

WA-NEE COMMUNITY SCHOOLS
Elkhart-Kosciusko Counties, Indiana
OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF THE
BOARD OF SCHOOL TRUSTEES
September 13, 2021

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, September 13, 2021.

I. CALL TO ORDER

- A. The meeting was called to order at the Wa-Nee Administration Building at 6:00 PM by School Board President Christina Eshelman.
- B. Pledge of Allegiance
- C. Roll Call

On roll call by Secretary Terry Graber the following members responded as present:

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| Don Lehman | Shawn Johnson | Todd Gongwer |
| Curt Flickinger | Christina Eshelman | Terry Graber |

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

II. AMENDMENTS TO THE AGENDA

- A. Amendments to the Agenda

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

III. CONSENT ITEMS

- A. Consideration of the regular board meeting minutes for August 23, 2021
- B. Consideration of the claims dated September 13, 2021
- 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. Josh Yoder, Freshman Girls Basketball @ NWHS, effective August 24, 2021
 - ii. Natalie Kranenburg, Social Studies Dept. Chair @ NWHS, effective August 11, 2021
 - iii. Geoff Clemans, .5 Freshman Football Coach @ NWHS, effective August 24, 2021
 - iv. Sam Montgomery, .5 Freshman Football Coach @ NWHS, effective August 31, 2021
 - v. Kimberlee Culp, F/T Custodian @ NWHS, effective September 7, 2021
 - vi. Betsy Rangel, Lifeskills Ass't @ NES, effective August 31, 2021
 - vii. Kenton Chapman, Robotics Sponsor @ NWMS, effective August 31, 2021
 - viii. Donelle Noyes, Special Ed Ass't SOAR @ NES, effective September 23, 2021
 - ix. Samantha Tobias, Cheer Coach @ NWMS, effective upon satisfactorily completing pre-employment tests
 - x. Christopher Berg, Ass't Principal @ NWHS, effective upon satisfactorily completing pre-employment tests
 - xi. Sherry Blair, P/T Custodian @ NWHS, effective September 13, 2021
 - 2. Transfer
 - i. Noelle Pate, from Bus Route 46 to Substitute Bus Driver, effective July 21, 2021
 - ii. Kristi Wright, from Bus Route 37 to Substitute Bus Driver, effective July 27, 2021
 - iii. Michelle Skipper, from P/T Cafeteria @ NWMS to Instructional Ass't @ WES, effective TBD
 - iv. Bobbi Croner, from Special Ed Ass't to Life Skills Ass't (SOAR) @ NES, effective Sept. 14, 2021
 - v. Mindy Valtierra, from Special Ed Ass't to Life Skills Ass't (SOAR) @ NWMS, effective Sept. 14, 2021

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3. Retirement/Resignation/End of Employment
 - i. Matt Landis, 8th Boys Basketball Coach @ NWMS, effective August 13, 2021
 - ii. Shana Knight, Secretary @ NES, effective October 5, 2021

D. Consideration of Professional Leave Requests

- i. Wendy Briscoe, SIOP Training, September 14-16, 2021, NWMS
- ii. Mindi Slone, ACP English Conference, October 1, 2021, Virtual
- iii. Dawn Slein, High Ability Training, September 14-28, Virtual
- iv. Aaron Wolfe, Coaching Clinic, August 23, 2021, Huntington University, August 23, 2021
- v. AJ Risedorph, IIAAA State Conference, September 26-28, 2021, Indianapolis, IN
- vi. Brandi Trusty, Elementary Suicide Prevention Training, September 9, 2021, Virtual
- vii. Weston Lambert, College Board Fall Assessments Overview, Sept. 23, 2021, South Bend
- viii. Weston Lambert, IASP District 2 Meeting, September 17, 2021, Warsaw High School
- ix. Bailie Olsen, SIOP Training, September 14-16, 2021, NWMS
- x. Kelley Hunnings, SIOP Training, September 14-16, 2021, NWMS
- xi. Laura Blosser, SIOP Training, September 14-16, 2021, NWMS
- xii. Terrie Mullet, SIOP Training, September 14-16, 2021, NWMS
- xiii. Jade Sipic, Elk Co Counseling Initiative Career Readiness, Sept. 16, 2021, IVY Tech Goshen
- xiv. Angela Clark, Elk Co Counseling Initiative Career Readiness, Sept. 16, 2021, IVY Tech Goshen
- xv. Jade Sipic, College Board SAT Workshop, September 27, 2021, Ft. Wayne
- xvi. Robin Bilinski, College Board SAT Workshop, September 27, 2021, Ft. Wayne
- xvii. Jessica Eubank, W131 Conference, October 1, 2021, Virtual
- xviii. Dina Koble, College Board SAT Workshop, September 23, 2021, South Bend
- xix. Megan Evers, College Board SAT Workshop, September 23, 2021, South Bend
- xx. San Juanita Murillo, SIOP Training, September 14-16, 2021, NWMS

