

WA-NEE COMMUNITY SCHOOLS
Elkhart-Kosciusko Counties, Indiana
OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF THE
BOARD OF SCHOOL TRUSTEES
May 10, 2021

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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, May 10, 2021.

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 Curt Flickinger the following members responded as present:

Don Lehman Curt Flickinger Lou Bonacorsi Terry Graber Christina Eshelman

Superintendent Scot Croner, Director of Curriculum Gretchen McEnderfer and Lisa Hall were also present.

II. AMENDMENTS TO THE AGENDA

School board member Curt Flickinger made, and Don Lehman seconded the motion to approve the Additional Consent Items as presented by Mrs. Eshelman. Vote: 5-0

III. CONSENT ITEMS

- A. Consideration of the regular board meeting and executive session minutes for April 26, 2021
- B. Consideration of the claims dated May 10, 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. Marla Yoder, Summer School Bus Driver, effective May 27, 2021
 - ii. Brandy Reedy, Summer School Bus Driver, effective May 27, 2021
 - iii. Alicia Kemp, Summer School Bus Driver, effective May 27, 2021
 - iv. Steve Taylor, Summer School Bus Driver, effective May 27, 2021
 - v. Becky Tice, Summer School Bus Driver, effective May 27, 2021
 - vi. Kim Jenkins, Summer School Bus Driver, effective May 27, 2021
 - vii. Kaitlyn Chapman, Summer Custodian @ NWHS, effective TBD
 - viii. Grace Klopfenstein, Agriculture Teacher @ NWHS, effective August 2021
 - 2. Retirement/Resignation/End of Employment
 - i. Brandi Trusty, .5 G/T Coordinator @ WV, effective June 30, 2021
 - ii. AJ Risedorph, JV Boys Basketball Coach @ NWHS, effective April 29, 2021
 - iii. Katlyn Miller, ESL Ass't @ NES, effective May 25, 2021
 - iv. Brad Duerksen, English Teacher @ NWHS, effective end of 2020-2021 school year
 - 3. Transfer
 - i. Val Mathews, From Special Ed Teacher to Math Teacher @ NWHS, effective August 2021

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D. Consideration of Professional Leave Requests

- i. Jaclyn Pateros, County SLP Meeting, May 19, 2021, Concord Jr. High
- ii. Shawna McIntyre, County SLP Meeting, May 19, 2021, Concord Jr. High
- iii. Amy Saros, County SLP Meeting, May 19, 2021, Concord Jr. High
- iv. David Mangel, Superintendent Advisory Committee, June 8, 2021, IASP Indianapolis
- v. David Mangel, ISSMA State Board Meeting, May 20, 2021, Bargersville, IN

E. Consideration of Grants and Donations

- i. \$100 donation from Psi Iota Xi – Eta Zeta Chapter to be used by the NWHS Band
- ii. \$100 donation from Psi Iota Xi – Eta Zeta Chapter to be used by the NWHS Choir
- iii. \$100 donation from Psi Iota Xi – Eta Zeta Chapter to be used by the NWHS Drama
- iv. \$100 donation from Psi Iota Xi – Eta Zeta Chapter to be used by the NWHS Art
- v. \$250 donation Burt Advisory Group, Inc, to be used for the 2021 Teacher Appreciation Breakfast
- vi. \$500 donation Equitable Advisors, to be used for the 2021 Teacher Appreciation Breakfast
- vii. \$100 donation from Daniel & Maggie Carr to be used for the Woodview Crossing Guard Repairs
- viii. \$100 donation from Eta Zeta Chapter to be used by the NWMS Drama/Vocal Arts
- ix. \$250 donation Warrick & Boyn, LLP to be used for the 2021 Teacher Appreciation Breakfast

School board member Terry Graber made, and Lou Bonacorsi seconded the motion to approve the Consent Items and Additional Consent Items as presented by Mrs. Eshelman. Vote: 5-0

IV. ACTION ITEMS

A. APPROVAL OF THE DISPOSAL OF TWO (2) DIESEL BUSES

School board member Curt Flickinger made, and Don Lehman seconded the motion to approve the disposal of two (2) diesel buses as presented by Dr. Croner. Vote: 5-0

