

**WA-NEE COMMUNITY SCHOOLS**  
**Elkhart-Kosciusko Counties, Indiana**  
**OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF THE**  
**BOARD OF SCHOOL TRUSTEES**  
**September 27, 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 V.*

The Board of School Trustees of the Wa-Nee Community Schools met Monday, September 27, 2021.

**I. CALL TO ORDER**

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

On roll call by Dr. Scot Croner the following members responded as present:

Lou Bonacorsi	Shawn Johnson	Todd Gongwer
Curt Flickinger	Don Lehman	

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

**II. SPECIAL ORDER BUSINESS**

- A. Public Hearing on the 2022 Budget
- B. Public Hearing on the 2022, 2023 & 2024 Capital Project Plan
- C. Public Hearing on the 2022 – 2026 Bus Replacement Plan

Public Comments, hearing none the public hearings on the 2022 Budget, 2022, 2023 & 2024 Capital Project Plan and the 2022-2026 Bus Replacement Plans were closed.

**D. First Preliminary Determination Public Hearing**

Public Comments, hearing none the First Preliminary Determination Public Hearing on the proposed 2022 Projects was closed.

**E. Adoption of the Resolution's for the Wa-Nee Community Lease Finance:**

- Resolution Authorizing Execution of Lease
- Additional Appropriation Resolution
- Resolution assigning bids to Building Corporation
- Resolution approving Supplement to Master Continuing Disclosure Undertaking

School board member Shawn Johnson made, and Curt Flickinger seconded the motion to approve the Adoption of the Resolution's for the Wa-Nee Community Lease Finance as presented by Mrs. Eshleman.  
Vote: 5-0.

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III. AMENDMENTS TO THE AGENDA

A. Amendments to the Agenda

School board member Shawn Johnson made, and Don Lehman seconded the motion to approve the Amendments to the Agenda as presented by Mr. Graber. Vote: 5-0.

IV. CONSENT ITEMS

- A. Consideration of the regular board meeting minutes for September 13, 2021
- B. Consideration of the claims dated September 27, 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. Lisa Sherman, Yearbook Sponsor @ NWMS, effective September 16, 2021
    - ii. Val Anglemyer, High Ability Coordinator @ NWMS, effective September 16, 2021
    - iii. Michael McMurray, Ass't Girls Cross Country @ NWHS, effective September 13, 2021
    - iv. Mindi Mattern, High Ability Coordinator @ NES, effective September 27, 2021
    - v. Jackie Geese, Instructional Ass't SOAR @ NES, effective September 27, 2021
  - 2. **Retirement/Resignation/End of Employment**
    - i. Kati Andrews, High Ability Coordinator @ NES, effective September 17, 2021
    - ii. Amy Beer, Agriculture @ NWHS, effective November 1, 2021
    - iii. Carla Newcomer, High Ability Coordinator @ NWHS, effective September 26, 2021
  - 3. **Transfers**
    - i. Becky Roa, from F/T Cafeteria to Secretary @ NES, effective October 4, 2021
    - ii. Jakyah Qaiyim, from 1.0 FTE to .5 FTE Freshman Boys Basketball @ NWHS, effective Sept. 28, 2021
    - iii. Marilyn Yoder, from Instructional Ass't SOAR to F/T Cafeteria @ NES, effective October 4, 2021
- D. Consideration of Professional Leave Requests
  - i. Grace Allen, FFA National Convention, October 27-29, 2021, Indianapolis
  - ii. Robin Bilinski, SAT Overview Workshop, September 23, 2021
  - iii. Kris Fielstra, ISCA Conference, November 11-12, 2021, Indianapolis
- E. Consideration of Grants and Donations
  - i. \$50 anonymous donation to be used for NWAA Student Course Completion
  - ii. \$50 anonymous donation to be used for NWAA Student Course Completion
  - iii. \$50 anonymous donation to be used for NWAA Student Course Completion
  - iv. \$25 donation from Elaine Egging to be used for NWAA Student Course Completion
  - v. \$20 donation from Stacy Morgan to be used for NWAA Student Course Completion
  - vi. \$25 donation from Janelle Salinas to be used for NWAA Student Course Completion
  - vii. \$25 donation from Debra Eberstein to be used for NWAA Student Course Completion
  - viii. \$25 donation from Marcy Porter to be used for NWAA Student Course Completion
  - ix. \$25 donation from Deborah O'Keefe to be used for NWAA Student Course Completion
  - x. \$25 donation from Sara Nephew to be used for NWAA Student Course Completion
  - xi. \$1,000 donation from S & S Recovery Solutions LLC to be used by Bring Change 2 Mind
  - xii. \$100 donation from Robert Lesley to be used by NWHS Girls Golf

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xiii. \$350 donation from Kiwanis Club of Nappanee to be used for NWHS Academic State Rings

School board member Don Lehman made, and Lou Bonacorsi seconded the motion to approve the Consent Items as presented by Mr. Graber. Vote: 5-0

V. RECOGNITION OF VISITORS & PUBLIC INPUT

Mr. Aaron Mullet thanked the board for remaining mask optional this school year.

VI. ACTION ITEMS

A. Adoption of the Preliminary Bond Resolution's for the Non-Controlled Projects – General Obligation Bonds 2021

- Preliminary Bond Resolution
- Declaration of Official Intent to Reimburse Expenditures

School board member Shawn Johnson made, and Curt Flickinger seconded the motion to approve the Adoption of the Preliminary Bond Resolution's for the Non-Controlled Projects – General Obligation Bonds 2021 as presented by Dr. Croner. Vote: 5-0.

B. Approval of an RFP for Construction Manager as Constructor for upcoming potential projects

School board member Curt Flickinger made, and Shawn Johnson seconded the motion to approve the approval of an RFP for Construction Manager as Constructor for upcoming potential projects as presented by Dr. Croner. Vote: 5-0

C. Approval of adoption of School Board Policy 8390.01 Use of Therapy Dog(s) in Schools

School board member Curt Flickinger made, and Shawn Johnson seconded the motion to approve of adoption of School Board Policy 8390.01 Use of Therapy Dog(s) in Schools as presented by Dr. Croner. Vote: 5-0

D. Approval of the Therapy Dog MOU

School board member Shawn Johnson made, and Terry Graber seconded the motion to approve the Therapy Dog MOU as presented by Dr. Croner. Vote: 4-1

E. Approval of the 2021-22 Elkhart Area Career Center Agreement

School board member Shawn Johnson made, and Lou Bonacorsi seconded the motion to approve the 2021-22 Elkhart Area Career Center Agreement as presented by Dr. Croner. Vote: 5-0

F. Approval of the Wa-Nee Robotics Kit Rental Agreement

School board member Curt Flickinger made, and Terry Graber seconded the motion to approve the Wa-Nee Robotics Kit Rental Agreement as presented by Dr. Croner. Vote: 5-0

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G. Approval of the bus bids for:

- a. Three (3) 78 passenger, Blue Bird, propane buses and
- b. One (1) 72 passenger, Blue Bird, lift bus

School board member Shawn Johnson made, and Lou Bonacorsi seconded the motion to approve the bus bids as presented by Dr. Croner. Vote: 5-0

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

- NWHS Competition Cheer, October 2-3, 2021, Pendleton Heights

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

VII. DISCUSSION/INFORMATION

- A. Enrollment Update – Scot Croner
- B. ilearn Update – Gretchen Thomas
- C. Financial Update – Randi Libby

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

SIGNED:

  
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Christina Eshelman, President

  
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Secretary

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