

Minutes of the Argos Community Schools
Regular School Board Meeting
Held on September 18, 2023

The Board of School Trustees held a regular school board meeting on September 18, 2023. The following individuals were present for all or a part of the meeting.

- A. Pat Rensberger, Chris O'Dell, Jennifer Hurford and Karra Duff, Board Members
- B. Ned L. Speicher, Superintendent
- C. Kelli VanDerWeele, Business Manager
- D. Amy Miller, Administrative Assistant
- E. Beth Cohagan, Patron

President Rensberger called the Public Hearing regarding Negotiations with the Argos Classroom Teachers Association (ACTA) to order at 7:04 P.M. In Opening Statements, Mr. Speicher stated that formal negotiations have started with the next meeting scheduled for Wednesday, September 20, after school. There is a formal schedule that will be followed. There was no public present for public testimony. With that being said, the hearing was adjourned at 7:06 P.M.

Pat Rensberger called the regular meeting to order at 7:06 P.M and led the Pledge of Allegiance/Moment of Silence. Board Member Monty Peden was absent.

There was no communication from patrons.

Chris O'Dell moved to approve the minutes of the August 30, 2023 regular meeting. Karra Duff 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.

Mr. Speicher presented a review of the 2024 Budget Draft and asked for permission to advertise both in the Pilot News and on the school's website. Form 3 has been filled out and will be sent for publication upon approval. Chris O'Dell moved to advertise. Jennifer Hurford seconded the motion and it was approved 4-0. Mr. Speicher doesn't see any big changes in the

budget and is not anticipating a tax rate change. Mr. Speicher reminded the Board that there will be a public hearing for the Tentative Agreement with ACTA on October 9, 2023 at 7:00 P.M.

In Mr. Speicher's Instructional Report, he updated the Board that the Marshall County Health Department Mobile Health Clinic will be onsite October 12th from 12-2 to administer flu shots to employees who do not have insurance through the MASE trust. From 2-5 the same day, they will be available to administer routine childhood immunizations to our students whose parents wish to participate. Parent-teacher conferences are scheduled for October 11th and 12th and there will be 2 hour delays both days. There will be 3 Board meetings in October. October 2nd will be a Public Hearing for the 2024 budget, October 9 will be a Public Hearing on a Tentative Agreement with the ACTA and October 23 will be the regular monthly Board meeting.

Kelli VanDerweele asked the Board to approve claims for the month of August in the amount of \$605,887,77. This includes both payroll and accounts payable claims. Jennifer Hurford moved to approve, with Chris O'Dell seconding and the motion passed 4-0.

Mr. Speicher presented the financial report for August to the Board. The education budget is in good standing which is especially important as we enter contract negotiations with the teachers union. The operations budget continues to tighten due to increased fuel costs. Despite this fact, Argos Community Schools continues to be in a good financial status.

There were no closing comments.

Having no other items for discussion, Karra Duff made a motion to adjourn with a second by Jennifer Hurford. The motion passed 4-0 and the meeting was adjourned at 7:25 p.m.

ARGOS COMMUNITY SCHOOLS
BOARD OF SCHOOL TRUSTEES

Pat Rensberger, President

Chris O'Dell, Vice President

Jennifer Hurford, Secretary

Monty Peden, Member

Board Approved Personnel, September 18, 2023

A. Employment

1. Angel Balsley-Yearbook Coordinator

B. Winter Coaches

1. Scott Jennings-Head Girls Basketball Coach
2. Mallorie Sellers-JV Girls Basketball Coach
3. Dave Duncan-Girls Basketball Assistant
4. Jason Breden-Head Boys Basketball Coach
5. Jerry Smith-Boys Basketball Assistant
6. Joe Manikowski-Boys 8th Grade Basketball
7. Chris Willis-Boys 6th Grade Basketball
8. Evan Haste-Boys 5th Grade Basketball
9. Beth Tinsman-Head Cheerleading/Middle School Coach

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