

Minutes of the Argos Community Schools
Regular School Board Meeting
Held on November 18, 2024

The Board of School Trustees held a regular school board meeting on November 18, 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. Nick Medich, Jr/Sr High Principal

Pat Rensberger called the meeting to order at 7:00 P.M and led the Pledge of Allegiance/Moment of Silence. Board member Chris O'Dell was absent.

There was no communication from patrons.

Monty Peden moved to approve the minutes of the October 10th executive session and October 21st regular and executive sessions. Karra Duff seconded the motion and it passed 4-0.

Jennifer Hurford made a motion to approve all personnel changes per the attached listing and with one addition. Sharon Kindig will be teaching middle school math for the 2nd semester. Monty Peden seconded the motion with the addition and it passed 4-0.

Mr. Speicher presented the Board with hard copies of multiple NEOLA policies that need to go through a first reading. They will be listed in detail on next month's agenda.

Karra Duff moved for the Approval of TAG (Teacher Appreciation Grant) for 2024-2025. This grant will be divided among qualified returning teachers. We have not yet received the funds from the state for disbursement, but plan to issue payment to qualified teachers on 12/12.

Monty Peden moved to advertise for bids for project 4 site development. This project will focus on the soccer complex fencing, concrete and bleacher repair and the fencing and backstop surrounding the baseball field. Karra Duff seconded the motion and it was also approved 4-0.

Jennifer Hurford made a motion to approve the purchase of 2 golf carts to be used by the athletic department for outdoor sports. The carts will be used to get supplies out to the all fields during events and for moving injured players off the field. Karra Duff seconded the motion and it was approved 4-0.

Mr. Speicher presented the Board with his monthly superintendent report. He said that Ideal Construction has addressed the 2 remaining issues that needed to be addressed before we release retainage money for the completion of project 3. Greg Drennen has certified that all of the work has been completed and is satisfactory so he has submitted the paperwork to release the full amount of retainage for project 3. The Board reviewed the iLearn biology results for the previous school year. Mr. Speicher reminded the Board of the December pay schedule. Regular payrolls will be on 12/6 and 12/10, the TAG payment will be processed on 12/12 and the holiday stipend on 12/13. Nick Medich gave an overview of a new program called All Pro Dads which will be rolled out in junior high. The goal of this program is to initiate conversations between male role models, whether they be dads, grandparents, uncles, etc and our students. Mentors and students would meet once a month in the mornings in the cafeteria for conversation and donuts/coffee. Mr. Medich would like to eventually meet more often and is looking for program sponsors. There is no cost to participants.

Mr. Speicher presented the October financial reports to the Board. Both the operations and education budgets continue to look good going into the final month of the budget year. Slides were shown for what Mr. Speicher and Kelli are hoping to encumber for the 2025 budget in both the operations and education budgets. Those encumbrances will happen in the next month as purchase orders are put into the system to pull payables from to protect the budget for next year.

Kelli VanDerWeele asked for approval of claims in the amount of \$321,694.51 with \$61,236.80 of that being accounts payable and \$260,457.71 being payroll claims. Jennifer Hurford moved to approve the claims as presented. Monty Peden seconded the motion and it was approved 4-0.

In closing comments, Mr. Speicher updated the Board regarding the superintendent search. There has been new interest in the position with the election over and Dr. McDaniel is hopeful that will continue up until the application closes. Monty expressed that he was very pleased and excited to hear about the All Pro Dads program and is eager for it to begin.

With no other closing comments being heard, Karra Duff moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:46 p.m. Jennifer Hurford seconded the motion and it was approved 4-0.

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BOARD OF SCHOOL TRUSTEES

Pat Rensberger, President

Jennifer Hurford, Secretary

Karra Duff Member

Monty Peden, Member

Board Approved Personnel November 18, 2024

A. Employment

1. Aaron Dowdle-Jr/Sr high science
2. Mark Kessel-Esports supervisor
3. Brooke Tewell-maternity leave coverage for Alicen Foster
4. Sharon Kindig-Jr. High math for 2nd semester

B. Resignation

1. Ron Richie-Jr/Sr. high science
2. Amy Overmyer-Jr/Sr. high mathematics

C. Coaches

1. Jerry Miller-5th grade boys basketball
2. Evan Haste-6th grade boys basketball
3. Emilio Avendano-7th grade boys basketball
4. Norman McCarthy-8th grade boys basketball
5. Derek Smith-JV boys basketball
6. Anina Bowman-5th grade girls basketball

7. Tara Trump-6th grade girls basketball
8. Ashli Prochno-7th grade girls basketball
9. Phil Dean-JV/varsity softball

D. Volunteer assistants

1. Matthew Harrold-6th grade boys basketball
2. Mathew Smith-5th grade boys basketball
3. Martin Quimby-6th grade boys basketball
4. Dale Trump-6th grade girls basketball