

**WA-NEE COMMUNITY SCHOOLS**  
**Elkhart-Kosciusko Counties, Indiana**  
**OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF THE**  
**BOARD OF SCHOOL TRUSTEES**  
**March 25, 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 25, 2024.

**I. CALL TO ORDER**

- A. The meeting was called to order at Woodview Elementary School at 6:00 PM by School Board Vice-President Don Lehman.
- B. Pledge of Allegiance
- C. Roll Call

On roll call by Secretary Shawn Johnson the following members responded as present:

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

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

**II. SPECIAL BOARD RECOGNITION**

- i. Woodview Elementary School – Mrs. Kim Branham

**III. RECOGNITION OF VISITORS & PUBLIC INPUT**

There was none.

**IV. AMENDMENTS TO THE AGENDA**

School board member Curt Flickinger made, and Brian Topping seconded the motion to approve the additional items to the agenda as presented by Mr. Lehman. Vote: 6-0

**V. CONSENT ITEMS**

- A. Consideration of the regular board and executive session minutes for March 11, 2024
- B. Consideration of the claims dated March 25, 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. Marcy Porter, Summer ESL Teacher @ NWMS, effective May 31, 2024
    - ii. Kim Magnuson, Summer ESL Teacher @ NWMS, effective May 31, 2024
    - iii. Rod Parker, Track Coach @ NWMS, effective March 14, 2024
    - iv. Jordan Anglemeyer, Girls Golf @ NWHS, effective March 14, 2024
    - v. Laura Hale, Ext. Day Gr. 3 Lead Teacher @ NES, effective April 9 – May 14, 2024
    - vi. Sarah Davies, Ext. Day Gr. 3 Sub Teacher @ NES, effective April 9 – May 14, 2024
    - vii. Hope Martin, Ext. Day Gr. 3 Sub Teacher @ NES, effective April 9 – May 14, 2024
    - viii. Burt Kuhn, Extended Day Gr. 3 Teacher @ WES, effective Session 3
    - ix. Shelly Lengacher, Extended Day Gr. 3 Sub Teacher @ WES, effective Session 3
    - x. Kim Magnuson, Extended Day EL Teacher @ WES, effective Session 3
    - xi. Deb Fisher, Extended Day Teacher @ WES, effective Session 3
    - xii. Cheryl Bontreger, Extended Day Teacher @ WES, effective Session 3
    - xiii. Dana Brown, Ext. Day Teacher @ WV, effective April 9 – May 14, 2024

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- xiv. Melissa Troxel, Ext. Day Teacher @ WV, effective April 9 – May 14, 2024
- xv. Erin Haseley, Ext. Day Teacher @ WV, effective April 9 – May 14, 2024
- xvi. Danae Sarber, Ext. Day Teacher @ WV, effective April 9 – May 14, 2024
- xvii. Sarah Davies, Ext. Day Kdg Teacher @ NES, effective April 9, 2024
- xviii. Hope Martin, Ext. Day Kdg Sub Teacher @ NES, effective April 9, 2024
- xix. Marissa Reinholtz, Ext. Day Kdg Sub Teacher @ NES, effective April 9, 2024
- xx. Heather Hershberger, EL Teacher, effective August 2024
- xxi. Kyle Hauptli, .5 JV Ass't Baseball @ NWHS, effective January 10, 2024
- xxii. Jennifer Johnson, 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Teacher @ NES, effective 2024-25 SY

2. Retirement/Resignation/End of Employment

- i. Paige Walter, Special Ed Assistant @ NES, effective March 29, 2024
- ii. Robby Groom, Girls Freshman Coach @ NWHS, effective March 19, 2024
- iii. Staci Groom, .5 JV Girls Coach @ NWMS, effective March 19, 2024
- iv. Paige Walter, JV Cheer Sponsor @ NWHS, effective March 20, 2024
- v. JoEllen Merryman, 4<sup>th</sup> Grade Teacher @ NES, effective June 30, 2024

