WA-NEE COMMUNITY SCHOOLS
Elkhart-Kosciusko Counties, Indiana
OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF THE
BOARD OF SCHOOL TRUSTEES
April 22, 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 IV.

The Board of School Trustees of the Wa-Nee Community Schools met Monday evening, April 22, 2024.

I. CALL TO ORDER

A. The meeting was called to order at Wakarusa Elementary 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	Trevor Hershberger
Shawn Johnson	Don Lehman	Brian Topping

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

II. EDUCATION EXCELLENCE – Sarah Anglin

III. SPECIAL RECOGNITION – Special Education – Jake Everett & Kara Sears

IV. RECOGNITION OF VISITORS & PUBLIC INPUT

There were none.

II. 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 Mrs. Eshelman. Vote: 6-0

III. CONSENT ITEMS

A. Consideration of the regular board and executive session minutes for March 25, 2024
B. Consideration of the claims dated April 8 & 22, 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. Holly Worthman, Homebound Instructor @ NWHS, effective April 9, 2024
ii. Layni Frick, Homebound Instructor @ NWHS, effective April 9, 2024
iii. Celeste Miller, Sub Bus Driver, effective TBD
iv. Taylor Gibson, Sub Bus Driver, effective TBD
v. Brooke Rasler, Ass't Swim Coach @ NWMS, effective April 10, 2024
vi. Ashley Acton, F/T Cafeteria @ NWHS, effective April 15, 2024
vii. Elisabeth Slabaugh, Unified Track & Field Coach @ NWHS, effective March 19, 2024
viii. Lorae Smith, JV Ass't Softball Coach @ NWHS, effective November 15, 2023
ix. McGwire Nickerson, Shift Custodian @ NWHS, effective TBD
x. Kathryn Dosal, Special Ed Ass't @ NES, effective April 8, 2024
xi. Mikayla Moore, Special Ed Ass't @ NWMS, effective March 19, 2024
xii. Celeste Miller, Title I Ass't @ WV, effective TBD
xiii. Owen Allen, Summer Custodian @ NWHS, effective TBD
xiv. Kristin Munsell, P/T Summer Custodian @ NES, effective TBD

2. Resign/Retire/End of Employment
   i. Louetta Slabaugh, F/T Cafeteria @ NWHS, effective April 26, 2024
   ii. Boonie Boocher, Social Studies Teacher @ NWHS, effective May 30, 2024
   iii. Kelley Hunnings, STEM Instructor @ WES, effective May 30, 2024
   iv. Brianna Reddy, Kdg. Teacher @ WES, effective end of 23-24 school year
   v. Abigail Morganthaler, Art Teacher @ NWMS, effective May 31, 2024

3. Termination
   i. Jody Miller, F/T Cafeteria @ NWHS, effective March 27, 2024

4. Transfer
   i. Madison Maurer, from Special Ed Ass't @ WES to Wa-Nee Substitute Teacher, effective June 1, 2023
   ii. Amanda Wilson, from 4th Grade Teacher @ NES to Wa-Nee Substitute Teacher, effective June 1, 2023