B. APPROVAL OF THE TRANSITION FROM OUR CURRENT NATURAL GAS AGREEMENT TO EAST CENTRAL COOPERATIVE

School board member Lou Bonacorsi made, and Curt Flickinger seconded the motion to approve the transition of our current natural gas agreement to East Central Cooperative as presented by Dr. Croner. Vote: 5-0

C. APPROVAL OF THE STAFF APPRECIATION STIPEND

School board member Don Lehman made, and Lou Bonacorsi seconded the motion to approve the staff appreciation stipend as presented by Dr. Croner. Vote: 5-0

D. APPROVAL OF THE RECOMMENDED CHANGES TO QUARANTINE PERIOD FOR STUDENTS AND STAFF

School board member Don Lehman made, and Terry Graber seconded the motion to approve the recommended changes to quarantine period for students and staff as presented by Dr. Croner. Vote: 5-0

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E. APPROVAL OF THE OUT OF STATE AND/OR OVERNIGHT TRIP REQUESTS FOR:

- NWHS Yearbook Staff Summer Retreat, June 28-30, 2021, Indianapolis, IN
- NWHS Boys Basketball Team Camp, June 25-27, 2021, Carmel, IN

School board member Curt Flickinger made, and Terry Graber seconded the motion to approve the out of state and/or overnight trip requests as presented by Dr. Croner. Vote: 5-0

V. DISCUSSION/INFORMATION

- i. Commencement – 2021 – Dr. Croner

VI. RECOGNITION OF VISITORS & PUBLIC INPUT

- A. Mike Hertsel – Opened this portion of the meeting with prayer
- B. Jon Andrews – Parent of 3 children in 3 different buildings as well as a coach. Thanked the board for their commitment to the safety of Wa-Nee students, staff, and families. Personally, doesn't like masks, however, he and members of his family do have asthma and he thanked the board for the protocols put in place that allowed Wa-Nee to have in person learning as well as a safe learning environment. Would like to see the protocols remain in place for the remainder of the 2020-21 school year.
- C. Mark Mikel – Thankful to the Board and Dr. Croner for the work they have done to keep our school opened and able to have in person learning from day one. "Just because you have the Right to do something doesn't always make it the right thing to do". Now is the time as adults to model leadership to our young people in this community. As a licensed mental health counselor, he has been able to check in with his colleagues and student athletes he coaches to see if wearing mask is causing any major concerns or an increase in mental health issues. From what he is hearing and seeing wearing a mask is a very small blip on our students' radar compared to other stressors in their lives.
- D. Kathy Mikel – RN at working in a South Bend hospital. Thanked the Board for their service to the community and would like to see them continue to follow the local and national guidelines until we can get through the PHE we are almost there.
- E. Jeff Fervida – Agree with others that the Board has done a great job but is tired of kids being lied to. States that have opened up have already developed herd immunity. The easy thing is to run the clock out, but he would like to see the Board make wearing mask optional and let families decide what is best for their children.
- F. Jake Beer – Wa-Nee has done a great job, but tired of being lied to. State Legislators have vetoed Gov. Holcomb's veto on SB-5 and Elkhart County Commissioners will be meeting next week whether to uphold the Elkhart Co. Health Departments Executive Order 2021-1. He along with a select group of local parents would like to have answers to 2 questions at the next school board meeting on May 24, 2021.
1. How do they plan to handle mask if the Elkhart County Commissioner's vote to end local restrictions?
 2. What is the plans are for masks for the 2021-22 school year? Will they be optional for students?
- G. Jessica Hawk – Thanked board for the work they've put in to be able to open and remain open throughout the 2020-21 school year. Has spoken with several teachers and they are thankful for the protection and grateful for protocols that have been put in place this year.
- H. Jodi BeMiller – Thankful for Wa-Nee and that the safety of kids has always come first, and some do feel safer with masks. However, would like to see the board consider the freedom of choice be given to students and staff to wear mask.

There being no further business to come to the attention of the board school board member Curt Flickinger made, and Terry Graber seconded the motion to adjourn. Vote: 5-0

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SIGNED:



Christina Eshelman, President



Curt Flickinger, Secretary

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