

**WA-NEE COMMUNITY SCHOOLS**  
**Elkhart-Kosciusko Counties, Indiana**  
**OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF THE**  
**BOARD OF SCHOOL TRUSTEES**  
**January 9, 2023**

*A Tradition of Excellence: Preparing today's students for tomorrow's challenges.*

The Board of School Trustees of the Wa-Nee Community Schools met Monday evening, January 9, 2023, in their first meeting of the month.

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order at the Wa-Nee Administration Building at 6:00 PM by Superintendent Scot Croner.

**2. ROLL CALL**

On roll call by Superintendent, Scot Croner the following members responded as present:

Christina Eshelman	Curt Flickinger	Don Lehman
Trevor Hershberger	Shawn Johnson	Brian Topping

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

**2. SPECIAL ORDER OF BUSINESS**

**A. ADMINISTERING OF THE OATH OF OFFICE**

School Corporation Attorney, Mr. Tim Shelly, administered the Oath of Office to re-elected board members Mr. Curt Flickinger and newly elected board members Mr. Trevor Hershberger and Dr. Brian Topping.

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

There were none.

**4. SPECIAL ORDER OF BUSINESS**

**ELECTION OF BOARD OFFICERS AND BOARD OF FINANCE OFFICERS, APPOINTMENT OF TREASURER, DEPUTY TREASURER, APPOINTMENT OF LEGAL FIRMS AND ESTABLISHMENT OF MEETINGS**

- A. School board member Curt Flickinger nominated Christina Eshelman as President of the school board to serve from January 1, 2023, to December 31, 2023. School board member Don Lehman moved that the nominations be closed, and Brian Topping seconded the motion. Vote: 6-0

**SCHOOL BOARD PRESIDENT CHRISTINA ESHELMAN PRESIDED OVER THE MEETING AT THIS POINT**

- B. School board member Don Lehman nominated Curt Flickinger as Vice President of the school board to serve from January 1, 2023, to December 31, 2023. School board member Shawn Johnson moved that the nominations be closed, and Don Lehman seconded the motion. Vote: 6-0

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- C. School board member Christina Eshelman nominated Shawn Johnson as Secretary of the school board to serve from January 1, 2023, to December 31, 2023. School board member Christina Eshelman moved that the nominations be closed, and Brian Topping seconded the motion. Vote: 5-0-1
- D. School board member Shawn Johnson nominated Christina Eshelman as President of the Board of Finance to serve from January 1, 2023, to January 1, 2024, and Curt Flickinger seconded that the nomination be closed. Vote: 6-0
- E. School board member Curt Flickinger nominated Shawn Johnson as Secretary of the Board of Finance to serve from January 1, 2023, to January 1, 2024, and Trevor Hershberger seconded that the nomination be closed. Vote: 5-0-1
- F. Board of Finance Report – Randi Libby
  - Investment Report
  - Fiscal Indicators Report

### **OTHER ITEMS OF SPECIAL BUSINESS**

- G. Upon the recommendation of Superintendent Croner, school board member Curt Flickinger moved that the board keep the same meeting dates of the 2<sup>nd</sup> and the 4<sup>th</sup> Mondays of the month with a start time to 6:00 PM. Don Lehman seconded the motion. Vote: 6-0
- H. Upon the recommendation of Superintendent Croner, school board member Curt Flickinger moved that the board appoint the legal firms of Warrick & Boyn, LLC of Elkhart to serve Wa-Nee Community Schools from January 1, 2023, to December 31, 2023. Don Lehman seconded the motion. Vote: 5-1
- I. Upon the recommendation of Superintendent Croner, school board member Shawn Johnson moved that the board appoint Business Manager, Randi Libby as the School Board Treasurer and Crystal Manring, Wa-Nee Bookkeeper as Deputy Treasurer from January 1, 2023 to December 31, 2023. Don Lehman seconded the motion. Vote: 6-0.

### **4. AMENDMENTS TO THE AGENDA**

School board member Don Lehman made, and Curt Flickinger seconded the motion to approve the amendments to the agenda as presented by Mrs. Eshelman. Vote: 6-0

### **5. CONSENT ITEMS**

- A. Consideration of the regular board meeting minutes for December 19, 2022
- B. Consideration of the claims dated January 9, 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. Ashleigh Helfrich, Homebound Instructor @ NES, January 2023
    - ii. Beth Nunemaker, Homebound Instructor @ NES, January 2023
    - iii. Mindi Mattern, Homebound Instructor @ NES, January 2023
    - iv. Gary Robinson, F/T Custodian @ NWHS, effective January TBD

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#### 2. Retirement/Resignation/End of Employment

- i. Karen Stichter, Cafeteria Substitute, effective December 31, 2022
- ii. Kayla White, Varsity Softball Ass't @ NWHS, effective January 4, 2023

