, effective March 7, 2024
 - vi. Roman Smith, Director of Athletics @ NWHS, effective March 22, 2024
 3. Transfers
 - vii. Karen Weldy, from P/T Cafeteria @ WV to Substitute Cafeteria, effective March 20, 2023
- D. Consideration of Professional Leave Requests
- i. Joey Shepherd, 5th Grade Instrument Fittings, February 12, 2024, Woodview
 - ii. Joey Shepherd, 5th Grade Instrument Fittings, February 14, 2024, Wakarusa
 - iii. Joey Shepherd, 5th Grade Instrument Fittings, February 15, 2024, Nappanee
 - iv. Brookland Freeland, Interior Design Field Trip, March 26, 2024, Mishawaka
 - v. Sheila Cripe, ISNA Spring Summit, April 12, 2024, Plainfield, IN
 - vi. Amy Rosa, IASBO Transportation Seminar, April 16, 2024, Indianapolis
 - vii. Eric Jackson, Propane Systems Training, April 24-25, Lovonia, MI
 - viii. Eric Jackson, STAI Transportation Conference, June 24-27, 2024, Westfield, IN
 - ix. Steve Taylor, School Bus Safety Competition, June 22, 2024, Franklin Township
 - x. Alicia Kemp, School Bus Safety Competition, June 22, 2024, Franklin Township
 - xi. Matt Hostetter, School Bus Safety Competition, June 22, 2024, Franklin Township
 - xii. Jamie Eggers, STAI Transportation Conference, June 22 & June 24-27, 2024, Westfield, IN
 - xiii. Matt Hostetter, STAI Transportation Conference, June 24-27, 2024, Westfield, IN
 - xiv. Amy Rosa, STAI Transportation Conference, June 22 & June 24-27, 2024, Westfield, IN
 - xv. Steve Sherk, EPI Yellowstone Winter Ecology Project, March 18-22, 2023, Yellowstone National Park
 - xvi. AJ Risedorph, 2024 IIAAA Conference, March 16-19, 2024, Indianapolis
 - xvii. Robin Bilinski, Ball State J-Day, April 25-26, 2024, Muncie
 - xviii. Josh Yoder, Curriculum Maps Workday, March 25, 2024, NWMS
 - xix. Steve Sherk, EF Tours Educator Training, March 22, 2024, Berlin, Germany
 - xx. Kara Sears, Elementary Observation, March 13, 2024, Nappanee Elementary
 - xxi. Joe Shepherd, Indiana Arts Education Network, February 28, 2024, Indianapolis
 - xxii. Ann Saucedo, NWMS Play, March 7, 2024, NorthWood Middle School
 - xxiii. Kris Fielstra, CCCES Workshop March 19, 2024, Ivy Tech Goshen
 - xxiv. Meschelle Davidhizar, School Bus Safety Competition, June 22, 2024, Franklin Township
 - xxv. Mindi Mattern, CCCES Workshop March 19, 2024, Ivy Tech Goshen
 - xxvi. Larry Fielstra, CCCES Workshop March 19, 2024, Ivy Tech Goshen
 - xxvii. Abigail Zahner, CCCES Workshop March 19, 2024, Ivy Tech Goshen
 - xxviii. Jake Simons, Indiana State Robotics ES Division Set-Up, March 22-23, 2024, Indianapolis
- E. Consideration of Grants and Donation
- i. \$1,800 donation from Elkhart County Gravel to be used for NWHS Boys Soccer uniforms
 - ii. \$3,600 grant from Nat'l FFA Lilly Endowment – PD Grant to be used for CASE Workshop for Ag Curriculum
 - iii. \$10,000 grant from Nat'l FFA Lilly Endowment – Classroom Enhancement Grant to be used by NWHS Ag classes

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

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VI. ACTION ITEMS

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

- NWHS Yearbook, Ball State J-Day, April 25-26, 2024, Marion, IN
- NWHS Choir, Broadway Musical "Wicked", May 26, 2024, Grand Rapids, MI

School board member Shawn Johnson made, and Trevor Hershberger seconded the motion to approve the out of state and/or overnight trips as presented by Dr. Croner. Vote: 7-0

VII. DISCUSSION/INFORMATION

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

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

SIGNED:

Christina Eshelman, President

Trevor Hershberger, Secretary

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