WA-NEE COMMUNITY SCHOOLS
Elkhart-Kosciusko Counties, Indiana
OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF THE
BOARD OF SCHOOL TRUSTEES
May 12, 2025

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, May 12, 202.

I. CALL TO ORDER

A. The meeting was called to order at the Wa-Nee Administration Office at 6:00 PM by School Board President Christina Eshelman.

B. Pledge of Allegiance

C. Roll Call

On roll call by Secretary Trevor Hershberger the following members responded as present:

Christina Eshelman	Curt Flickinger	Trevor Hershberger
Don Lehman	John Payne	Brian Topping

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

II. RECOGNITION OF VISITORS & PUBLIC INPUT

There was none.

IV. AMENDMENTS TO THE AGENDA

School board member Trevor Hershberger made, and Brian Topping seconded the motion to approve the additional items to the agenda as presented by Mrs. Eshelman. Vote: 6-0

V. CONSENT ITEMS

A. Consideration of the regular board minutes for April 28, 2025
B. Consideration of the claims dated May 12, 2025
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. Whitney Gessinger, 8th Grade Volleyball Coach @ NWMS, effective May 1, 2025
      ii. Marietta Mullet, Sub Bus Driver, effective upon satisfactorily completing all pre-employment Expanded Criminal History Background & Drug Testing
      iii. Claire Williams, Instructional Ass't @ WES, effective August 14, 2025
      iv. Madeline Kuhn, 7th Grade Math @ NWMS, effective August 1, 2025
      v. Lisa Bujtas, 4th Grade Teacher @ WES, effective upon satisfactorily completing all pre-employment Expanded Criminal History Background & Drug Testing
      vi. Ellie Newcomer, Special Ed Ass't @ WES, effective August 14, 2025
      vii. Vicki Sprague, Summer Custodian @ NWHS, effective TBD
      viii. Kathy Yoder, Summer Bus Driver, effective June 2, 2025
      ix. Meschelle Davidhizar, Summer Bus Driver, effective June 2, 2025
      x. Jen Mast, Summer Bus Driver, effective June 2, 2025
      xi. Alicia Kemp, Summer Bus Driver, effective June 2, 2025
      xii. Alex Barna, Summer Bus Driver, effective June 2, 2025

xiii. Steve Taylor, Summer Bus Driver, effective June 2, 2025
xiv. Taylor Gibson, Summer Bus Driver, effective June 2, 2025
xv. Jacki Eby, Summer Cleaner & Monitor, effective June 2, 2025
xvi. Madison Jackson, Summer Cleaner, effective June 2, 2025
xvii. Courtney Grubbs, Summer Cleaner, effective June 2, 2025
xviii. Sierra Huber, Summer Cleaner, effective June 2, 2025
xix. Steve Eggers, Summer Cleaner and Driver, effective June 2, 2025
xx. Sundown Deisch, Summer School Nurse, June 2 – 25, 2025
xxi. Val Mathews, Summer School APEX, May 30 – 26, 2025
xxii. Erin Haseley, Summer School APEX, May 30 – 26, 2025
xxiii. Rhonda Harner, Summer School APEX, May 30 – 26, 2025
xxiv. Rose Powell, Summer School APEX, May 30 – 26, 2025
xxv. Rikki Tobolski, 6th Grade Special Ed Teacher, 2025-26 School Year

2. Transfer
   i. Heather Mishler, from Art Teacher @ NES to English Teacher @ NWHS, effective August 1, 2025

3. Retirement/Resignation/End of Employment
   i. Jim Hess, 8th Grade Girls Basketball @ NWMS, effective May 1, 2025
   ii. Rikki Tobolski, Life Skills Ass't @ NWHS, effective May 28, 2025
   iii. Karlee Feldman, Life Skills Ass't @ NWHS, effective May 28, 2025
   iv. Cathy Hahn, Media Center Ass't @ NWHS, effective May 28, 2025
   v. Daniele McKibbin, SOAR Ass't @ NWMS, effective May 6, 2025

D. Consideration of Professional Leave Requests
   i. Alex Barna, Roadeo Competition, June 21, 2025, Brownsburg East Middle School
   ii. Alicia Kemp, Roadeo Competition, June 21, 2025, Brownsburg East Middle
   iii. Amy Rosa, School Roadeo Competition, June 21, 2025, Brownsburg East Middle
   iv. Jamie Eggers, School Roadeo Competition, June 21, 2025, Brownsburg East Middle
   v. Jen Mast, School Roadeo Competition, June 21, 2025, Brownsburg East Middle
   vi. Kent Myers, School Roadeo Competition, June 21, 2025, Brownsburg East Middle
   vii. Matt Hostetter, School Roadeo Competition, June 21, 2025, Brownsburg East Middle
   viii. Ronda Stump, School Roadeo Competition, June 21, 2025, Brownsburg East Middle
   ix. Steve Eggers, School Roadeo Competition, June 21, 2025, Brownsburg East Middle
   x. Steve Taylor, School Roadeo Competition, June 21, 2025, Brownsburg East Middle School
   xi. Kim Magnuson, Online ILP Training, May 19, 2025, NWHS
   xii. Heather Bontrager, Online ILP Training, May 19, 2025, NWHS
   xiii. Scott Knafel, 5th Grade Olympics, May 13, 2025, NWMS
   xiv. Marcy Porter, ILP Training, May 19, 2025, NWHS
   xv. Marcy Porter, 2025 SIOP Virtual Conference, July 8-10, 2025, Virtual
   xvi. Carla Wisler, 6th Grade Band rehearsal, May 6, 2025, NWHS

