WA-NEE COMMUNITY SCHOOLS
Elkhart-Kosciusko Counties, Indiana
PROCEEDINGS OF THE
BOARD OF SCHOOL TRUSTEES
June 9, 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, June 9, 2025, in their first 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 Secretary Trevor Hershberger.

B. Pledge of Allegiance

C. Roll Call

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

Curt Flickinger Trevor Hershberger David Kauffman 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 David Kauffman seconded the motion to approve the amendments to the agenda as presented by Mr. Hershberger. Vote: 4-0.

V. CONSENT ITEMS

A. Consideration of the regular board minutes for May 12, 2025
B. Consideration of the claims dated May 27, 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. Caroline Graber, Choir Teacher @ NWMS, effective upon the successful completion of all pre-employment Expanded Criminal History Background and Drug Testing
ii. John Frame, Summer School Psychologist, effective upon the successful completion of all pre-employment Expanded Criminal History Background and Drug Testing
iii. Zach Peycha, Band Director @ NWHS, effective upon the successful completion of all pre-employment Expanded Criminal History Background and Drug Testing

2. Retire/Resign/End of Employment
i. Matthew Clark, School Apprentice@ WES, effective May 28, 2028
ii. Chayla Lynch, Special Ed Ass't @ NWHS, effective May 28, 2025
iii. Cynthia Goans, P/T Cafeteria @ NWHS, effective May 28, 2025
iv. Brad Delio, 8th Science Teacher @ NWMS, effective May May 29, 2025
v. Karl Leroux, .5 Robotics Sponsor @ NES, effective May 20, 2025
vi. Jacob Fawley, Robotics Sponsor @ WES, effective May 20, 2025
vii. Lisetta Zahm, P/T Art Teacher (.2) NES, effective May 29, 2025
viii. Brad Stutzman, Social Studies Teacher @ NWHS, effective May 29, 2025
ix. Eric Claywell, Robotics Sponsor @ NWMS, effective May 29,2025

x. Rhonda Bellman, Part Time Cafeteria @ WV, effective May 28, 2025
xi. Kathleen Hall, Instructional Ass't @ WV, effective May 28, 2025
xii. Laynie Yoder, Bus Monitor, effective May 28, 2025
xiii. Evan Fras, Ass't Athletic Director @ NWHS, effective June 8, 2025

3. Transfer
   i. Josh Miller, from Head Custodian @ WES to Custodian @ NWHS, effective May 19, 2025
   ii. Kristin Munsell, from P/T Custodian @ WES to Sub Custodian, effective May 5, 2025
   iii. Matt Protzman, .5 Robotics Sponsor @ NES to Volunteer Coach @ NWHS, effective May 29, 2025
   iv. Anni Boocher, from Cross Country Coach @ NWMS to Volunteer Coach @ NWMS, effective 6/2/2025
   v. Lea Ann Mast, from Ath. Secretary @ NWMS to Ath. Secretary @ NWHS, effective July 1, 2025
   vi. Gary Robinson, from F/T Custodian @ NWHS to Head Custodian @ WES, effective June 9, 2025

4. Leave of Absence
   i. John Rider, Maintenance Tech, from June 9 to September 9, 2025

D. Consideration of Grants and Donations
   i. $50 donation from Christopher & Victoria Jones to be used for the Denny Myers Memorial
   ii. $20 donation from John & Barb Kindig to be used for the Diane Wise Memorial
   iii. $50 donation from Carol Grimm to be used for the Diane Wise Memorial
   iv. $100 donation from Elmer & Cindy Philhower to be used for the Diane Wise Memorial
   v. $200 anonymous donation to be used for the Deb Widner Memorial
   vi. $300 donation from Tri Kappa to be used for NWHS Boys Volleyball
   vii. $1,000 donation from Tri Kappa to be used for NWHS Achievement Academy
   viii. $1,000 donation from Tri Kappa to be used for NWHS FFA (Apparel)
   ix. $500 donation from Tri Kappa to be used for NES Music Department
   x. $500 donation from Tri Kappa to be used for WES Music Department
   xi. $500 donation from Tri Kappa to be used for WV Music Department
   xii. $500 donation from Tri Kappa to be used for NES Art Department
   xiii. $500 donation from Tri Kappa to be used for WES Art Department
   xiv. $500 donation from Tri Kappa to be used for WV Art Department
   xv. $500 donation from Tri Kappa to be used for NWMS Choir Department
   xvi. $500 donation from Tri Kappa to be used for NWMS Band Department
   xvii. $500 donation from Tri Kappa to be used for NWMS Art Department
   xviii. $1,000 donation from Tri Kappa to be used for Wa-Nee Mental Health Fund
   xix. $157.20 Anonymous donation to be used for NWHS student needs
   xx. $150 donation from Nappanee Area Chamber to be used for NWHS Football
   xxi. $230 donation from Hertsel Berkshire Farm to be used for NorthWood FFA
   xxii. $10 Anonymous donation to be used for NWHS Academic Teams
   xxiii. $5,290.86 grant from the Elkhart Municipal Band Foundation to be used by NWMS & NWHS band's
   xxiv. $196.50 donation from Hampel's Woodland Products to be used for Battle of the Books celebration
   xxv. $20 donation from Amy Ellis to be used for NWMS Cheer
   xxvi. $20 donation from Katie Stamper to be used for NWMS Cheer
   xxvii. $10 donation from Shirley Maples to be used for NWMS Cheer
   xxviii. $100 donation from Alan Banks to be used for NWMS Cheer
   xxix. $45 donation from Andy Jamison to be used for NWMS Cheer
   xxx. $25 donation from Becky Banks to be used for NWMS Cheer
   xxxi. $100 donation from Janet Carpenter to be used for NWMS Cheer
   xxxii. $20 donation from Jeremy Greenlee to be used for NWMS Cheer
   xxxiii. $30 donation from Karen & Greg Easterday to be used for NWMS Cheer
   xxxiv. $20 donation from Kary Royer to be used for NWMS Cheer

