

Minutes of the Argos Community Schools
Regular School Board Meeting
Held on August 30, 2023

The Board of School Trustees held a regular school board meeting on August 30, 2023. The following individuals were present for all or a part of the meeting.

A. Pat Rensberger, Chris O'Dell, Jennifer Hurford, Karra Duff and Monty Peden, Members

B. Ned L. Speicher, Superintendent

C. Greg Drennen, Architect

D. Amy Miller, Administrative Assistant

Business Manager Kelli VanDerWeele was absent. President Rensberger called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

There was no communication from patrons.

Monty Peden moved to approve the minutes of the July 31, 2023 regular meeting. Jennifer Hurford seconded the motion and it passed 5-0.

Chris O'Dell made a motion to approve all personnel changes per the attached listing. Karra Duff seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Chris O'Dell moved to approve the low bid for Project 4 submitted by R. Yoder Construction in the amount of \$800,848. Jenny Hurford seconded the motion and it was approved 5-0. This bid includes taking alternates 1 and 2 for fencing and asphalt design changes. R Yoder could mobilize this fall and then move to asphalt resurfacing in the Spring.

Karra Duff moved to approve EMC/IPEP as the new provider for our property/liability/vehicle insurance package. This move will take effect January 2024 and will give us better coverage for less money than our current provider, ESCRFT.

Jenny Hurford moved to approve the re-adoption of the Teacher Appreciation Grant (NEOLA policy 3220.01) for 2023. Monty Peden seconded the motion and it was approved 5-0.

Chris O'Dell moved to approve the certified administration receiving a matching TAG grant as teachers for 2023-2024. This amount is not paid from the TAG grant, but is funded by the school. Karra Duff seconded the motion and it was approved 5-0.

The next item agenda was the Approval of Amendment 7: St. Joseph Regional Medical Center Contract for Nursing Services for 2023-2024. This year's contract is for \$92,255.00. Monty Peden moved to approve the contract with Jenny Hurford seconding. The motion was approved 5-0/

Jenny Hurford moved to approve R. Yoder Construction Pay Application No. 12 in the amount of \$136,765.78 for work done on the cafeteria project. Chris O'Dell seconded the motion and it was approved 5-0.

Karra Duff moved to approve Brown and Brown Pay Application No. 7 in the amount of \$184,005.93 for work done on the elementary addition. Jennifer Hurford seconded the motion and it was approved unanimously.

In Mr. Speicher's Superintendent Report, he updated the Board that the initial enrollment numbers look to be higher than last year, but we will wait for the state's official ADM count which is scheduled for October 2, 2023. Mr. Speicher updated the Board on IRead 3 scores for the corporation and the now closed Surplus Property Auction.

Amy Miller asked the Board to approve claims for the month of July in the amount of \$678,834.43. This includes both payroll and accounts payable claims. Chris O'Dell moved to approve, with Monty Peden seconding and the motion passed 5-0.

Two donations were made to Argos Community Schools in the month of August. The first donation of \$750.00 was from the Argos Lions Club for 4 H Fair help and the second donation for \$500.00 was made from Shaun Daughtery from Lee Company, for the athletic department. Karra Duff moved to approve both donations with Jennifer Hurford seconding. The donations were approved 5-0

Mr. Speicher presented the financial report for July to the Board. The operations budget continues to be tight. Despite this fact, Argos Community Schools continues to be in a good financial status.

In closing comments, Mr. Speicher told the Board they would review the revised Budget Calendar after the meeting.

Having no other items for discussion, Karra Duffmade a motion to adjourn with a second by Chris O'Dell. The motion passed 5-0 and the meeting was adjourned at 7:53 p.m.

ARGOS COMMUNITY SCHOOLS
BOARD OF SCHOOL TRUSTEES

Pat Rensberger, President

Chris O'Dell, Vice President

Jennifer Hurford, Secretary

Monty Peden, Member

Karra Duff, Member

Board Approved Personnel, August 30, 2023

A. Employment

1. Robert McMillen-Maintenance Director
2. Ashley Holland-Temporary Full Time Substitute
3. Molly Nettrouer-Elementary Applied Skills Paraprofessional
4. Zoe Fritz-Elementary Applied Skills Paraprofessional
5. Mary Rodriguez-Bi-Lingual Paraprofessional
6. Chad O'Kelley-Hooker-Temporary Full Time Substitute
7. Denise Terry-Part Time Custodian
8. Karah Walter-Part Time Custodian
9. Adam Calhoun-Boys 7th Grade Soccer Coach
10. Angel Balsley-Yearbook Editor
11. Kevin Croninger-Lawn Care
12. Deb Thompson-Edmentum Credit Recovery Coordinator
13. Tami Brock-Elementary Glee Club
14. Kelli VanDerWeele-Fundraising Sponsor

B. Transfer

1. Carissa Clifton-Custodial Director

C. Resignation

1. Michael Crum-Custodian