

Minutes of the Argos Community Schools
Regular School Board Meeting
Held on June 17, 2024

The Board of School Trustees held a regular school board meeting on June 17, 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. Nicholas Medich, Jr-Sr. High Principal

F. Damon Binkley, Athletic Director

E. Nicholas Kindig, Corey Bowman, Eric Mollette, Lacey Nifong, Mike Rex, Chris and Sharon Kindig, Tori Troxel, Corbin Rex, Keegan Stanley, Elias Rakoczy, Xander Binfet, Abby Ennis, Matt, Tina, Caleb and Eden Rakoczy, Cody Leed, Kim Mollette, Aiden Manges, Aarron Gaines, Jena, Mark and Braxton VanDerWeele, Austin, Jonathan and Mark Owens, Gabe Stone and Andy Petz, patrons.

Pat Rensberger called the meeting to order at 7:03 P.M. and led the Pledge of Allegiance and Moment of Silence.

In communication from patrons, Matt Rakoczy approached the Board about the process to speak in a meeting and/or get added to the agenda. Mr. Speicher advised him to make an appointment with him and they could discuss his issues.

Monty Peden moved to approve the minutes of the May 20, 2024 regular meeting. Jennifer Hurford seconded the motion and it passed 5-0.

Karra Duff made a motion to approve all personnel changes per the attached listing. Chris O'Dell seconded the motion and it passed 5-0.

Greg Drennen, Architect with LWC, was scheduled to speak with the Board about construction updates, but was not present at the meeting so Mr. Speicher filled in in his absence. Project 4 is running on schedule and is anticipated to be completed in July. Greg will be here for the July meeting to wrap up the project and answer questions.

Chris O'Dell moved to approve the Educational Materials for the 2024-2025 school year. Monty Peden seconded the motion and it was approved 5-0. The materials list did not increase from last year. The list will be sent to the state for reimbursement since we are no longer charging traditional textbook rental fees.

Karra Duff motioned for approval of the Argos Community Schools Food Service Bids for 2024-2025. All dairy products will be supplied by Prairie Farms. Food Supplies and USDA Commodities will be supplied by Gordon Food Service. Chris O'Dell seconded the motion and it was approved 5-0.

Jennifer Hurford moved to approve a new contract for the 2024-2025 School Year for Rachelle Mabee as our school psychologist. Monty Peden seconded the motion and it was approved unanimously.

Mr. Speicher asked the Board for consideration for payment of days worked beyond contract from January 1, 2024-June 30, 2024. Monty Peden made a motion with Chris O'Dell seconding and the motion was approved 5-0.

Karra Duff moved to approve the new Health Services Contract for the 2024-2025 School Year with Saint Joseph Regional Medical Center for \$98,832.00. Jennifer Hurford seconded the motion and it was approved 5-0.

Mr. Speicher advised the Board of a few NEOLA changes that have come about recently. He asked the Board to do a 1st reading of policies 5136, which is a replacement policy concerning personal communication devices, a revised bylaw change for the definitions in 100 and an update to come on policy 5200, which concerns attendance and truancy. Copies of the update will be sent to the Board to review before the next Board meeting.

Chris O'Dell moved to approve the following invoices for Project 4. \$2,310 for LWC for architectural services and \$68,859.00 to R. Yoder Construction for certified work done to date. Jennifer Hurford seconded the motion and it was approved 5-0.

Mr. Speicher presented the Superintendent Report to the Board. Each member received a copy of the 2025 budget calendar, as we begin preparations for the budget process. He also reminded the Board that Back to School night is scheduled on August 6th from 5-7. The

Marshall County Mobile Immunization Clinic will also be out front from 4-7 administering childhood vaccines. Mr. Speicher updated the Board on the status of the brownout claim from March 26, 2024. We have filed the claim and the inspector has been on site to check things out as well as he's taken some materials back with him for review. The next US 31 Coalition Meeting is scheduled for Thursday, June 27th from 6-8 p.m. in our cafeteria. The meeting is open to the public. Recently, Plymouth Community Schools announced that they were going to provide free lunches for all PCSC students for the 2024-2025 school year. They are partnering with the USDA and IDOE to provide this. Argos has looked into the program and qualifies but the cost to the corporation is significant. We are currently weighing options and will have more info as it becomes available.

Kelli VanDerWeele asked the Board to approve claims for the month of May. There was a total claim amount of \$166,888.40 for accounts payable and \$287,231.84 for payroll. The total claim for the month was \$454,120.31. Karra Duff moved to approve the claims as presented and Jennifer Hurford seconded the motion. It was approved unanimously.

Mr. Speicher presented the Board with the financial reports for May 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.

There were no closing comments

With there being no other business to discuss, Chris O'Dell moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:38 P.M.. Karra Duff 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 April 15, 2024

A. Employment

1. Elizabeth Swango-Grade 1
2. Beth Schmeltz-Temporary Counselor
3. Nicholas Kindig-Business Teacher/Varsity Boys Basketball Coach
4. Angel Balsley-Guidance Counselor
5. Damon Binkley-AD/Science Teacher

B. Resignations

1. Joe Kindig-Varsity Baseball Coach
2. Ondraya Perez-Varsity Volleyball Coach
3. Robert McMillen-Maintenance
4. Deb Thompson-Jr/Sr. High Guidance Counselor
5. Jason Breden-Varsity Boys Basketball, AD, Dean of Students

C. Transfer

1. Ashli Prochno-Para Teacher for Art/Stem Elementary

D. Coaches

1. Karlee Feldman-JV/Varsity Girls Basketball Assistant Coach
2. Dennis Calhoun-JV/Varsity Girls Basketball Assistant Coach
3. Beth Tinsman-Varsity Volleyball Coach