E. Consideration of Grants and Donations

- i. \$100 donation from Cami Mechling to be used by the NWHS Art Club
- ii. \$1,000 donation from Elk. County 4-H Dairy Advisory to be used by NWHS Girls Soccer
- iii. \$250 donation from Edward Jones to be used by Woodview Eaglebots
- iv. \$750 donation from BD Custom Mfg to be used by Wa-Nee Robotics
- v. \$100 donation from Bradd & Hall Inc to be used by Wa-Nee Robotics
- vi. \$250 donation from Brown & Brown General Contractors to be used by Wa-Nee Robotics
- vii. \$250 donation from CBM Cycles Inc to be used by Wa-Nee Robotics
- viii. \$250 donation from Community Fibers Network to be used by Wa-Nee Robotics
- ix. \$50 donation from GMA Inc to be used by Wa-Nee Robotics
- x. \$1,000 donation from Henschen Oil to be used by Wa-Nee Robotics
- xi. \$250 donation from Heritage Fabrics & General Store to be used by Wa-Nee Robotics
- xii. \$250 donation from Larimer Furniture to be used by Wa-Nee Robotics
- xiii. \$750 donation from Martin Bros. Contracting to be used by Wa-Nee Robotics
- xiv. \$500 donation from Old National Bancorp to be used by Wa-Nee Robotics
- xv. \$250 donation from Phil Hahn & Associates to be used by Wa-Nee Robotics
- xvi. \$250 donation from R Yoder Construction to be used by Wa-Nee Robotics
- xvii. \$750 donation from Reliance to be used by Wa-Nee Robotics
- xviii. \$100 donation from Stickleby Ace Hardware to be used by Wa-Nee Robotics
- xix. \$100 donation from Topping Dental Group to be used by Wa-Nee Robotics
- xx. \$250 donation from Zimmer Metal Sales to be used by Wa-Nee Robotics

School board member Shawn Johnson made, and Terry Graber seconded the motion to approve the Consent Items as presented by Mr. Eshelman. Vote: 6-0

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IV. RECOGNITION OF VISITORS & PUBLIC INPUT

Mr. Mike Hertsel expressed concern regarding an optional COVID-19 survey that was administered to his child. He then thanked Dr. Croner and Mr. Bowser for the response he received when he expressed concern. Finally, Mr. Hertsel thanked the board for remaining mask optional this school year.

V. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

There was none.

VI. ACTION ITEMS

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

- NWHS FFA, National Convention, October 27-30, 2021, Indianapolis, IN
- NWHS FFA, Foundations in Reaching Excellence Camp, Nov. 19-21, 2021, Trafalgar, IN
- NWHS FFA, Quarter Horse Congress, October 11-14, 2021, Ohio Expo Center
- NWMS & NWHS FFA, Seeking Opportunities Achieving Results (SOAR Camp) Oct. 8-10, 2021, Trafalgar, IN
- Red Regiment, State Band Competition, November 5 & 6, 2021, Lucas Oil Stadium

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

B. Consider the permission to advertise for the Notice of Project Hearing and Preliminary Determination Hearing (2022 Lease Bond Issuance)

School board member Curt Flickinger made, and Shawn Johnson seconded the motion to approve the permission to advertise the Notice of Project Hearing and Preliminary Determination Hearing as presented by Dr. Croner. Vote: 6-0


VII. DISCUSSION/INFORMATION

- A. Permission to Advertise NES Re-Roofing Project – Scot Croner
- B. Policy 8390.01 Use of Therapy Dog(s) in Schools – Scot Croner
 - a. Therapy Dog MOU
- C. Enrollment Update – Scot Croner
- D. October 11, 2022 School Board Meeting – Scot Croner
- E. Curriculum Update (Coaches and Principal Meetings) – Gretchen Thomas
- F. 2021-2022 ECA Financial Report – Randi Libby

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



Curt Flickinger, Secretary

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