

WA-NEE COMMUNITY SCHOOLS
Elkhart-Kosciusko Counties, Indiana
OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF THE
BOARD OF SCHOOL TRUSTEES
August 28, 2023

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 28, 2023, 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	Todd Gongwer
Trevor Hershberger	Don Lehman	

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

II. SPECIAL BOARD RECOGNITION

There were none.

III. RECOGNITION OF VISITORS & PUBLIC INPUT

There were none.

IV. SPECIAL ORDER OF BUSINESS

A. Second Joint Project and Preliminary Determination Hearing

President Eshelman announced that the board would be holding the Second Joint Project and Preliminary Determination Public Hearing for the proposed projects. She then shared the instruction on those interested in speaking at the hearing, to please sign-in sheet and include your name and address. After a presentation by our advisors, there will be an opportunity for the public to make comments about the projects. We will ask that each person limit your comments to 3 minutes and that the topic be limited to the proposed projects under consideration.

The purpose of the Second Joint Project and Preliminary Determination Public Hearing for the proposed projects is to give notice to the public and allows for all interested parties to have input that Wa-Nee Community Schools is considering entering into the proposed projects and an additional appropriation bond. The Board considers the lease agreement and additional appropriations necessary to meet the need for the renovations and improvements to NorthWood High School, NorthWood Middle School, and Wakarusa Elementary School. Notice was given by publication in the Wakarusa Tribune and August 2, 2023, and Heartland News on August 3, 2023, along with posting in three public places within the school district. The description of the additional appropriations is for appropriations in the amount of \$9,000,000 for the renovation of and improvements to NorthWood High School, NorthWood Middle School, and Wakarusa Elementary School, and incidental expenses to be incurred in connection with the building project and the issuance of bonds.

President Eshelman then asked if anyone in the public wished to speak on the proposed projects and additional appropriations for the proposed renovation projects. After the public is given a chance to speak, President Eshelman announced the Public Hearing for the proposed projects and additional appropriation bonds to be closed and the minutes should reflect that the Public Hearing was held.

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School board member Curt Flickinger made, and Don Lehman seconded the motion to close the Public Hearing concerning the proposed projects and additional appropriation bonds for the renovation projects as presented by Mrs. Eshelman. Vote: 5-0

- B. Adoption of resolutions relating to the 2023 Projects
 - i. Adopt 1028 Project Resolution
 - ii. Adopt Preliminary Determination Resolution
 - iii. Approve Form of Amendment to Lease/Reimbursement Resolution

School board member Curt Flickinger made, and Todd Gongwer seconded the motion to adopt the resolutions relating to the 2023 Projects as presented by Mrs. Eshelman. Vote: 5-0

V. AMENDMENTS TO THE AGENDA

A. Amendments to the Agenda

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

VI. CONSENT ITEMS

- A. Consideration of the regular board meeting minutes for August 14, 2023
- B. Consideration of the claims dated August 28, 2023
- 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. Kyle Travis, Band Camp/Color Guard/Percussion @ NWHS, effective August 2023
 - ii. Hailee Neverman, Key Club Co-Sponsor @ NWHS, effective August 17, 2023
 - iii. Amy Heldreth, Key Club Co-Sponsor @ NWHS, effective August 17, 2023
 - iv. Nicole Minnich, Academic Interventionist @ NWMS, effective August 16, 2023
 - v. Jansen Christian, SOAR Ass't @ NES, effective TBD
 - vi. Emili Zahner, Bus Driver Route 39, effective August 21, 2023
 - vii. Shelly Lengacher, High Ability Coordinator @ WES, effective TBD
 - viii. Ann Van Dyke, Special Ed Ass't – Lifeskills @ NWMS, effective August 28, 2023
 - 2. **Retirement/Resignation/End of Employment**
 - i. Diane Ivin, Special Ed Ass't @ NES, effective August 15, 2023
 - ii. Geof Harlow, Head Custodian @ WES, effective September 1, 2023
 - 3. **Transfer**
 - i. Wendy Briscoe, from EL Ass't to Title I Ass't @ NES, effective TBD
- D. Consideration of Professional Leave Requests
 - i. Grace Allen, Polk Labor Day Auction, September 1, 2023, New Paris
 - ii. Brandi Henderson, Polk Labor Day Auction, September 1, 2023, New Paris
 - iii. Brandi Henderson, National Hippology Competition, October 11, 2023, Columbus, OH
 - iv. Brandi Henderson, National FFA Convention, November 1-3, 2023, Indianapolis
 - v. Randi Libby, IASBO Audit Seminar, September 14, 2023, Indianapolis
 - vi. Gretchen Thomas, McKinney-Vento Conference, August 2, 2023, Virtual
 - vii. Jade Sipic, Elkhart County Counselors Breakfast, September 1, 2023, Beacon Health Elkhart
 - viii. Angie Clark, Elkhart County Counselors Breakfast, September 1, 2023, Beacon Health Elkhart
 - ix. Brock Treesh, Elkhart County Counselors Breakfast, September 1, 2023, Beacon Health Elkhart
 - x. Jade Sipic, IACAC Conference, September 26, 2023, IU/PU Fort Wayne
 - xi. Laura Grimm, German Immersion Day, September 16, 2023, Hanover College
 - xii. Dina Koble, High Ability Education Boot Camp, August 29, 2023, Conner Prairie