xxxv. $20 donation from Matt Brady to be used for NWMS Cheer
xxxvi. $275 donation from Mark Nave to be used for NWMS Cheer
xxxvii. $355 donation from Bianca Hochstetler to be used for NWMS Cheer
xxxviii. $200 donation from Doris & Dennis Lewis to be used for NWMS Cheer
xxxix. $185 donation from Jennifer Cunningham to be used for NWMS Cheer
xl. $40 donation from Megan Hessl to be used for NWMS Cheer
xli. $25 donation from Ronda Klotz to be used for NWMS Cheer
xlii. $600 donation from Josh & Laramie George and Brian & Marla Yoder to be used for NWMS Cheer
xliii. $20 donation from Lyndale & Sherrie Mullet to be used for NWMS Cheer
xliv. $30 donation from Ron & Gloria Yoder to be used for NWMS Cheer
xlv. $100 donation from M C Construction Inc to be used for NWMS Student Activities
xlvi. $360 donation from the Gongwer Family to be used for summer tutoring for 3 siblings

E. Consideration of Professional Leave requests

i. Grace Allen, Indiana Agriculture Teachers Summer Workshop, June 9, 2025, Purdue University
ii. Jamie Mast, High Ability Boot Camp, June 16-20, 2025, Virtual
iii. Gretchen Thomas, Storm Into Summer Conference, June 4, 2025, Trine University
iv. Gretchen Thomas, SIOP Annual Conference, July 8-10, 2025, Virtual
v. Evan Prast, High Ability Boot Camp, July 14-18, 2025, Virtual

School board member David Kauffman made, and Curt Flickinger seconded the motion to approve the Consent Items including the additional consent items as presented by Mr. Hershberger. Vote: 4-0.

VI. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

There was none.

VII. ACTION ITEMS

A. Consider the approval of the out of state or overnight travel requests for:

- NWHS FCCLA to the FCCLA Fall Leadership Institute, October 21-26, 2025, Indianapolis, IN
- NWHS Yearbook to Summer Yearbook Workshop, June 20-23, 2025, Ball State University
- NWHS Football Team Camp, July 7-9, 2025, Trine University
- NWMS 6th Grade to Saugatuck Dune Ride, September 11, 2025, Saugatuck, MI

School board member Curt Flickinger made, and David Kauffman seconded the motion to approve out of state or overnight travel requests as presented by Mr. Hershberger. Vote: 4-0

B. Approval of the Resolution to Raise Micro-Purchase Threshold

School board member Curt Flickinger made, and Brian Topping seconded the motion to approve the Resolution to Raise Micro-Purchase Threshold as presented by Mrs. McFarland. Vote: 4-0

C. Consider the approval of the out of state or overnight travel requests for:

- NWHS Boys Basketball, Basketball Team Camp, July 11-13, 2025, Indiana Wesleyan

School board member Curt Flickinger made, and David Kauffman seconded the motion to approve out of state or overnight travel requests as presented by Mr. Hershberger. Vote: 4-0

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VIII. DISCUSSION/INFORMATION

A. Elementary Science Adoption – Gretchen Thomas
B. Policy 8451 Pediculosis (Head Lice) – Scot Croner
C. *DRAFT* Minutes – Scot Croner
D. Middle School Athletic Fee Proposal – Scot Croner
E. Classified Manual – Scot Croner/Jessica McFarland
F. 2026 Budget Calendar – Jessica McFarland
G. Financial Update – 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

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Trevor Hershberger, Secretary