

WA-NEE COMMUNITY SCHOOLS
Elkhart-Kosciusko Counties, Indiana
OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF THE
BOARD OF SCHOOL TRUSTEES
August 26, 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, August 26, 2024, in their second meeting of the month.

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	Curt Flickinger	Trevor Hershberger
Don Lehman	Brian Topping	

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

II. SPECIAL BOARD RECOGNITION

There were none.

III. RECOGNITION OF VISITORS & PUBLIC INPUT

There were none.

IV. AMENDMENTS TO THE AGENDA

- A. Amendments to the Agenda

School board member Curt Flickinger made, and Don Lehman seconded the motion to approve the Amendments to the Agenda as presented by Mrs. Eshelman. Vote: 5-0.

V. CONSENT ITEMS

- A. Consideration of the regular board meeting minutes for August 12, 2024
- B. Consideration of the claims dated August 26, 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. Dianna Barnett, P/T Custodian @ NWHS, effective TBD
 - ii. BreeAnn Cox, Title I Asst @ NES, effective TBD
 - iii. Karlee Feldman, Freshman Girls Head Basketball Coach @ NWHS, effective TBD
 - iv. Olivia Benner, Special Ed Asst @ NWMS effective TBD
 - v. Jacqueline Eby, Head Start Bus Monitor, effective TBD
 - vi. Erin Hershberger, Cafeteria Sub, effective TBD
 - vii. Jacqueline Eby, P/T Cafeteria NES, effective TBD
 - viii. Elizabeth Yakym, ELL Teacher, NWMS, effective TBD
 - ix. Courtney Srotyr, Cafeteria Sub, effective TBD
 - x. Alesha Grove, Bus Driver, effective TBD

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2. End of Employment/Resignation/ Retirement/Termination

- i. Jake Whitt, Elementary Desktop Support Technician II, effective August 19, 2024

3. Transfer

- i. Grace Roa, from Instructional Asst to Title I Asst @ NES, effective August 26, 2024
- ii. Janel Zehring, from Special Ed Asst to Instructional Asst @ NES, effective August 26, 2024
- iii. BreeAnn Cox, from Title I Asst to Special Ed Asst @ NES, effective August 26, 2024
- iv. Lorae Smith from Asst JV Softball Coach to Volunteer Coach @ NWHS, effective August 16, 2024

