

**WA-NEE COMMUNITY SCHOOLS**  
**Elkhart-Kosciusko Counties, Indiana**  
**OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF THE**  
**BOARD OF SCHOOL TRUSTEES**  
**May 8, 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 II.*

The Board of School Trustees of the Wa-Nee Community Schools met Monday evening, April 10, 2023.

**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 Shawn Johnson the following members responded as present:

Christina Eshelman	Todd Gongwer	Trevor Hershberger
Shawn Johnson	Don Lehman	Brian Topping
Curt Flickinger - virtually using Microsoft Teams		

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

**II. NWHS Presentation – Weston Lambert**

**III. RECOGNITION OF VISITORS & PUBLIC INPUT**

There was none.

**IV. AMENDMENTS TO THE AGENDA**

School board member Don Lehman made, and Shawn Johnson 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 minutes for April 24, 2023
- B. Consideration of the claims dated May 8, 2023
- 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. Troy Zimmerman, Summer Grounds, effective TBD
    - ii. Emery Porter, Summer Technology, effective TBD
    - iii. Abigail Slabaugh, Kdg Teacher @ NES, effective 2023-24 SY
  - 2. Retirement/Resignation/End of Employment
    - i. Sheryl Hawkins, Head Swim Coach @ NWMS, effective April 21, 2023
    - ii. Karla McClain, 8<sup>th</sup> Volleyball @ NWMS, effective April 14, 2023
    - iii. Trisha Lechlitner, 8<sup>th</sup> Volleyball @ NWMS, effective April 27, 2023
    - iv. Chelsea Goodyear, JV Cheer Coach @ NWHS, effective April 24, 2023
    - v. Susannah Mishler, 1<sup>st</sup> Grade Teacher @ Woodview, effective May 26, 2023
    - vi. Sandy Bates, Vice Principal Secretary @ NWHS, effective June 9, 2023

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**D. Consideration of Professional Leave Requests**

- i. Beth Beer, Common Assessment & Curriculum Mapping, May 9, 2023, Wa-Nee Admin. Building
- ii. Danae Sarber, Common Assessment & Curriculum Mapping, May 9, 2023, Wa-Nee Admin. Building
- iii. Brandy Hahn, Common Assessment & Curriculum Mapping, May 9, 2023, Wa-Nee Admin. Building
- iv. Kristina Phelps, Common Assessment & Curriculum Mapping, May 9, 2023, Wa-Nee Admin. Building
- v. Kindra Garey, Common Assessment & Curriculum Mapping, May 9, 2023, Wa-Nee Admin. Building
- vi. Mindy Myers, Common Assessment & Curriculum Mapping, May 9, 2023, Wa-Nee Admin. Building
- vii. Andy Hostetter, Common Assessment & Curriculum Mapping, May 9, 2023, Wa-Nee Admin. Building
- viii. Jake Simons, Common Assessment & Curriculum Mapping, May 9, 2023, Wa-Nee Admin. Building
- ix. Anni Boocher, Common Assessment & Curriculum Mapping, May 9, 2023, Wa-Nee Admin. Building
- x. Bert Kuhn, Common Assessment & Curriculum Mapping, May 9, 2023, Wa-Nee Admin. Building
- xi. Kristina Clark, Common Assessment & Curriculum Mapping, May 9, 2023, Wa-Nee Admin. Building
- xii. Bailie Olsen, Common Assessment & Curriculum Mapping, May 9, 2023, Wa-Nee Admin. Building
- xiii. Erica Gunn, Common Assessment & Curriculum Mapping, May 9, 2023, Wa-Nee Admin. Building
- xiv. Tonya White, Common Assessment & Curriculum Mapping, May 9, 2023, Wa-Nee Admin. Building
- xv. Erin Halsey Common Assessment & Curriculum Mapping, May 9, 2023, Wa-Nee Admin. Building
- xvi. Shelley Lengacher, Common Assessment & Curriculum Mapping, May 9, 2023, Wa-Nee Admin. Building
- xvii. Ronda Weldy, Common Assessment & Curriculum Mapping, May 9, 2023, Wa-Nee Admin. Building
- xviii. Krystalynn Gross, Common Assessment & Curriculum Mapping, May 9, 2023, Wa-Nee Admin. Building
- xix. Ronda Harner, Common Assessment & Curriculum Mapping, May 9, 2023, Wa-Nee Admin. Building
- xx. Carrie Johnson, Common Assessment & Curriculum Mapping, May 9, 2023, Wa-Nee Admin. Building
- xxi. Susan Roberts, Common Assessment & Curriculum Mapping, May 9, 2023, Wa-Nee Admin. Building
- xxii. Beth Nunemaker, Common Assessment & Curriculum Mapping, May 9, 2023, Wa-Nee Admin. Building
- xxiii. Sarah Davies, Common Assessment & Curriculum Mapping, May 9, 2023, Wa-Nee Admin. Building
- xxiv. Hope Martin, Common Assessment & Curriculum Mapping, May 9, 2023, Wa-Nee Admin. Building
- xxv. Brandi Henderson, Polk Auction Company, April 14, 2023, New Paris
- xxvi. Katie Ewers, Smekens 1<sup>st</sup> Day to Test Day, May 8, 2023, Virtual
- xxvii. Andy Hostetter, World Championship Competition, May 2-5, 2023, Dallas, TX
- xxviii. Kim Branham, Indiana School Safety Specialist Training, May 14-16, 2023, Indianapolis
- xxix. Dina Koble, Instructional Coaches Meeting, May 2, 2023, Admin. Office
- xxx. Brianna Reddy, Kdg. Team Meeting, April 27, 2023, WES
- xxxi. Megan Beron, Kdg. Team Meeting, April 27, 2023, WES
- xxxii. Kennedy Hill, Kdg. Team Meeting, April 27, 2023, WES
- xxxiii. Anni Bocher, Kdg. Team Meeting, April 27, 2023, WES
- xxxiv. Brenna Egendoerfer, Kdg. Team Meeting, April 27, 2023, WES
- xxxv. Brianna Reddy, Kdg. Team Meeting, May 4, 2023, WES
- xxxvi. Megan Beron, Kdg. Team Meeting, May 4, 2023, WES
- xxxvii. Kennedy Hill, Kdg. Team Meeting, May 4, 2023, WES
- xxxviii. Anni Bocher, Kdg. Team Meeting, May 4, 2023, WES
- xxxix. Brenna Egendoerfer, Kdg. Team Meeting, May 4, 2023, WES
- xl. Rhonda Kohler, Kindergarten Assessment Days, April 27, 2023
- xli. Marissa Reinholtz, Kindergarten Assessment Days, April 27, 2023
- xlii. Ronda Weldy, Kindergarten Assessment Days, April 27, 2023
- xliii. Rhonda Kohler, Kindergarten Assessment Days, May 4, 2023
- xliv. Marissa Reinholtz, Kindergarten Assessment Days, May 4, 2023
- xlvi. Ronda Weldy, Kindergarten Assessment Days, May 4, 2023

