

Minutes of the Argos Community Schools
Regular School Board Meeting
Held on February 19, 2024

The Board of School Trustees held a regular school board meeting on February 19, 2024. 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, Board Members

B. Ned L. Speicher, Superintendent

C. Kelli VanDerWeele, Business Manager

D. Amy Miller, Administrative Assistant

E. Danell Webster, Patron

F. Megan Huys, Assistant Principal

President Rensberger first called to order a public hearing to discuss the Superintendent Contract Extension Addendum. The hearing began at 7:00 p.m. Mr. Speicher confirmed that the contract extension addendum had been posted on the school's website. There was no public comment. Chris O'Dell moved to adjourn the meeting with Monty Peden seconding and it was done at 7:01 p.m.

Pat Rensberger called the regular meeting to order at 7:01 P.M. and led the Pledge of Allegiance and Moment of Silence.

There was no communication from patrons.

Jennifer Hurford moved to approve the minutes of the February 19 public hearing and regular meeting. Chris O'Dell seconded the motion and it passed 5-0.

Monty Peden made a motion to approve all personnel changes per the attached listing. Karra Duff seconded the motion and it passed 5-0.

Karra Duff moved to approve donations from the Plymouth Elks Lodge and Brett Sanders. The Plymouth Elks Lodge donated \$2,000 to the Cultivate Food Program and Brett

Sanders donated \$120.00 to the varsity boys basketball program to purchase pizza after a game. Jennifer Hurford seconded the motion and it was approved 5-0.

Megan Huys presented an Instructional Report highlighting the new i-Ready program. The program is in its pilot stage at Argos and we have a few teachers who are actively using the program and benefiting from the data that it generates. i-Ready will replace NWEA and IXL. Megan showed a short video and said we will be ready to implement the full program at the teacher academy this summer.

Next item on the agenda was to approve the appointment of Ameer Stone to the Argos Library Board as the school's representative. Monty Peden motioned to approve with Karra Duff seconding the motion and it was approved unanimously.

Mr. Speicher updated the Board on the upcoming Solar Eclipse happening April 8, 2024. The school has purchased protective glasses for students and staff to safely view the eclipse. We will educate our students about the eclipse and safety precautions the day of. Monty Peden moved to hold school and dismiss at 1:00 P.M. so that students will be home before the eclipse peaks at approximately 3:00 P.M. Chris O'Dell seconded the motion and it was approved 5-0.

Chris O'Dell moved to approve the Administration, Directors and Leadership Team Contracts and/or compensation rates. Jennifer Hurford seconded the motion and it was approved 5-0.

Jennifer Hurford motioned to approve LWC Invoices 17379-17380 and 17382 for February 2024 in the amount of \$15,270.00. Chris O'Dell seconded the motion and it was approved unanimously.

Karra Duff motioned to approve Brown and Brown Pay Application No. 11 and Ideal Consolidated Pay Application No. 4 in the amounts of \$20,336.94 and \$11,291.40 respectively. Monty Peden moved to approve both invoices. There being no discussion, the motion was approved 5-0.

Chris O'Dell moved to approve Core Mechanical Services invoice #16913 in the amount of \$570.00. Karra Duff seconded the motion and it was approved 5-0.

Mr. Speicher updated the Board on construction, specifically on the Boiler room fresh air intake. The last several months have had engineers and our architect investigating and working together to find a solution to the problem of the fresh air intake in this room. It was determined that there is a door at the tunnel entrance that has been propped open, but will now be closed to shut off the flow of air. We will also need to construct a new opening in the room to allow for better ventilation. This process is currently in the bid stage.

Mr. Speicher stated that Preschool and Kindergarten Round Up is going to be held on March 7th. Chris O'Dell motioned to approve this date and Monty Peden seconded the motion. It was approved 5-0.

Kelli VanDerWeele asked the Board to approve claims for the month of January. There was a total of \$97,721.50 in accounts payable claims and \$237,428.70 in payroll claims. Total claims for the month were \$335,150.20. Jennifer Hurford moved to approve as presented. Monty Peden seconded the motion and it was approved 5-0.

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

There were no closing comments .

With there being no other business to discuss, Karra Duff moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:49 P.M.. Chris O'Dell seconded the motion and it was approved 5-0.

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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 February 19, 2024

A. Coaches

1. Damon Binkley-Assistant Varsity Boys Soccer Coach
2. Joe Kindig-Head Baseball Coach
3. Todd Montgomery-Assistant Baseball Coach
4. Trey DeVos-Assistant Baseball Coach
5. Mat Smith-Volunteer Baseball Coach
6. Alyssa Thayer-Softball Head Coach
7. Phil Dean-JV Softball Coach
8. Guy Cather-Softball Volunteer
9. Rachel Stackhouse-Jr. High Softball Coach
10. Ryan Humphrey-Lacrosse Head Coach
11. Joe Stone-Lacrosse Assistant Coach
12. Andy Petz-Volunteer Lacrosse Coach

B. Resignations

1. Chad O'Kelley-Hooker-Middle School Language Arts
2. Hannah O'Dell-Middle School Remediation