

**WA-NEE COMMUNITY SCHOOLS**  
**Elkhart-Kosciusko Counties, Indiana**  
**OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF THE**  
**BOARD OF SCHOOL TRUSTEES**  
**September 9, 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, September 9, 2024, in their first 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
Shawn Johnson	Don Lehman	

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

**II. SPECIAL BOARD RECOGNITION**

- A. NorthWood High School FCCLA

**III. RECOGNITION OF VISITORS & PUBLIC INPUT**

There were none.

**IV. SPECIAL ORDER OF BUSINESS**

- A. Public Hearing on the 2025 Budget

The purpose of the Public Hearing was to give notice to the public that the Wa-Nee Community School Board of Trustees will be meeting to discuss the 2025 budget, 2025-2027 Capital Projects, and 2025-2029 Bus Replacement Plan. During the meeting the Board of School Trustees met to discuss and hear from the public objections to and support for the proposed budget. President Eshelman announced the Public Hearing for the 2025 Wa-Nee Community Schools budget was open and asked if anyone in the public wished to speak. After giving the public a chance to speak and hearing no comments asked that the hearing be closed

- C. Public Hearing for the 2024-2025 Negotiations between WCS and the WEA

President Eshelman announced that the board would be holding a Public Hearing concerning the 2024-2025 Negotiations between Wa-Nee Community Schools (WCS) and the Wa-Nee Education Association (WEA).

She then explained purpose of the Public Hearing would give notice to the public that the Wa-Nee Community School Board of Trustees will be entering into negotiations on the proposed contract between WSC and the WEA which may be effective from July 1, 2024 to June 30, 2025. During this meeting the Board of School Trustees met to discuss and hear from the public objections to and support for the proposed contract negotiations.

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Dr. Scot Croner then recognized that Beth Beer, WEA President was in attendance for the public hearing virtually by Microsoft Teams. Mrs. Eshelman then asked if anyone in the from the public wished to speak.

After the public was given a chance to speak and hearing no comments President Eshelman asked that the hearing be closed.

**II. AMENDMENTS TO THE AGENDA**

**A. Amendments to the Agenda**

School board member Shawn Johnson made, and Trevor Hershberger 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 26, 2024**

**B. Consideration of the claims dated September 9, 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. Glen Kehr, P/T Custodian @ NWHS, effective TBD
- ii. Eric Claywell, .5 Robotics Sponsor @ NWMS, effective TBD
- iii. Tricia Graverson, Mental Health Counselor @ NWMS, TBD
- iv. Jennifer Johnson, Temporary APEX/Edgenuity @ NWHS, TBD

**2. Retirement/Resignation/End of Employment/Termination**

- i. Halle DeMien, ESL Ass't @ NWMS, effective May 30, 2024
- ii. Kyler Hauptli, JV Ass't JV Baseball Coach, effective September 6, 2024
- iii. Shannon Baker, Ass't Baseball Coach, effective September 9, 2024

**3. Transfer**

- i. Matt Smith, from Grounds Maintenance to Ass't Director of Maintenance, effective TBD
- ii. Tamy Leroux, from Volunteer Robotics Sponsor to .5 Robotics Sponsor @ NWMS, effective Aug. 1, 2024
- iii. Dave Stair, from Volunteer Robotics Sponsor to .5 Robotics Sponsor @ NWMS, effective Aug. 1, 2024
- iv. Matt Protzman, from 1.0 Robotics Sponsor to .5 Robotics Sponsor @ NES, effective Aug. 1, 2024
- v. Karl Leroux, from Volunteer Robotics Sponsor to .5 Robotics Sponsor @ NES, effective Aug. 1, 2024

**4. Leave of Absence**

- i. Amanda Corda, 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Social Studies @ NWMS, effective March 7 through April 28, 2025

**D. Consideration of Professional Leave Requests**

- i. Sheila Cripe, Food Purchase Co-op Meetings, September 12, 2024, Plymouth
- ii. Sheila Cripe, GFS School Food Show, October 1 & 2, 2024, Grand Rapids, MI
- iii. Dawn Payne, NES Jog-a-thon, September 20, 2024, NWHS
- iv. Mandy Davis, Online SIOP Training, 3 days in October 2024, Online
- v. Katie Ewers, Online SIOP Training, 3 days in October 2024, Online
- vi. Jeanie Prenkert, Online SIOP Training, 3 days in October 2024, Online
- vii. Brooklyn Freeland, FCS Education Day, October 3, 2024, Purdue
- viii. Dawn Payne, The InShape Physical Education Conference, November 7-8, 2024, Indianapolis

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E. Consideration of Grants and Donations

- i. \$150 donation from Elk Co Agricultural Society, Inc to be used by NorthWood FFA
- ii. \$350 donation from First Mennonite Church to be used for the NES Care Closet
- iii. \$100 Anonymous donation to be used for NWHS Girls Cross Country
- iv. \$500 donation from Indianapolis Colts Foundation to be used for NWHS Bring Change to Mind

School board member Shawn Johnson made, and Don Lehman seconded the motion to approve the Consent Items including the additional consent items as presented by Mrs. Eshelman. Vote: 5-0

VI. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

There was none.

VII. ACTION ITEMS

A. Approval of the purchase of four (4) buses

School board member Shawn Johnson made, and Trevor Hershberger seconded the motion to approve the purchase of four (4) buses as presented by Mrs. Rosa. Vote: 5-0

B. Approval of the out of state and/or overnight trip requests for:

- NWHS Girls Golf to IHSAA Practice Round/State Tournament, October 3-5, 2024

School board member Trevor Hershberger made, and Curt Flickinger seconded the motion to approve the out of state and/or overnight trip request by Dr. Croner. Vote: 5-0

C. Approval of the mentors for WDV and NES

School board member Shawn Johnson made, and Curt Flickinger seconded the motion to approve the mentors for WDV and NES as presented by Dr. Croner. Vote: 5-0

VIII. DISCUSSION/INFORMATION

A. Enrollment Update – Dr. Scot Croner

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

SIGNED:

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Christina Eshelman, President

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Trevor Hershberger, Secretary

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