

Minutes of the Argos Community Schools
Regular School Board Meeting
Held on September 16, 2024

The Board of School Trustees held a regular school board meeting on September 16, 2024. The following individuals were present for all or a part of the meeting.

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

B. Ned L. Speicher, Superintendent

C. Amy Miller, Administrative Assistant

D. Danell Webster, Patron

President Rensberger called the Public Hearing regarding the 2025 Argos Community Schools Budget to order at 7:03 P.M. In opening statements, Mr. Speicher shared the assessed evaluation slides with the Board. The evaluation increased nearly 7% over last year's numbers. The proposed budget has been posted on Gateway. We are anticipating that it will be cut back from the state, but will wait to hear the final numbers. With there being no public testimony, Pat adjourned the hearing at 7:08 P.M.

Pat Rensberger called the regular meeting to order at 7:08 P.M and led the Pledge of Allegiance/Moment of Silence. Board Member Karra Duff was absent.

There was no communication from patrons.

Monty Peden moved to approve the minutes of the August 19 regular meeting with a date correction. Jennifer Hurford seconded the motion and it passed 4-0.

Chris O'Dell made a motion to approve all personnel changes per the attached listing. Monty Peden seconded the motion and it passed 4-0.

Jennifer Hurford moved to approve the Advanced Placement/Dual Credit Success Payments for the 2023-2024 school year. These payments are not included in the teacher contract and are paid as a result of the success of students in each teacher's dual credit/AP classes. Chris O'Dell seconded the motion and it was approved 4-0.

Monty Peden moved to approve the new PATHS psychological agreement with Plymouth and Triton. The contract with our former school psychologist has been terminated with the

proper 30 day notice and we will be moving to the new agreement. The new psychologist will be an employee of Plymouth Schools and we will pay for their services when needed. Jennifer Hurford seconded the motion and it was approved unanimously.

In Mr. Speicher's Instructional Report, he showed the Board the new Indiana diploma changes being implemented by the state. The current eighth grade class is the first class that these new rules will affect. On October 3rd, from 3:00-6:00 PM, the Marshall County Health Department (MCHD) will be onsite to administer flu shots to employees that do not have insurance through the MASE trust. They will also be offering routine childhood immunizations to students whose parents are interested in participating. The MASE insurance team will be here on October 21st, from 11:00-1:00 in the auditorium lobby to give flu shots to employees with that coverage. The final item in the instructional report was to go over the major school/facility improvements and accomplishments since 2017 so it can be documented and kept for future administrations.

Chris O'Dell made a motion to approve a resolution to deposit revenue from earned interest to the operations fund. Monty Peden seconded the motion and it was approved 4-0.

Jennifer Hurford moved to approve R. Yoder Pay Application No. 8 in the amount of \$6182.28. This pay app covers work completed on project #4. Chris O'Dell seconded the motion and it was approved unanimously.

In Kelli VanDerWeele's absence, Pat Rensberger asked the Board to approve claims for the month in the amount of \$428,209.89. This includes payroll claims of \$382,296.45 and accounts payable claims of \$45,263.44. Monty Peden moved to approve, with Chris O'Dell seconding and the motion passed 4-0.

Chris O'Dell moved to approve the donation of a 1967 Allis Chalmers garden tractor with attachments. The tractor was donated by James Poblete. Jennifer Hurford seconded the motion and it was approved 4-0.

Mr. Speicher presented the financial report to the Board. Two thirds of the year has passed and we have spent 58% of the education fund and 55% of the operations fund. The operations budget will begin to tighten a bit due to school starting back up and the increased fuel usage that comes with our buses beginning to operate again.

There were no closing comments.

Having no other items for discussion, Chris O'Dell made a motion to adjourn with a second by Monty Peden. The motion passed 4-0 and the meeting was adjourned at 7:42 p.m.

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Pat Rensberger, President

Chris O'Dell, Vice President

Jennifer Hurford, Secretary

Monty Peden, Member

Karra Duff, Member

Board Approved Personnel, September 16, 2024

A. Employment

1. Brent Detwiler-Salary adjustment
2. Hannah Beerwart-Middle School Volleyball Coach
3. Jerry Miller-Athletic Supervision (as needed)
4. Brittany Shirley-Title 1 Aide (beginning September 30th)

5. Volunteer

1. Stephanie Riffel-Jr/Sr High Volleyball Assistant