3. Termination of Employment

- i. Barb Miller, P/T Custodian @ NWHS, effective March 15, 2024

D. Consideration of Professional Leave Requests

- i. Lindsay London, Beacon Community Impact, March 19 – 20, 2024, South Bend Century Center
- ii. Eric Criss, Marine Band Performance Learning Trip, March 28, 2024, Wawasee High School
- iii. Jamie Mast, AP Seminar, March 22, 2024, NWHS
- iv. Kelly Vorhis, AP Seminar, March 22, 2024, NWHS
- v. Brandi Henderson, Polk Auction, April 11-12, 2024, Polk Auction Company
- vi. Stacey Morgan, ELA Enrichment curriculum workday, May 7, 2024, NWMS
- vii. Robin Bilinski, Collaborative Grading, March 27, 2024, NWHS Media Center
- viii. Jessica Eubank, Collaborative Grading, March 27, 2024, NWHS Media Center
- ix. Brandi Henderson, Area VIII Livestock Judging Contest, April 10, 2024, Cass County Fairgrounds
- x. Brandi Henderson, Area S Livestock Judging Contest, April 16, 2024, St. Joe County Fairgrounds
- xi. Weston Lambert, IPLI Program, Various Dates July 2024 – June 2026, various locations
- xii. Kristina Phelps, 1<sup>st</sup> Grade Teacher Conference, April 17-18, 2024, Virtual
- xiii. Virginia Taylor, 1<sup>st</sup> Grade Teacher Conference, April 17-18, 2024, Virtual
- xiv. Katie Ewers, 6<sup>th</sup> grade Honors English planning, April 22, 2024, NWMS
- xv. Katie Ewers, 6<sup>th</sup> grade Honors English planning, May 2, 2024, NWMS
- xvi. Mandy Davis, ELA planning, May 9, 2024, NWMS
- xvii. Jake Simons, VEX Robotics Worlds Championship, May 1-3, 2024, Dallas, TX
- xviii. Andy Hostetter, VEX Robotics Worlds Championship, May 1-3, 2024, Dallas, TX
- xix. Jake Fawley, VEX Robotics Worlds Championship, May 1-3, 2024, Dallas, TX
- xx. Matt Protzman, VEX Robotics Worlds Championship, May 1-3, 2024, Dallas, TX
- xxi. Kenton Chapman, VEX Robotics Worlds Championship, May 1-3, 2024, Dallas, TX
- xxii. Val Mathews, VEX Robotics Worlds Championship, May 1-3, 2024, Dallas, TX
- xxiii. Pat Gross, VEX Robotics Worlds Championship, May 1-3, 2024, Dallas, TX
- xxiv. Jake Smith, VEX Robotics Worlds Championship, May 1-3, 2024, Dallas, TX
- xxv. Kim Branham, TBRI Summit, May 3, 2024, Elkhart
- xxvi. Brooklyn Freeland, Interior Design Field Trip – IKEA, May 3, 2024, Fishers
- xxvii. Terrie Mullet, Co-Teaching Conference, April 10-11, 2024, Virtual
- xxviii. Brooklyn Freeland, Interior Design Field Trip Kountry Cabinets, Nappanee

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E. Consideration of Grants and Donations

- i. \$750 donation from Elkhart County SWCD to be used by NorthWood FFA
- ii. \$2,500 donation from Nappanee Missionary Church to be used by student needs
- iii. \$250 donation from Adam for Elkhart County to be used by Wa-Nee Robotics
- iv. \$200 donation from Scott Fervida to be used for 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Olympics
- v. \$200 donation from MOR Custom LLC to be used for NWHS FFA

School board member Trevor Hershberger made, and Curt Flickinger seconded the motion to approve the Consent Items and additional items as presented by Mr. Lehman. Vote: 6-0

VI. ACTION ITEMS

A. Approval of the bids for the Wakarusa Building Expansion, NWHS Football & Track, NWMS Track projects

School board member Shawn Johnson made, and Trevor Hershberger seconded the motion to approve the bids as well as the alternates as selected by Mr. Dougherty and Dr. Croner for the Wakarusa Building Expansion, NWHS Football & Track and NWMS Track projects as presented by Dr. Croner. Vote: 6-0

B. Approval of the Beacon Athletic Training Contract

School board member Shawn Johnson made, and Curt Flickinger seconded the motion to approve the Beacon Athletic Training Contract as presented by Dr. Croner. Vote: 6-0

C. Approval of the K-12 Student Handbooks and NWHS Student Athlete Handbook

School board member Curt Flickinger made, and Trevor Hershberger seconded the motion to approve the K-12 Student Handbooks and NWHS Student Athlete Handbook as presented by Dr. Croner. Vote: 6-0

D. Approval of the hiring of Ed Pippenger as a substitute bus driver

School board member Curt Flickinger made, and Todd Gongwer seconded the motion to approve the hiring of Ed Pippenger as a substitute bus driver as presented by Dr. Croner. Vote: 6-0

D. Approval of the approval for overnight and/or out of state travel requests for:

- NWHS FFA students to State Small Engines April 26 & 27, 2024, Indiana FFA Leadership Center
- Robotics Teams from WV, WES, NES, and NWMS to VEX Worlds, May 1-3, 2024, Dallas, TX

School board member Curt Flickinger made, and Shawn Johnson seconded the motion to approve the overnight and/or out of state travel requests as presented by Dr. Croner. Vote: 6-0

VII. 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 Brian Topping seconded the motion to adjourn. Vote: 6-0

SIGNED:

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Christina Eshelman, President

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Trevor Hershberger, Secretary

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