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- xiii. Dina Koble, High Ability Education Boot Camp, September 15, 2023, Conner Prairie
- xiv. Lisa Craven, Indiana Skyward User Group Conference, September 26, 2023, Indianapolis
- xv. Melanie Fervida, INSHAPE Annual Conference, November 9-10, 2023, Indianapolis, IN
- xvi. Valerie Anglemeyer, INTESOL 2023, November 18, 2023, Virtual Conference
- xvii. Carrie O'Keefe, Alt. Ed Meeting, August 30, 2023, Virtual
- xviii. Gretchen Thomas, ISBA Library Books Webinar, September 13, 2023, Virtual
- xix. Gretchen Thomas, ISBA Student Discipline Webinar, September 14, 2023, Virtual
- xx. Brooklyn Freeland, FCCLA Fall Rally, September 28, 2023, Hendricks County Fairgrounds
- xxi. Abbie Kashmer Bradford, ISFAA Counselor Workshop, September 19, 2023, Ft Wayne
- xxii. Kristina Clark, High Ability Boot Camp, August 28, 2023, Fishers, IN
- xxiii. Kristina Clark, High Ability Boot Camp, September 14, 2023, Fishers, IN
- xxiv. Kelly Schmidt, High Ability Boot Camp, August 28, 2023, Fishers, IN
- xxv. Kelly Schmidt, High Ability Boot Camp, September 14, 2023, Fishers, IN
- xxvi. Michael Nolt, ACP Chemistry Teacher Conference, November 17, 2023, IU Bloomington

E. Consideration of Grants and Donations

- i. \$100 donation from Kiwanis Club of Nappanee, Inc to be used for NES needy students school supplies
- ii. \$100 donation from Kiwanis Club of Nappanee, Inc to be used for WES needy students school supplies
- iii. \$100 donation from Kiwanis Club of Nappanee, Inc to be used for WV needy students school supplies
- iv. \$100 anonymous donation to be used for Nappanee Elementary Care Closet
- v. \$1,000 donation from Fairmont Homes to be used for school supplies for students
- vi. \$3,600 donation from Charlie Roeder to be used for NWHS Football

School board member Trevor Hershberger made, and Todd Gongwer seconded the motion to approve the Consent Items including the additional consent items as presented by Mrs. Eshelman. Vote: 4-0-1
Mr. Curt Flickinger abstained.

VII. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

There were none.

VIII. ACTION ITEMS

A. 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 Curt Flickinger made, and Todd Gongwer seconded the motion to approve the School Improvement Plans as presented by Dr. Croner. Vote: 5-0

B. Approval of the adoption of the following School Board Policies for:

- Policy 6111.01 – Matters Involving certain Legal Expenses

School board member Curt Flickinger made, and Trevor Hershberger seconded the motion to approve the adoption of the School Board Policies as presented by Dr. Croner. Vote: 5-0

C. Approval of the 2023-2024 EACC Agreement

School board member Don Lehman made, and Curt Flickinger seconded the motion to approve the 2023-2024 EACC Agreement as presented by Dr. Croner. Vote: 5-0

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D. Approval of the Master Service Agreement between Insight Global and Wa-Nee Community Schools

School board member Trevor Hershberger made, and Curt Flickinger seconded the motion to approve the Master Service Agreement between Insight Global and Wa-Nee Community Schools as presented by Dr. Croner. Vote: 5-0

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

- NWHS FFA to Seeking Opportunity & Achieving Results, October 6-8, 2023, Trafalgar, IN

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

IX. DISCUSSION/INFORMATION

- A. Teacher Mentor Program – Gretchen Thomas
- B. Financial Update – Randi Libby

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

SIGNED:

Christina Eshelman, President

Shawn C. Johnson, Secretary