

WA-NEE COMMUNITY SCHOOLS
Elkhart-Kosciusko Counties, Indiana
PROCEEDINGS OF THE
BOARD OF SCHOOL TRUSTEES
June 10, 2024

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, June 10, 2024, in their second meeting of the month with an Exec. Session immediately following this meeting.

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 Vice-President Curt Flickinger the following members responded as present:

Christina Eshelman
Shawn Johnson

Curt Flickinger
Don Lehman

Trevor Hershberger
Brian Topping

Superintendent Scot Croner, Director of Curriculum & Instruction Gretchen Thomas, Business Manager Jessica McFarland, and Clerk Lisa Hall were also present.

II. SPECIAL BOARD RECOGNITION

There was none.

III. RECOGNITION OF VISITORS & PUBLIC INPUT

There was none.

IV. AMENDMENTS TO THE AGENDA

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

V. CONSENT ITEMS

- A. Consideration of the regular board minutes for May 28, 2024
- B. Consideration of the claims dated June 10, 2024
- 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. Taylor Gibson, Summer School Bus Monitor, effective June 10, 2024
 - ii. Justine Crilow, Summer School Secretary, effective May 30, 2024
 - iii. Laura Brubaker, STEM Instructor @ WES, effective August 14, 2024
 - iv. Elizabeth Bacon, 3rd Grade Teacher @ WES, effective August 14, 2024
 - v. Madison Jackson, Summer Bus Cleander, effective June 3, 2024
 - vi. Kent Miller, Summer Grounds, effective TBD
 - vii. Jared Miller, Summer Grounds, effective TBD
 - viii. Jason Hopper, 5th Grade Teacher @ WES, effective pending completion of pre-employment screening
 - ix. Thomas Heim, Social Studies @ NWHS, effective pending completion of pre-employment screening
 - x. Allison Talaga, SLP @ NES, effective pending completion of pre-employment screening
 - 2. Retirement/Resignation/End of Employment
 - i. Joey Shepherd, Music: HS Instr Asst, effective May 31, 2024
 - ii. Mark Heeter, NWAA Teacher, effective May 31, 2024
 - iii. Gavin McNeeley, 8th Boys Track Coach @ NWMS, effective May 30, 2024
 - iv. Justin Bell, Robotics Coach @ NWHS, effective May 30, 2024
 - v. Jamie Martin, 7th Grade Math @ NWMS, effective EOY 2023-2024

The next regular School Board meeting will be held on **Monday, June 24, 2024, at 6:00 PM**

This meeting will be held at the Wa-Nee Administration Office.

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3. Transfer

- i. Linda Miller from Route Driver to Sub Driver, effective June 3, 2024
- ii. Jill Slabaugh, from Head Start & Bus 6 Monitor to Bus 6 Monitor, effective June 3, 2024
- iii. Richard Bainter, from Regular Route Bus - Float to Substitute Driver, effective May 31, 2024

D. Consideration of Professional Leave Requests

- i. Robin Bilinski, Ball State CCIM Summer Workshop, June 21-23, 2024, Ball State
- ii. Kris Fielstra, School Leadership Retreat, August 8, 2024, Wakarusa Elementary School
- iii. Shelly Lengacher, School Leadership Retreat, August 8, 2024, Wakarusa Elementary School
- iv. Anni Booher, School Leadership Retreat, August 8, 2024, Wakarusa Elementary School
- v. Bert Kuhn, School Leadership Retreat, August 8, 2024, Wakarusa Elementary School
- vi. Laura Blosser, School Leadership Retreat, August 8, 2024, Wakarusa Elementary School
- vii. Bailie Olsen, School Leadership Retreat, August 8, 2024, Wakarusa Elementary School
- viii. Stephanie Boggs, School Leadership Retreat, August 8, 2024, Wakarusa Elementary School
- ix. Katie Johnson, School Leadership Retreat, August 8, 2024, Wakarusa Elementary School
- x. Gretchen Thomas, Statewide Curriculum & Assessment Resource Network, Various Dates, Virtual

E. Consideration of Grants and Donations

- i. \$500 donation from the Richard Oakley Memorial to be used by NWHS FFA
- ii. \$50 donation from Jessup Farms to be used by NWHS FFA
- iii. \$1,000 donation from SpartanNash One School at a Time to be used NES Service Dog
- iv. \$14,000 grant donation from Elkhart Community Foundation to be used for NWHS Baseball Team
- v. \$4,000 grant donation from Elkhart Community Foundation to be used for NWHS Band

School board member Shawn Johnson made, and Brian Topping seconded the motion to approve the Consent Items including the additional consent items as presented by Mrs. Eshelman. Vote: 6-0.

VI. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

There was none.

VII. ACTION ITEMS

A. Approval of Stipends

School board member Curt Flickinger made, and Don Lehman seconded the motion to approve the stipends as presented by Dr. Croner. Vote: 6-0

B. Approval of the

- Changes to Board Policy 6325 – Procurement – Federal Grants
- Resolution to raise Micro Purchases Threshold

School board member Don Lehman made, and Trevor Hershberger seconded the motion to approve the changes to Board Policy 6325 as presented by Jessica McFarland. Vote: 6-0

C. Approval of Board Policy – 7217 Possessing Firearms on Property

School board member Shawn Johnson made, and Brian Topping seconded the motion to approve the changes to Board Policy 7217 as presented by Dr. Croner. Vote: 6-0

D. Approval of the out of state or overnight travel requests for:

- NWHS Yearbook Summer Yearbook Workshop @ Ball State University, June 21-23, 2024

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

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E. Approval of the renewal of the ECSEC Agreement

School board member Shawn Johnson made, and Don Lehman seconded the motion to approve the renewal of the ECSEC Agreement as presented by Dr. Croner. Vote: 6-0

VIII. DISCUSSION/INFORMATION

A. Classified Manual – Scot Croner/Jessica McFarland

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

SIGNED: _____
Christina Eshelman, President

Trevor Hershberger, Secretary