

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

The Board of School Trustees held a regular school board meeting on August 19, 2024. The following individuals were present for all or a part of the meeting.

- A. Pat Rensberger, 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. Greg Drennen, Architect with LWC

Pat Rensberger called the meeting to order at 7:03 P.M. and led the Pledge of Allegiance and Moment of Silence. Board member Chris O'Dell was not present.

There was no communication from patrons.

Monty Peden moved to approve the minutes of the July 22, 2024 regular meeting. Jennifer Hurford seconded the motion and it passed 4-0.

Jennifer Hurford made a motion to approve all personnel changes per the attached listing. Karra Duff seconded the motion and it passed 4-0.

Karra Duff made a motion to approve NEOLA policy 3220.01 for the 24-25 school year. This policy must be adopted annually in order to pay our certified teaching staff the TAG grant that comes from the state later in the fall. Monty Peden seconded the motion and it was approved 4-0.

Karra Duff moved to approve paying the certified administration a matching TAG grant as teachers for 2024-2025. Jennifer Hurford seconded the motion and it was also approved 4-0. The matching funds for this do not come from the TAG grant itself, but are figured into the yearly budget

Jennifer Hurford made a motion to approve R. Yoder Construction pay applications No. 's 6 and 7 for \$239,267.70 and \$193,601.70. Monty Peden seconded the motion and it was approved 4-0

Monty Peden moved to approve Patriot Engineering invoice #139999 for \$3,282.50 for soil and asphalt testing for project 4. Karra Duff seconded the motion and it was approved 4-0.

Mr. Speicher presented the Board with his Superintendent report. He updated the Board on initial enrollment numbers. While there have been declines at schools around us, Argos continues to maintain enrollment. . Mr. Speicher then updated the Board on the superintendent search, which is currently underway. The survey is back up on the website and applications are being accepted through late September, 2024. Initial summer school costs of \$35,119.21 have been submitted to the state for reimbursement. A percentage of this total, yet to be determined, will be reimbursed by the state at a later date. Our new special education cooperative, PATHS, is up and running. JESSE is officially dissolved. Budgeted costs for PATHS are in line and Mr. Speicher believes we will be reimbursed at a higher rate than we were while working in the JESSE co-op.

In the month's construction report, Greg Drennen presented the Board with a slide show detailing projects 3 and 4. Project 3 work is complete but we are waiting on final documentation and wrap up materials from Ideal Construction before the final payment is made. Project 4 is also nearly complete. The new electronic gate motherboard failed and has to be replaced. A new one has been ordered and will be installed once it arrives. September 20-21, 2024, our existing parking lots will be resealed and restriped. Parking will not be available in those lots that weekend. A reminder will be sent out to parents and staff as the date gets closer.

Kelli VanDerWeele asked for approval of the month's claims in the amount of \$255,029.52 with \$204,969.56 of that total being payroll and \$50,059.96 being accounts payable. Jennifer Hurford moved to approve the claims as presented with Monty Peden seconding and the motion was approved 4-0.

Karra Duff moved to accept and approve the following donations. Cornerstone Church donated \$1,000 to the music department. The music department also had a performing arts trailer donated. We will license and insure the trailer. Gen-Tech Farm Seed donated weed killer to the facilities department as well. Jennifer Hurford moved to approve the donations and they were approved 4-0.

Mr. Speicher presented the July financial reports to the Board. Both the operations and education budgets continue to look great. We've expended approximately 48% of each of the budgets and will continue to be fiscally responsible.

With no closing comments being heard, Karra Duff moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:42 p.m. Jennifer Hurford motion and it was approved 4-0.

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Pat Rensberger, President

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Jennifer Hurford, Secretary

Karra Duff Member

Monty Peden, Member

Board Approved Personnel August 19, 2024

A. Employment

1. Beth Good-Part time kitchen
2. Matthew Kenz-Part time kitchen
3. Kristin Fishburn-Part time kitchen
4. Shanda Null-Elementary Title 1 Aide
5. Hannah Beerwart-Jr/Sr. High MOMH Aide

B. Extracurricular Sponsors

1. John Fishburn, Jon Arndt, Andria Detweiler and Elizabeth Endres-Co sponsors of the junior class
2. Elizabeth Endres and Jenny Harness-Co sponsors of art club
3. Dan Stombaugh-Weight room supervisor
4. Tami Brock-Elementary glee club