

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

June 8, 2020

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 IV.

The Board of School Trustees of the Wa-Nee Community Schools met Monday, June 8, 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, Business Manager Randi Libby, and Lisa Hall were also present.

II. SPECIAL ORDER OF BUSINESS

FIRST 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 first 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.

Mrs. Libby 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.

Jason Tanselle from Baker Tilly then shared information regarding financial terms and impact regarding the proposed Controlled Projects Lease Financing.

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 First 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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III. AMENDMENTS TO THE AGENDA

There were none.

IV. CONSENT ITEMS

A. Consideration of the regular board minutes for May 11, 2020

B. Consideration of the claims dated June 8, 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)

- i. Melanie Yoder, Life Skills Teacher @ NWMS, effective August 12, 2020
- ii. Dawn Payne, 7th Grade Math @ NWMS, effective July 1, 2020
- iii. Bailie Olsen, 3rd Grade Teacher @ WES, effective August 12, 2020
- iv. Val Anglemyer, Instructional Coach @ NWMS, effective July 1, 2020
- v. Madison Markham, Summer Custodian @ NWHS, effective May 26, 2020
- vi. Olivia Craven, Summer Custodian @ NWHS, effective May 26, 2020
- vii. Elisa Espinosa, Summer Custodian @ WES, effective pending completion of pre-employment screening
- viii. Teresa Butler, Special Ed. Teacher @ NWHS, effective pending completion of pre-employment screening
- ix. Susannah Mishler, Kindergarten Teacher @ WV, effective August 12, 2020
- x. Chase Estapp, 2nd Grade Teacher @ WV, effective pending completion of pre-employment screening

2. Retirement/Resignation/End of Employment

- i. Marietta Mullet, Bus Driver, effective May 22, 2020
- ii. Paul Widner, Athletic Trainer @ NWHS NWMS, effective May 26, 2020
- iii. Robin Rogel, Special Ed Assistant @ NWHS, effective May 22, 2020
- iv. Steve Couse, Special Ed Assistant @ NES, effective May 22, 2020
- v. James Checkley, Computer Teacher/Robotics Sponsor @ NWMS, effective May 27, 2020
- vi. Melanie Williams, Kdg Teacher @ WV, effective May 28, 2020
- vii. Jared Coblentz, 3rd Grade Teacher @ WES, effective May 29, 2020

D. Consideration of Professional Leave Requests

E. Consideration of Grants and Donations

- i. \$200 donation from Zeta Nu Chapter of Kappa Kappa Kappa for the NWMS Mentoring program
- ii. \$795 donation from David Kauffman to be used for NWHS Senior Yard Signs
- iii. \$250 donation from Deb Ayres to be used for NWHS Senior Yard Signs
- iv. \$250 donation from Delwyn Shrock to be used for NWHS Senior Yard Signs
- v. \$795 donation from John Beck to be used for NWHS Senior Yard Signs
- vi. \$100 donation from Trevor Shields to be used for NWHS Senior Yard Signs

School board member Shawn Johnson amended the Consent Items to remove Paul Widner retirement request until the finalization of the partnership agreement between Wa-Nee and Beacon Healthcare, and Terry Graber seconded the motion to approve the amendment to the Consent Items as presented by Dr. Croner. Vote: 7-0

School board member Shawn Johnson made, and Terry Graber seconded the motion to approve the amended Consent Items as presented by Mr. Lehman. Vote: 6-0-1 (Mr. Lehman Abstained)

V. RECOGNITION OF VISITORS & PUBLIC INPUT

There were none.

VI. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

There were none.

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VII. ACTION ITEMS

- A. Approval of the renewal of the School Corporation Dietitian Contract for the 2020-21 school year.

School board member Curt Flickinger made, and Lou Bonacorsi seconded the motion to approve the School Corporation Dietitian Contract for the 2020-21 as presented by Dr. Croner. Vote: 7-0

- B. Adoption of School Board Policy 9150 – School Visitors

School board member Curt Flickinger made, and Lou Bonacorsi seconded the motion to adopt School Board Policy 9150 – School Visitors as presented by Dr. Croner. Vote: 7-0

- C. WCS Activity Guidelines for July 2020

No action was taken on this item due to recent changes in guideline received from the Indiana Department of Education and the State of Indiana. These guidelines will be updated and brought back to the Board for approval at a future date once approved by the Elkhart County Health Department.

VIII. DISCUSSION/INFORMATION


- A. Financial Update – Randi Libby
B. NWHHS Graduation Invitation – Scot Croner
C. Discussion on Racial Inequities – Dr. Croner

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

SIGNED:



Don Lehman, President



Terry Graber, Secretary