

WA-NEE COMMUNITY SCHOOLS
Elkhart-Kosciusko Counties, Indiana
OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF THE
BOARD OF SCHOOL TRUSTEES
April 26, 2021

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 26, 2021.

I. CALL TO ORDER

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

On roll call by Secretary Curt Flickinger the following members responded as present:

Lou Bonacorsi Christina Eshelman Terry Graber Todd Gongwer
Shawn Johnson Curt Flickinger

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

II. AMENDMENTS TO THE AGENDA

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

III. CONSENT ITEMS

- A. Consideration of the regular board meeting April 12, 2021
- B. Consideration of the claims dated April 26, 2021
- 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. Chase Estep, JV Ass't Football @ NWHS, effective Fall 2021
 - ii. Theresa Cummings, Summer School Secretary, effective TBD
 - iii. Justin Bell, Summer School Apex Teacher, effective May 27 – June 25, 2021
 - iv. Marcy Porter, Summer School Apex Teacher, effective May 27 – June 25, 2021
 - v. Val Mathews, Summer School Apex Teacher, effective May 27 – June 25, 2021
 - vi. Robin Bilinski, Summer School Apex Teacher, effective May 27 – June 25, 2021
 - vii. Amy Beer, Summer School FFA Teacher, effective TBD
 - viii. Eric Criss, Summer School Band Teacher, effective TBD
 - ix. Scott Knafel, Summer School PE Teacher, effective May 27 – June 25, 2021
 - x. Jason DeMien, Summer School PE Teacher, effective May 27 – June 25, 2021
 - xi. Brenda Beehler, Summer Credit Recovery HS Teacher, effective May 27 – June 25, 2021
 - xii. Kathy Romano, Summer School Assistant, effective May 27 – June 24, 2021
 - xiii. Penny Nickerson, Summer School Assistant, effective May 27 – June 24, 2021
 - xiv. Sundown Deisch, Summer School Nurse, effective TBD
 - xv. Beth Beer, Summer School IREAD-3 Teacher, effective May 27 – June 25, 2021
 - xvi. Bert Kuhn, Summer School IREAD-3 Teacher, effective May 27 – June 25, 2021
 - xvii. Roman Smith, Athletic Director @ NWHS, effective July 1, 2021

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2. Retirement/Resignation/End of Employment
 - i. Dawn Payne, 7th Grade Math @ NWMS, effective June 30, 2021
 - ii. Nicole Davis, Media Clerk @ NWHS, effective May 27, 2021
 - iii. Amy Beer, Agriculture Science & Business Teacher @ NWHS, effective June 30, 2021
3. Transfer
 - i. Brenda Beehler from NWAA Lead Teacher to 6th Grade Special Ed Teacher @ NWMS, effective 8/1/21
 - ii. Carrie O'Keefe from 6th Grade Special Ed Teacher @ NWMS to NWAA Lead Teacher, effective 8/1/21
 - iii. Barb Yoder from P/T to F/T Food Service @ WV, effective April 21, 2021
4. Leave of Absence
 - i. Adrienne Phelps, School Counselor @ NES, effective TBD

D. Consideration of Professional Leave Requests

- i. Sheila Cripe, NIESC Bid Evaluation Mtg. May 10, 21, Plymouth, IN
- ii. Chase Estep, IFCA Annual State Clinic, March 19, 2021, virtual

E. Consideration of Grants and Donations

- i. \$300 donation from Topping Dental Group to be used for Black Swish Basketball
- ii. \$500 donation from Xi Iota Psi – Eta Zeta Chapter to be used by the NWHS Band

School board member Shawn Johnson made, and Terry Graber seconded the motion to approve the Consent Items as presented by Mrs. Eshelman. Vote: 6-0

IV. RECOGNITION OF VISITORS & PUBLIC INPUT

- A. Jake Beer – Opened this portion of the meeting with prayer.
- B. Sarah Hertsel – Grateful to the Board for their service to the children of the community and thankful for being able to remain open to full-time in person learning. Would like the Board to consider the option for students wearing facemask be a choice.
- C. Brayden Blosser – Presented the board with a Stop the Mask Mandate petition and stated makes don't work and questioned if they do work why are students being made to stay home due to being a close contact with someone who is wearing a mask.
- D. Nicci Sloat – Thanked the Board for their service but stands in favor of the Stop the Mask Mandate and let parents choose for themselves what is best for their child and family. Government doesn't always get things right.
- E. Trevor Hershberger – Thanked the Board for keeping schools open and very grateful for that but it is time to fight for liberty. Cloth masks don't work and aren't designed to stop COVID. People in this community are tired of masks and it is time to move on and make them optional for staff and students.
- F. Steve Peach – Thanked the board for their leadership. Has spoken with the Elkhart County Sheriff's Department will not enforce the Mask Mandate and the County Commissioners have stated the County Health Office has no jurisdiction over schools and the decision to follow the Mask Mandate is up to the School Board. It is a control issue and masks don't work and he encourages Wa-Nee to lead the county out of this mess and be a beacon for the State.
Also stated many families are considering starting a home school co-op or private school in order to do what is best or children.
- G. David Price – Thanked the board the work they do and for choosing masks.
- H. Weslie Jansen – Anti mask
- I. Aaron Mullet – Cited a study done in Germany showing children have very mild symptoms and the fear we are instilling in them is disheartening. Wearing masks should be a choice and public schools should be proactive.

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Dr. Croner closed this segment of the meeting by thanking everyone who spoke and attended for coming and sharing their concerns. Ensuring that the School Board and Administration will always do what's best for kids as they continue to review CDC and ISDH guidelines.

V. ACTION ITEMS

A. Consider approving the Wa-Nee/Baugo Pool Agreement.

School board member Shawn Johnson made, and Lou Bonacorsi seconded the motion to approve the Wa-Nee/Baugo Pool Agreement as presented by Dr. Croner. Vote: 6-0

B. Approval of the NIESC Contracted Dietitian Services for the 2021-2022 school year

School board member Shawn Johnson made, and Terry Graber seconded the motion to approve the NIESC Contracted Dietitian Services for the 2021-2022 school year presented by Dr. Croner. Vote: 6-0

C. Approval of the adoption of the school board policy updates and revisions for:

- i. 3718 Staff Education Technology Acceptable Use and Safety (Certified)
- ii. 3718.01 Staff Member Use of Technology (Certified)
- iii. 4218 Staff Education Technology Acceptable Use and Safety (Classified)
- iv. 4218.01 Staff Member Use of Technology (Classified)

School board member Curt Flickinger made, and Shawn Johnson seconded the motion to approve the adoption of the school board policy updates and revisions as presented by Dr. Croner. Vote: 6-0

D. Approval of the Farm Lease Agreement

School board member Shawn Johnson made, and Curt Flickinger seconded the motion to approve Farm Lease Agreement as presented by Dr. Croner. Vote: 6-0

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

- NWHS FFA to the State Livestock Contest, May 14-15, 2021, 2021, Purdue
- NWHS Cheer to UCA Cheer Camp, June 11-13, 2021, Manchester College
- NWHS Girls Golf to Lafayette Jefferson Invitationals, August 2 & 3, 2021, West Lafayette, IN
- NWHS Girls Golf to Hall of Fame Invitationals, August 27 & 28, 2021, Bloomington, IN

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


VI. DISCUSSION/INFORMATION

- i. East Central Cooperative Natural Gas Agreement – Randi Libby
- ii. Financial Update – Randi Libby

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

SIGNED:


Christina Eshelman, President


Curt Flickinger, Secretary

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