E. Consideration of Grants and Donations
   i. $200 donation from Charles & Darcey Mitschelen to be used NWHS Senior Class
   ii. $600 donation from Wakarusa Lions Club to be used by NWHS Girls Soccer
   iii. $100 donation from Morehouse Grain Farm LLC to be used for NWHS FFA Farmers Lunch Appreciation
   iv. $100 donation from Michael & Sue Collier the Denny Myers Memorial
   v. $200 donation from John & Jane Leavitt the Denny Myers Memorial
   vi. $100 donation from Larry & Linda Thompson the Denny Myers Memorial
   vii. $50 donation from James & Carla Newcomer the Denny Myers Memorial

viii. $50 donation from Dale Tobais the Denny Myers Memorial
ix. $100 donation from James & Linda Hartzell the Denny Myers Memorial
x. $50 donation from Scott & Sheree Crist the Denny Myers Memorial
xi. $250 donation from Robert & Laura Zell the Denny Myers Memorial
xii. $50 donation from Carol Grimm the Denny Myers Memorial
xiii. $100 donation from William & Roberta Wilson the Denny Myers Memorial
xiv. $10 donation from Dennis & Peggy Swanson the Denny Myers Memorial
xv. $50 donation from Janet Dorsey the Denny Myers Memorial
xvi. $100 donation from Richard & Sandra Bowen the Denny Myers Memorial
xvii. $50 donation from William & Carole Koos the Denny Myers Memorial
xviii. $100 donation from Scott & Rhonda Darley the Denny Myers Memorial
xix. $100 donation from Alan & Sylvia Kaufman the Denny Myers Memorial
xx. $50 donation from Jerry & Janet Minton the Denny Myers Memorial
xxi. $100 donation from Margaret Tompos the Denny Myers Memorial
xxii. $100 donation from Steve & Pam Geyer the Denny Myers Memorial
xxiii. Nappanee Missionary Church donation of non-perishable food items and gift cards valued at $30 to be used by Nappanee Elementary
xxiv. $1,563.59 grant donation from NorthWood Football Club Fund to be used for NorthWood Mini Field Project
xxv. Nappanee Missionary Church donation of non-perishable food items valued at $55 to be used by Wakarusa Elementary
xxvi. $500 donation from Indiana Ultimate to be used for NWHS Teacher Appreciation Weel

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

VI. ACTION ITEMS

A. APPROVAL OF THE TEXTBOOK ADOPTION FOR SCIENCE AND NEW ELA COURSES AT NWHS

School board member Curt Flickinger made, and Brian Topping seconded the motion to approve the textbook adoption for Science and new ELA Courses at NWHS as presented by Dr. Thomas. Vote: 6-0

B. APPROVAL OF THE 2026-27, 2027-28, 2028-29 SCHOOL CALENDAR

School board member Curt Flickinger made, and Don Lehman seconded the motion to approve the 2026-27, 2027-28, 2028-29 school calendars as presented by Dr. Croner. Vote: 6-0

C. APPROVAL OF THE OUT OF STATE OR OVERNIGHT TRAVEL REQUESTS FOR:

- NWHS Boys Cross Country to Warren Dunes, Bridgman, MI, July 7-8, 2025
- NWHS Boys Cross Country to Indiana State, Terre Haute, IN, August 15-16, 2025

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

D. ADOPTION OF SCHOOL BOARD POLICY 5113:

School board member Curt Flickinger made, and Brian Topping seconded the motion to approve the adoption of School Board Policy – 5113 as presented by Dr. Croner. Vote: 6-0

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VII. DISCUSSION/INFORMATION

A. Policy 5113 – Attendance of Non-Resident Students – Scot Croner
B. Graduation Commencement – Friday, June 2nd @ 7:30 PM

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

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

SIGNED: _____
Christina Eshelman, President

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Trevor Hershberger, Secretary

The next regularly scheduled meeting of the Wa-Nee School Board will be Monday 22, 2023 at 6:00 P.M.
This meeting will be held at the Wa-Nee Administration Building.