

WA-NEE COMMUNITY SCHOOLS
Elkhart-Kosciusko Counties, Indiana
OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF THE
BOARD OF SCHOOL TRUSTEES
June 22, 2020

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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, June 22, 2020.

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 Don Lehman.
- B. Pledge of Allegiance
- C. Roll Call

On roll call by Secretary Terry Graber the following members responded as present:

Present in person: Don Lehman Curt Flickinger Lou Bonacorsi

Virtually: Christina Eshelman Terry Graber Shawn Johnson Todd Gongwer

Superintendent Scot Croner, Director of Curriculum & Instruction Gretchen McEnderfer, Business Manager Randi Libby, and Lisa Hall were also present.

II. SPECIAL ORDER OF BUSINESS

A. SECOND PRELIMINARY DETERMINATION HEARINGS FOR THE WA-NEE COMMUNITY SCHOOLS CONTROLLED PROJECTS LEASE FINANCING (the "Projects")

President Lehman announced that the board would now be holding a Public Determination Hearing for the Wa-Nee Community Schools Controlled Projects Lease Financing process, and asked Mrs. Libby to explain the purpose of the Public Hearing.

Mrs. Libby explained the purpose of the second Public Determination Hearing and that the legal requirements of the hearing is to give notice to the public that Wa-Nee Community Schools is proposing to finance the improvements to school facilities, including Northwood High School and Middle School, Woodview, and Wakarusa Elementary Schools and the soccer complex being constructed in partnership with the City of Nappanee, including site improvements and the purchase of equipment and technology (the "Projects") at a cost in excess of \$1,000,000.

This public hearing allows for all interested people to be given a time to have input. The Notice for this hearing was published in the *Heartland News* and *Wakarusa Tribune*. The financing of the Projects is expected to be in the amount of \$16,050,000 for the construction of the Projects.

Dr. Croner shared a brief description of the need and timeline for the scope of work for the proposed Projects. Along with how the additional appropriations will be used for the Controlled Projects renovation and improvements to NorthWood High School, NorthWood Middle School, Woodview Elementary School and Wakarusa Elementary School, and the soccer complex being constructed in partnership with the City of Nappanee, including site improvements and the purchase of equipment and technology upgrades throughout the district, and incidental expenses to be incurred in connection with the building project and the issuance of bonds.

President Lehman then asked if anyone in the public wished to speak for or against the financing of the Projects. After allowing for the public to speak. Hearing none, President Lehman announced the Second Preliminary Determination Public Hearing for the Projects would be closed and the minutes should reflect that the Public Hearing had been held.

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B. PROJCT HEARING FOR THE WA-NEE COMMUNITY SCHOOLS CONTROLLED PROJECTS LEASE FINANCING (the "Projects")

Dr. Scot Croner announced that the board would now be holding a Public Hearing for the discussion and hearing of objections and support regarding the Wa-Nee Community Schools Controlled Projects Lease Financing (the "Projects")

Dr. Croner explained the legal requirements and that the purpose of the project hearing is to give notice to the public that Wa-Nee Community Schools is proposing to construct or renovate a school building at a cost in excess of \$1,000,000 and for all interested people to be given a time to have input. Notice had been given by publication in the *Heartland News* and *Wakarusa Tribune*. The description of the project is the renovation and improvements to NorthWood High School, NorthWood Middle School, Woodview Elementary School and Wakarusa Elementary School, and the soccer complex being constructed in partnership with the City of Nappanee, including site improvements and the purchase of equipment and technology upgrades throughout the district including incidental expenses necessary to be incurred in connection with said building project and the issuance of bonds on account thereof. The funds to meet such additional appropriation are to be provided by the issuance and sale of bonds or by entering into a lease by the school corporation.

Dr. Croner asked if anyone in the public wished to speak on the Wa-Nee Community Schools Controlled Projects Lease Financing. After the public had a chance to speak, President Lehman announced the Project Hearing on the Wa-Nee Community Schools Controlled Projects Lease Financing would be closed and that the minutes should reflect that the Public Hearing was held.

Mrs. Libby then presented the resolutions for the adoption of Wa-Nee Community Schools Controlled Projects Lease Financing (the "Projects"), which she asked for the Board's approval and to adopt.

C. THE APPROVAL AND ADOPTION OF THE WA-NEE COMMUNITY SCHOOLS CONSTRUCTION PROJECT RESOLUTION, PRELIMINARY DETERMINATION RESOLUTION, RESOLUTION DETERMINING NEED FOR PROJECT, AND REIMBURSEMENT RESOLUTION.

School board member Shawn Johnson made, and Curt Flickinger seconded the motion to approve and adopt the Wa-Nee Community Schools Construction Project Resolution, Preliminary Determination Resolution, Resolution Determining Need for Project, and Reimbursement Resolution for the Wa-Nee Community Schools Controlled Projects Lease Financing (the "Projects") as presented by Mrs. Libby. Vote: 7-0.

III. AMENDMENTS TO THE AGENDA

There were none.

IV. CONSENT ITEMS

- A. Consideration of the regular board meeting minutes for June 8, 2020
- B. Consideration of the claims dated June 22, 2020
- 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)
 - 2. Retirement/Resignation/End of Employment
 - i. Paul Widner, Athletic Trainer @ NWHS NWMS, effective TBD
 - ii. Matt Cox, Varsity Assistant Baseball Coach @ NWHS, effective June 9, 2020
 - iii. Steve Sherk, Robotic Sponsor @ NWMS, effective June 15, 2020
 - iv. Steve Troyer, Substitute Bus Driver, effective June 16, 2020

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- 3. Transfer
- 4. Leave of Absence

D. Consideration of Professional Leave Requests

E. Consideration of Grants and Donations

- i. NWHS VRC Robotics Start-Up grant valued at \$1,149 to be used for PD Training and V5 Robotics Kit

School board member Shawn Johnson made, and Terry Graber seconded the motion to approve the Consent Items as presented by Mr. Lehman. Vote: 7-0

V. RECOGNITION OF VISITORS & PUBLIC INPUT

There were none.

VI. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

There was none.

VII. ACTION ITEMS

- A. Consider approving the Conflict of Interest Statement of John Leavitt for the Nappanee Public Library.

School board member Curt Flickinger made, and Lou Bonacorsi seconded the motion to approve the Conflict of Interest Statement of John Leavitt for the Nappanee Public Library as presented by Dr. Croner. Vote: 7-0

Please note: An error was made on June 22, 2020 agenda incorrectly stating the appointment of Mr. Leavitt to the Nappanee Public Library. The item the board approved at the June 22, 2020 meeting was actually the 2020 Conflict of Interest Statement for Mr. Leavitt.

- B. Consider approving the WCS Activity Guidelines for July 2020

School board member Shawn Johnson made, and Christina Eshelman seconded the motion to approve the WCS Activity Guidelines for July 2020 as presented by Dr. Croner. Vote: 7-0

- C. Consider approving the Athletic Training Services Agreement between Beacon Health and WCS

School board member Shawn Johnson made, and Curt Flickinger seconded the motion to approve the Athletic Training Services Agreement between Beacon Health and WCS as presented by Dr. Croner. Vote: 7-0

- D. Consider approving the 2020-2021 Food Service Vendors

School board member Shawn Johnson made, and Curt Flickinger seconded the motion to approve the 2020-2021 Food Service Vendors as presented by Mrs. Libby. Vote: 7-0

VIII. DISCUSSION/INFORMATION

- A. Financial Update – Randi Libby
- B. Student Device Acceptance Form Update – Scot Croner

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

SIGNED:



Don Lehman, President



Terry Graber, Secretary

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