**E. Consideration of Grants and Donations**

- i. \$200 donation from Billie Roeder to be used for NWHS Teacher Appreciation
- ii. \$50 donation from Heather Patterson to be used for NWHS Teacher Appreciation
- iii. \$100 donation from Thompson-Lengacher & Yoder to be used for NWHS Baseball

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- iv. \$120 donation from Hershberger Heating Inc to be used for NWHS Football Scholar Athlete Banquet
- v. \$400 donation from Thompson-Lengacher & Yoder to be used for NWHS Softball
- vi. \$100 donation from Dave & Molly Wilson to be used for NWHS Teacher Appreciation Week
- vii. \$50 donation from Nate & Angela King to be used for NWHS Teacher Appreciation Week
- viii. \$20 donation from Patrick & Jen Thompson to be used for NWHS Teacher Appreciation Week
- ix. \$40 donation from Wes & Heather Bogan to be used for NWHS Teacher Appreciation Week
- x. \$100 donation from Brian & Stephanie Topping to be used for NWHS Teacher Appreciation Week
- xi. \$100 donation from Neil & Arika Chilberg to be used for NWHS Teacher Appreciation Week
- xii. \$40 donation from Kevin & Kim Branham to be used for NWHS Teacher Appreciation Week
- xiii. \$100 donation from Jason & Amanda Evers to be used for NWHS Teacher Appreciation Week
- xiv. Pallet of art paper from Feed the Children to be used for WES students
- xv. \$500 donation from Cory & Chelsea Suiter to be used for 5<sup>th</sup> grade Olympics
- xvi. \$125 donation from Wakarusa Chamber of Commerce to be used for NWMS Select Singers
- xvii. \$500 donation from Nick & Natalie Abel to be used for 5<sup>th</sup> grade Olympics
- xviii. \$26,000 donation from Nappanee Noon Kiwanis to be used for Wa-Nee Robotics GEARing UP Event

School board member Don Lehman made, and Brian Topping seconded the motion to approve the Consent Items and additional items as presented by Mrs. Eshelman. Vote: 7-0

**VI. ACTION ITEMS**

**A. APPROVAL OF THE SCHOOL CALENDAR FOR 2023-24, 2024-25, and 2025-26**

School board member Shawn Johnson made, and Trevor Hershberger seconded the motion to approve the school calendar for 2023-24, 2024-25, and 2025-26 as presented by Dr. Croner. Vote: 7-0

**B. APPROVAL OF THE NWMS BAND CURRICULUM**

School board member Shawn Johnson made, and Trevor Hershberger seconded the motion to approve the NWMS Band Curriculum as presented by Dr. Thomas. Vote: 7-0

**C. APPROVAL TO REAUTHORIZE THE CURRENT WCS REOPENING PLAN WITH THE DELETION OF THE CONTACT TRACING LANGUAGE.**

School board member Trevor Hershberger made, and Shawn Johnson seconded the motion to approve the reauthorization of the WCS Reopening Plan with the deletion of the contact tracing language. Vote: 7-0

**D. APPROVAL OF THE INCENTIVE FOR THE 500-MILE HEALTH CHALLENGE**

School board member Shawn Johnson made, and Brian Topping seconded the motion to approve the incentive for the 500-mile Health Challenge as presented by Mrs. Libby. Vote: 7-0

**E. APPROVAL OF THE WELLFIELD PARK SOCCER DUGOUTS**

School board member Trevor Hershberger made, and Todd Gongwer seconded the motion to approve the Wellfield Park Soccer Dugouts as presented by Dr. Croner. Vote: 7-0

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VII. DISCUSSION/INFORMATION

- A. Graduation Commencement – Friday, June 2<sup>nd</sup> @ 7:30 PM
- B. District Student Discipline

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come to the attention of the board school board member Shawn Johnson made, and Trevor Hershberger seconded the motion to adjourn. Vote: 7-0

SIGNED: \_\_\_\_\_  
Christina Eshelman, President

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Shawn C. Johnson, Secretary

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