4. Leave of Absence

- i. Layni Frick, English Teacher at NWHS, January 27, 2025, thru March 24, 2025

D. Consideration of Professional Leave Requests

- i. Laura Grimm, German Immersion Day, September 14, 2024, IU Bloomington
- ii. Grace Allen, Polk Auction, August 30, 2024, New Paris, IN
- iii. Brandi Henderson, Polk Auction, August 29, 2024, New Paris, IN
- iv. Michael Nolt, ACP Chemistry Teachers Conference, September 13, 2024, IU Bloomington
- v. Lindsay London, Community Foundation of Elk Co Counselor Breakfast, September 6, 2024, Elkhart
- vi. Mindi Mattern, Community Foundation of Elk Co Counselor Breakfast, September 6, 2024, Elkhart
- vii. Jade Sipic, Community Foundation of Elk Co Counselor Breakfast, September 6, 2024, Elkhart
- viii. Angie Clark, Community Foundation of Elk Co Counselor Breakfast, September 6, 2024, Elkhart
- ix. Teresa King, Community Foundation of Elk Co Counselor Breakfast, September 6, 2024, Elkhart
- x. Abigail Zahner, Community Foundation of Elk Co Counselor Breakfast, September 6, 2024, Elkhart
- xi. Larry Fielstra, Community Foundation of Elk Co Counselor Breakfast, September 6, 2024, Elkhart
- xii. Kris Fielstra, Community Foundation of Elk Co Counselor Breakfast, September 6, 2024, Elkhart
- xiii. Jade Sipic, ISFAA Fall Counselor Workshop, October 3, 2024, St Mary's College South Bend
- xiv. Brooklyn Freeland, FCCLA Adviser Meeting, September 5, 2024, Hancock Public Library, New Palestine, IN
- xv. Brooklyn Freeland, FCCLA Student Fall Rally, September 25, 2024, Hendricks County Fairgrounds
- xvi. Jade Sipic, CCCEC High School Counseling Mtg, August 29, 2024, IVY Tech Goshen
- xvii. Angie Clark, CCCEC High School Counseling Mtg, August 29, 2024, IVY Tech Goshen
- xviii. Teresa King, CCCEC High School Counseling Mtg, August 29, 2024, IVY Tech Goshen
- xix. Amanda Corda, Student Teacher/Co-Teacher Workshop, August 23, 2024, Grace College Warsaw
- xx. Lori Persing, School Picture Day Coordinator, September 5, 2024, NWMS
- xxi. Jason DeMien, INSHAPE Annual Conference, November 7-8, 2024, Indianapolis
- xxii. Melanie Fervida, INSHAPE Annual Conference, November 7-8, 2024, Indianapolis
- xxiii. Mindy Myers, Community Foundation Counselor Breakfast, September 6, 2024, Elkhart
- xxiv. Dina Koble, ACP Speech Review Day, October 28, 2024, IU Bloomington
- xxv. Mike Furfaro, IU ACP Math PD, October 17, 2024, IUSB
- xxvi. Tina Davidhizar, IU ACP Math PD, October 17, 2024, IUSB
- xxvii. Sheila Cripe, Food Purchase Co-op Meetings, October 10, 2024, TBD
- xxviii. Sheila Cripe, Food Purchase Co-op Meetings, December 5, 2024, Plymouth
- xxix. Sheila Cripe, Food Purchase Co-op Meetings, January 16, 2025, Plymouth
- xxx. Sheila Cripe, Food Purchase Co-op Meetings, February 13, 2025, TBD
- xxxi. Sheila Cripe, Food Purchase Co-op Meetings, May 15, 2025, Plymouth

E. Consideration of Grants and Donations

- i. \$200 donation of snacks from Martins Supermarket to be used for WES Classrooms
- ii. \$85,737.42 Grant from Elk Co Community Foundation to be used for Mini-Andrews Football Field

School board member Brian Topping made, and Trevor Hershberger seconded the motion to approve the Consent Items including the additional consent items as presented by Mrs. Eshelman. Vote: 5-0

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VI. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

There were none.

VII. ACTION ITEMS

- A. Approval of Collen Wilson as a Special Ed Assistant at NES upon satisfactorily completing all pre-employment Expanded Criminal History Background & Drug Test.

School board member Curt Flickinger made, and Trevor Hershberger seconded the motion to approve the Collen Wilson as a Special Ed Assistant at NES upon satisfactorily completing all pre-employment Expanded Criminal History Background & Drug Test as presented by Dr. Thomas. Vote: 5-0

- B. Approval of the of the following School Improvement Plans:

- a) Nappanee Elementary School
- b) Wakarusa Elementary School
- c) Woodview Elementary School
- d) NorthWood Middle School
- e) NorthWood High School

School board member Don Lehman made, and Curt Flickinger seconded the motion to approve the School Improvement Plans as presented by Dr. Croner. Vote: 5-0

- C. Approval of the a out of state and/or overnight travel requests for:

- NWHS Band to Lucas Oil Stadium, November 8-9, 2024, Indianapolis
- NWHS FACS, Ivy Tech September 17, 2024, Chicago

School board member Don Lehman made, and Brian Topping seconded the motion to approve the a out of state and/or overnight travel request as presented by Dr. Croner. Vote: 5-0

- D. Approval of the revised 2024-2025 Classified Manual

School board member Curt Flickinger made, and Trevor Hershberger seconded the motion to approve the revised 2024-2025 Classified Manual as presented by Dr. Croner. Vote: 5-0

VIII. DISCUSSION/INFORMATION

- i. Annual Transportation Audit Report – Amy Rosa
- ii. Teacher Mentor Program – Gretchen Thomas
- iii. ILEARN Update – Gretchen Thomas
- iv. Financial Update – Jessica McFarland

There being no further business to come to the attention of the board school board member Don Lehman made, and Curt Flickinger seconded the motion to adjourn. Vote: 5-0

SIGNED: _____
Christina Eshelman, President

Trevor Hershberger, Secretary

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