

WA-NEE COMMUNITY SCHOOLS
Elkhart-Kosciusko Counties, Indiana
OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF THE
BOARD OF SCHOOL TRUSTEES
April 24, 2023

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, April 24, 2023.

I. CALL TO ORDER

- A. The meeting was called to order at Wakarusa Elementary School at 5:30 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	Todd Gongwer	Don Lehman

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

II. CURRICULUM UPDATE – TBRI PRESENTATION

TBRI Practitioner Matt Borst as well as several K-12 certified staff members who have been trained in TBRI presented to the board the basic principles of TBRI (Trust Based Relational Intervention). Sharing their own unique classroom experiences on how taking the time to build trust-based relationships with their students and interacting with kids on this level has helped them connect with their students.

Dr. Brian Topping entered the meeting at this point in the meeting.

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 meeting minutes for April 10, 2023
- B. Consideration of the claims dated April 24, 2023
- C. Consideration of the Personnel items
 - i. Liz Zahm, Temp Life Skills Teacher @ NWHS, effective May 18, 2023 to January 1, 2024
 - ii. Servando Duran, Unified Track & Field Coach @ NWHS, effective February 9, 2023
 - iii. Danae Sarber, Extended Day Substitute Teacher, effective April 18, 2023
 - iv. Jon Andrews, Girls Feeder Basketball, effective August 1, 2023
 - v. Alexander Barna, P/T Custodian @ NWMS, effective April 24, 2023
 - vi. Paige Walter, Special Ed Ass't @ NES, effective April 24, 2023
- 2. Resign/Retire/End of Employment
 - i. Connie Swihart, Media Clerk @ NWMS, effective June 1, 2023
 - ii. Adriana Mast, P/T Custodian @ NWHS, effective April 14, 2023

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This meeting will be held at the Wa-Nee Administration Building.

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- iii. Kathy Anglin, Substitute Caller, effective May 25, 2023
- iv. Sheryl Hawkins, Head Swim Coach @ NWHS, effective April 21, 2023

3. Transfer

- i. Zoran Sipic, from Specialized Instructor-YAP @ NWHS to Special Ed Teacher @ WES & WV, effective August 11, 2023
- ii. Rachel Kratzer, P/T Nurse @ WES to Sub Nurse, effective TBD
- iii. Amanda Mehl, from Life Skills @ NES to Life Skills @ NWHS, effective August 11, 2023

D. Consideration of Professional Leave Requests

- i. Jessica Bickle, WIDA Webinar Interpreting ACCESS for ELL Score Reports April 19, 2023, Virtual
- ii. Paul Widner, 74th NATA Clinical Symposia & AT Expo, June 21-24, 2023, Indianapolis
- iii. Sherie Mullet, ISABO Conference, May 10-12, 2023, Fort Wayne
- iv. Carlea Bragg, ISABO Conference, May 10-12, 2023, Fort Wayne
- v. Crystal Manring, ISABO Conference, May 10-12, 2023, Fort Wayne
- vi. Randi Libby, ISABO Conference, May 10-12, 2023, Fort Wayne
- vii. Grace Allen, Polk Auction, April 13, 2023, New Paris
- viii. Aaron Wolfe, IBCA Coaching Clinic, April 20-21, 2023, Mt Vernon
- ix. Brandi Henderson, Area X Livestock Judging Contest, April 25, 2023, Elkhart Co Fairgrounds

E. Consideration of Grants and Donations

- i. \$300 donation from Tri Kappa to be used for 5th Grade Olympics
- ii. \$150 donation from Schwartz Electric to be used for 5th Grade Olympics
- iii. \$40 anonymous donation to be used for NWHS Boys Basketball
- iv. \$200 donation from John & Jane Leavitt to be used for NWHS Boys Basketball
- v. \$30 donation from Ann & Andy Umbaugh to be used for NWHS Boys Basketball
- vi. \$50 donation from Larry & Linda Thompson to be used for NWHS Baseball
- vii. \$50 donation from Jim & Linda Hartzell to be used for NWHS Boys & Girls Golf
- viii. \$1,200 donation from UFP to be used for NWMS Cheer Team
- ix. \$125 donation from the Wakarusa Chamber of Commerce to be used by New Gen Choir

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

VI. ACTION ITEMS

A. Approval of the End of Year Staff Appreciation Stipends including the Superintendent

School board member Curt Flickinger amended the End of Year Staff Appreciation Stipends motion to include the Superintendent, and Brian Topping seconded the amended motion as presented by Dr. Croner. Vote: 7-0

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

- NWHS Academic Teams to State Competition, May 5-6, 2023, Purdue University
- NWMS 7th Grade to Kalamazoo Air Zoo, May 23, 2023, Kalamazoo, MI
- NWHS FFA to Indiana State FFA Convention, June 19-22, 2023

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

VII. DISCUSSION/INFORMATION

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- i. Financial Update – Randi Libby
- ii. 2023-2026 School Calendar – Scot Croner

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

SIGNED: _____

Christina Eshelman, President

Shawn C. Johnson, Secretary