D. Consideration of Professional Leave Requests
   i. Jen Mast, Bus Driver Safety Competition, June 22, 2024, Franklin Township
   ii. Jessica McFarland, IASBO Annual Conference, May 8-10, 024, French Lick
   iii. Sherrie Mullet, IASBO Annual Conference, May 8-10, 024, French Lick
   iv. Carlea Bragg, IASBO Annual Conference, May 8-10, 024, French Lick
   v. Crystal Manring, IASBO Annual Conference, May 8-10, 024, French Lick
   vi. Evan Prast, AP World History: Modern, June 24-27, 2024, Grand Valley State University
   vii. Mandy Davis, 6th Grade Honors English planning, April 22, 2024, NWMS.
   viii. Mandy Davis, 6th Grade Honors English planning, May 2, 2024, NWMS
   ix. Mandy Davis, Co-Teaching ElA Planning, May 9, 2024, NWMS
   x. Abigail Morganthaler, Curriculum Map Revisions & Updates, April 29, 2024, NWMS
   xi. Rachael Bush, IAM Testing, April 9-12, 2024, NWHS
   xii. Kristin Cramer, 5th Grade Olympics, May 14, 2024, NWMS
   xiii. Talia Reed, 8th Grade Pre AP English Curriculum Development, May 9, 2024, NWMS
   xiv. Lisa Cronkright, 8th Grade Pre AP English Curriculum Development, May 9, 2024, NWMS
   xv. Lori Persing, 8th Grade Pre AP English Curriculum Development, May 9, 2024, NWMS
   xvi. Carla Wisler, 6th Grade choir rehearsal, April 15, 2024, NWHS
   xvii. Carla Wisler, 7th & 8th Grade choir rehearsal, May 6, 2024, NWHS
   xviii. Eric Criss, Indiana All-Star Marching Band, May 24, 2024, Indianapolis Motor Speedway
   xix. Brenda Beehler, Reading Level Assessment, TBD, WV/WES/NES
   xx. Jamie Martin, Curriculum Map Update & Alignment, May 20, 2024, NWMS
   xxi. Abigail Zahner, County School Counselor Steering Team Meeting, April 24, 2024, Concord
   xxii. Cynthia Miller, KTEA Testing, April 9, 2024, NWMS
   xxiii. Gretchen Thomas, Focus on Your Systems, May 22 & 29, 2024, Virtual
   xxiv. Gretchen Thomas, Focus on Your Systems, June 5, 12 & 19, 2024, Virtual
   xxv. Kristen Koteskey, Curriculum Map Updates & Alignment, May 20, 20224, NWMS
   xxvi. Laura Blosser, School Leadership Team Meeting, May 8, 2024, WES
   xxvii. Stephanie Boggs, School Leadership Team Meeting, May 8, 2024, WES
   xxviii. Anni Boocher, School Leadership Team Meeting, May 8, 2024, WES
   xxix. Amanda Haldaman, 2024-25 Kdg. Screeners, April 25 & 30, 2024, WES
   xxx. Bailie Olsen, School Leadership Team Meeting, May 8, 2024, WES
   xxxi. Aaron Wolfe, IBCA Clinic, April 25-26, 2024, Mt. Vernon HS

E. Consideration of Grants and Donations
   i. $2,135.94 donation from Eta Zeta Chapter PSI IOTA XI to be used for WES Phy. Ed Department
   ii. $2,135.94 donation from Eta Zeta Chapter PSI IOTA XI to be used for NES Phy. Ed Department
   iii. $2,135.94 donation from Eta Zeta Chapter PSI IOTA XI to be used for WV Phy. Ed Department
   iv. $2,135.95 donation from Eta Zeta Chapter PSI IOTA XI to be used for NWMS Athletics
   v. $2,135.95 donation from Eta Zeta Chapter PSI IOTA XI to be used for NWHS Athletics

vi. $500 donation from Barton Coe Vilamaa to be used for National Teacher Appreciation Breakfast
vii. $250 donation from Warrick & Boyn, LLP to be used for National Teacher Appreciation Breakfast
viii. $250 donation from VALIC/Corebridge to be used for National Teacher Appreciation Breakfast
ix. $328.10 donation from Fairfield FFA to be used for NorthWood FFA
x. $500 donation from Maple Leaf Farms to be used for NorthWood FFA
xi. $11,000 donation from Views on Learning to be used for Wa-Nee Robotics
xii. $1,742.90 donation from Northern Classic Preview Show to be used by NorthWood FFA

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

VI. ACTION ITEMS

A. Consider approving the textbook adoption for New and Misc. Courses at NWMS

School board member Trevor Hershberger, and Curt Flickinger seconded the motion to approve the textbook adoption for New and Misc. Courses at NWMS as presented by Dr. Thomas. Vote: 6-0

B. Consider approving the End of Year Staff Appreciation Stipends

School board member Shawn Johnson and Curt Flickinger seconded the motion to approve the End of Year Staff Appreciation Stipends as presented by Dr. Croner. Vote: 6-0

C. Consider approving the out of state and/or overnight travel request for:

- NWHS Livestock Judging Team, State Livestock Judging, May 17-18, 2024, Tippecanoe Co. Fairgrounds
- NWHS FFA, State FFA Convention, June 17-20, 2024, Purdue University
- NWHS Football Team, Team Camp, June 24-26, 2024, Trine University
- NWHS Boys Basketball – Team Camp, June 10-12, 2024, Wisconsin Dells, WI
- NWHS Boys Basketball – Team Camp, June 21-22, 2024, Carmel, IN

School board member Shawn Johnson and Don Lehman seconded the motion to approve the out of state and/or overnight travel request as presented by Dr. Croner. Vote: 6-0

VII. DISCUSSION/INFORMATION

i. Financial Update – Jessica McFarland
ii. Curriculum for New and Misc. Courses at NWHS – Gretchen Thomas
iii. 2024-2025 School Calendar/Spring Break – Scot Croner

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: 6-0

SIGNED: _____
Christina Eshelman, President

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Trevor Hershberger, Secretary