

Minutes of the Argos Community Schools
Regular School Board Meeting
Held on January 9, 2023

The Board of School Trustees held a regular school board meeting on January 9, 2023. The following individuals were present for all or a part of the meeting.

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

Mr. Speicher called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Newly re-elected Board members, Karra Duff and Chris O'Dell were sworn in, along with newly elected member, Monty Peden. The newly formed Board was seated at that time. Mr. Speicher then called for a nomination for President of the Board. Monty Peden nominated Pat Rensberger and hearing no other nominations, Karra Duff seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. Board President Rensberger then presided over the remainder of the meeting, leading the Pledge of Allegiance and moment of silence.

The remaining Board officer positions were then filled. Karra Duff made a motion to nominate Chris O'Dell for Vice-President. Monty Peden seconded the motion and it passed 4-0. Monty Peden made a motion to nominate Jenny Hurford as Secretary. Chris O'Dell seconded the motion and it also passed 4-0. Jennifer Hurford made a motion to approve Kelli VanDerWeele as Treasurer of the Board and the School Corporation with a second by Chris O'Dell. The motion passed unanimously.

There was no communication from patrons.

Karra Duff made a motion to approve the meeting minutes of the December 19, 2022 meeting. Jennifer Hurford seconded the motion and it passed 4-0. Board Member Monty Peden abstained from the vote.

Chris O'Dell moved to accept the personnel changes as listed. Jennifer Hurford seconded the motion and it was approved 5-0.

Mr. Speicher asked the Board for a second reading and approval of NEOLA policies 1521, 3121, 4121, 3220 and 8510. Jennifer Hurford moved to approve the policies with Karra Duff seconding the motion. The motion passed 5-0.

Chris O'Dell moved to approve the Transfer Resolution from the Education fund to the Operations fund for 2023. Jennifer Hurford seconded the motion and it was approved 5-0.

Mr. Speicher asked the Board for approval of Ideal Construction as the contractor for Project 3, which is the HVAC Unit replacements. Karra Duff Duff moved to approve them with a second by Jennifer Hurford. The vote was unanimous.

Superintendent Speicher then asked the Board to approve the SRO Agreement Memorandum of Understanding with the Town of Argos. The agreement would be good for 3 years. Monty Peden moved to approve the agreement with Chris O'Dell seconding and the motion was approved 5-0.

Mr. Speicher then asked the Board for approval to purchase land from the Argos Park Board at a total cost of \$18,400. This purchase will add nearly 70 new parking spaces to Argos Community Schools and greatly improve the traffic flow at the entrance of the school. Chris O'Dell moved to approve and Monty Peden seconded the motion. It was passed unanimously. The property purchase will be reimbursed from the Project 4 bonds.

Jennifer Hurford made a motion to close out the 2022 budget and zero out all accounts. Chris O'Dell seconded the motion and it was approved 5-0.

Mr. Speicher presented the Board with his superintendent report. He updated the Board on the progress of the cafeteria construction and said that he will begin to look at new furniture and fixtures for both the cafeteria and the elementary classroom additions. Because there could be up to a 6 month lead time on some items, he is going to begin the process now. Items will be billed to and reimbursed from construction project bonds.

Kelli VanDerWeele asked for approval of claims in the amount of \$1,353,959.06 for the month of December. \$763,526.16 was for accounts payables claims and the remaining \$590,432.90 was for payroll. Chris O'Dell moved to approve the claims, Karra Duff seconded and the motion was passed 5-0.

Mr. Speicher presented the Financial Report for both December and Year end 2022. We finished the year in a strong financial position.

In closing comments, Mr. Speicher said that the Board will need to meet in Executive Session in February to begin the process on salary adjustments for contracted administrators. The executive session was scheduled for 6:15 p.m. on February 13th.

With there being no other business, Jennifer Hurford moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:03 p.m. Chris O'Dell seconded the motion and the meeting was adjourned by Pat Rensberger.

ARGOS COMMUNITY SCHOOLS
BOARD OF SCHOOL TRUSTEES

Pat Rensberger, President

Chris O'Dell, Vice President

Jennifer Hurford, Secretary

Karra Duff

Monty Peden

Board Approved Personnel, January 9, 2023

A. Volunteer

1. Joshua Schafer-Volunteer Wrestling Coach

B. Coaches

1. Ashli Prochno-5th Grade Girls Basketball Coach