

Minutes of the Argos Community Schools
Regular School Board Meeting
Held on April 15, 2024

The Board of School Trustees held a regular school board meeting on April 15, 2024. The following individuals were present for all or a part of the meeting.

- A. Pat Rensberger, Jennifer Hurford, Karra Duff and Monty Peden, Board Members
- B. Ned L. Speicher, Superintendent
- C. Kelli VanDerWeele, Business Manager
- D. Amy Miller, Administrative Assistant
- E. Greg Drennen, Architect with LWC

Pat Rensberger called the meeting to order at 7:02 P.M. and led the Pledge of Allegiance and Moment of Silence. Board member Chris O'Dell was absent from the meeting.

There was no communication from patrons.

Jennifer Hurford moved to approve the minutes of the March 11th regular meeting. Monty Peden seconded the motion and it passed 4-0.

Karra Duff made a motion to approve all personnel changes per the attached listing. Jennifer Hurford seconded the motion and it passed 4-0.

Greg Drennen, Architect with LWC, updated the Board on all of the construction projects. Both projects 1 and 2 are complete and he recommends that 12 month walk-throughs with punch lists be done in early summer to address any warranty issues with the manufacturers. For project 3, the punch list is nearly complete. The fix for the boiler room has been identified and Ideal Construction will begin working on it soon so it can be in place before the summer heat starts.

Monty Peden moved to approve the purchase of a new IP based phone system for Argos Schools. Karra Duff seconded the motion and it passed 4-0. Work to replace the system will be done over the summer months by our IT department.

Karra Duff motioned to approve the Safety/Security Administrative Guidelines with Jennifer Hurford seconding and the motion was approved unanimously.

Monty Peden moved to approve the work needing to be completed in the boiler room to address the turbine cool down issues. Jennifer Hurford seconded the motion and it was approved 4-0.

Karra Duff moved to approve the purchase of gift cards for the employees Years of Service celebration that will be held on May 2nd at 3:15 in the Media Center. We have 11 employees celebrating milestone employment anniversaries this year. Jennifer Hurford seconded the motion and it was approved 4-0.

Monty Peden motioned to approve the resolutions needed to access and update our safe deposit box, which is located at Lake City Bank, in Argos. We will be relocating the box to 1st Source Bank. Karra Duff seconded the motion and it was approved 4-0.

Jennifer Hurford moved to approve the LWC architect fees for March 2024 in the amount of \$1,850. Monty Peden seconded the motion and it was approved unanimously.

Mr. Speicher presented the Board with copies of several NEOLA policies that were in the recent update. Those policies presented for first reading were:

- 0165-Board Meetings: Rescind 165.1, 165.2, 165.3, 165.4 and 165.5
- 0164-Notice of Meetings: Rescind 164.1, 164.2, 164.3, 164.4, 164.5 and 164.6
- 1422.01-Drug Free Workplace
- 1520.08-Employment of Personnel for Extracurricular Activities
- 1662.01-Threatening and/or Intimidating Behavior Towards Staff Members
- 5340.01-Student Concussions and Sudden Cardiac Arrest
- 5350-Student Suicide Awareness and Prevention
- 5517.01-Bullying
- 6320-Purchasing (with a resolution to increase the micro purchase threshold)
- 7540.02-Web Content, Apps and Services
- 8452-Automated External Defibrillators
- 8455-Coaching Training References and IHSAA Reports
- 9130-Public Complaints and Concerns.

Board members were asked to read through each of these policies and be prepared for them in second reading at the May meeting.

Mr. Speicher updated the Board on registration for the 2024-2025 school year. Registration officially opens May 1, 2024. He also updated the Board on the IRead test that was recently administered to our 2nd and 3rd grade students. We had 65-2nd graders take the test

and 34 of those passed the test a year early. Of our 52- 3rd graders who took the test, 34 passed. We have 9 students who will be attending summer school and 9 special education students that didn't pass the test.

Kelli VanDerWeele asked the Board to approve claims for the month of March. There was a total of 7 pages of accounts payable claims in the amount of \$66,837.60 and 3 pages of payroll claims in the amount of \$250,385.70 (three payrolls in March). Total claims for the month were \$317,223.30. Monty Peden moved to approve as presented. Jennifer Hurford seconded the motion and it was approved 4-0.

Mr. Speicher presented the Board with the financial reports for January 2024. The financial year has continued to be very strong. We are currently under budget for both the operations and education funds and will work to maintain that.

In closing comments, Pat Rensberger asked Mr. Speicher if he had heard anything about new legislation regarding technology and cameras in classrooms. Mr. Speicher has just received information on both of these and they will be presented at an upcoming Board meeting.

With there being no other business to discuss, Jennifer Hurford moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:43 P.M.. Karra Duff seconded the motion and it was approved 4-0.

ARGOS COMMUNITY SCHOOLS
BOARD OF SCHOOL TRUSTEES

Pat Rensberger, President

Chris O'Dell, Vice President

Jennifer Hurford, Secretary

Karra Duff Member

Monty Peden, Member

Board Approved Personnel Changes April 15, 2024

A. Employment

1. Ondraya Perez-Assistant Musical Director
2. Leanne Senter-Musical Choreography
3. Laura Bash-Musical Costumer
4. Ameer Stone-Musical Accompanist
5. Bob Davis-Musical Sound
6. Brian Jennings-Varsity Girls Basketball Coach
7. Ashley Steinkellner-Middle School Special Education

B. Volunteer

1. Gabe Stone-Assistant Lacrosse
2. Tara Trump-Assistant Middle School Softball
3. Allyson Taylor-JV/V Softball

C. Resignations

1. Beth Tinsman-JV/Varsity Cheerleading Coach
2. Ondraya Perez-Elementary Art/Aide

D. Expiring Temporary

1. Gracie Stone-5th Grade