#### D. Consideration of Professional Leave Requests

- i. Kris Hershberger, I Love You Guys' Training, January 26, 2023, Fairfield High School
- ii. Jake Everett, ICASE Spring Conference, February 1-3, 2023. Indianapolis
- iii. Dan Hawkins, I Love You Guys, January 16, 2023, Fairfield High School
- iv. Jade Sipic, Indiana College Core, January 18, 2023, IUPUI Campus
- v. Weston Lambert, Indiana College Core, January 18, 2023, IUPUI Campus
- vi. Joey Shepherd, IMEA Conference, January 12-14, 2023, Fort Wayne
- vii. Amanda Mehl, Curricular Development – Lifeskills, January 26, 2023, NWHS LGI
- viii. Zoran Sipic, Curricular Development – Lifeskills, January 26, 2023, NWHS LGI
- ix. Melanie Yoder, Curricular Development – Lifeskills, January 26, 2023, NWHS LGI
- x. Brittney Lechlitner, Curricular Development – Lifeskills, January 26, 2023, NWHS LGI
- xi. Christine Powers, Curricular Development – Lifeskills, January 26, 2023, NWHS LGI
- xii. Chris Berg, School Safety Specialist Basic Training, February 9, 2023, Indianapolis

#### E. Consideration of Grants and Donations

- i. \$100 donation from J & N Stone to be used for the 3<sup>rd</sup> grade Circus Trip
- ii. \$300 donation from Henschen Oil to be used for the 3<sup>rd</sup> grade Circus Trip
- iii. \$200 donation from Wakarusa Chamber of Commerce to be used for the 3<sup>rd</sup> grade Circus Trip
- iv. \$2,642 donation from B & A Reed Farms LLC to be used for NWHS FFA
- v. \$500 donation from Tri Kappa to be used for NWHS YAP – Art Classes
- vi. \$8,000 donation from Patrick Industries to be used for Corporate Sponsorship
- vii. \$5,000 donation from Quality Window & Door Inc. to be used for Corporate Sponsorship
- viii. \$1,000 donation from Topping Dental to be used for Corporate Sponsorship
- ix. \$1,000 donation from R Yoder Construction to be used for Corporate Sponsorship
- x. \$2,000 donation from Everence to be used for Corporate Sponsorship
- xi. \$2,000 donation from Reliance Construction to be used for Corporate Sponsorship
- xii. \$2,000 donation from Laurie Sumpter to be used for Corporate Sponsorship
- xiii. \$200 donation from Kitson Development Corp. on behalf of Solar Energy to be used by NES
- xiv. \$200 anonymous donation to be used for WES Negative Lunch Balances
- xv. \$38.50 anonymous donation to be used for NWHS Academic Teams
- xvi. \$1,000 donation from Northern IN Johnny Poppers to be used for NWHS FFA

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

## 6. ACTION ITEMS

### A. APPROVAL OF THE APPOINTMENT OF THE NON-VOTING SCHOOL BOARD MEMBER TO THE WAKARUSA REDEVELOPMENT COMMISSION BOARD

School board member Don Lehman made, and Shawn Johnson seconded the motion to approve the appointment of Curt Flickinger to be the non-voting school board member for the Wakarusa Redevelopment Commission Board as presented by Dr. Croner. Vote: 6-0

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B. **APPROVAL OF THE REQUEST TO ADVERTISE FOR RFP FOR THE COPIER/PRINTERS**

School board member Shawn Johnson made, and Curt Flickinger seconded the motion to approve the request to advertise for RFP for the copier/printers as presented by Mrs. Libby. Vote: 6-0

C. **APPROVAL OF HEALTH SCREENING INCENTIVE**

School board member Shawn Johnson made, and Trevor Hershberger seconded the motion to approve the Health Screening Incentive as presented by Mrs. Libby. Vote: 6-0

D. **APPROVAL OF THE SALE OF 4 USED LAPTOPS**

School board member Shawn Johnson made, and Brian Topping seconded the motion to approve the sale of 4 used laptops as presented by Dr. Croner. Vote: 6-0

E. **APPROVAL OF THE OUT OF STATE AND/OR OVERNIGHT TRAVEL REQUEST FOR:**

- NWHS Robotics to State Robotics Competition, March 24-25, 2023, Indianapolis
- NWHS Girls Wrestling to State Competition, January 13-14, 2023, Mooresville High School

School board member Curt Flickinger made, and Trevor Hershberger seconded the motion to approve the out of state and/or overnight travel requests as presented by Mrs. Eshelman. Vote: 6-0

7. **DISCUSSION & INFORMATION**

- A. Construction Update
- B. 2023-2024 NWHS Course Description Guide
- C. 2023-2024 Credit Recovery Courses for NWHS

There being no more items to come to the attention of the board, school board member Shawn Johnson made, and Don Lehman supported the motion that the meeting be adjourned. Vote: 6-0

SIGNED:

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CHRISTINA ESHELMAN, President

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SHAWN JOHNSON, Secretary