

Minutes of the Argos Community Schools
Regular School Board Meeting
Held on February 10, 2025

The Board of School Trustees held a regular school board meeting on February 10, 2025. The following individuals were present for all or a part of the meeting.

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

B. Ned L. Speicher-Superintendent

C. Kelli VanDerWeele-Business Manager

D. Amy Miller-Administrative Assistant

E. Damien Maggos- Raymond James Financial Group

F. Steve Pletcher, Jr.-Patron

Pat Rensberger called the regular meeting to order at 7:05 P.M. and led the Pledge of Allegiance and Moment of Silence.

There was no communication from patrons.

Monty Peden moved to approve the minutes from the January 13, 2025 Executive session, Board of Finance and regular Board meetings as well as the December 16, 2024 Executive session. Jennifer Hurford seconded the motion and it was approved unanimously.

Karra Duff made a motion to approve all personnel changes per the attached listing. Chris O'Dell seconded the motion and it passed 4-0, with Monty Peden abstaining from the vote.

Damian Maggos with Raymond James had an enlightening presentation on school financing and how new laws impact the ways schools are funded. While Argos Community Schools is not currently planning a new project this is important information to stay on top of as we try to maintain an aging building in the future.

Mr. Speicher provided a construction update to the Board as well. R. Yoder Construction will be the contractor for the addendum to project 4 with a low bid of \$258,738.00. This project

will replace the fencing around the baseball field and soccer complex as well as fix the drainage issues inside the soccer complex. J&K HVAC has also agreed to come and inspect the tunnels in the school to give us a better understanding of the timeline we are dealing with when it comes to replacement. They are scheduled to begin the 3 day inspection on Monday, February 17th. Our architect will use the findings to draw up plans for replacement/repair. Chris O'Dell moved to accept the \$5,760.00 quoted for this process. Jennifer Hurford seconded the motion and it was approved 5-0.

Jennifer Hurford moved to approve the Pre-School and Kindergarten Round Up, scheduled for March 12th from 4:00-7:00 PM in Gym 3. Monty Peden seconded the motion and it was approved 5-0.

Kelli VanDerWeele asked the Board to approve claims for the month of January. There was a total of \$73,243.60 in accounts payable claims and \$393,417.66 in payroll claims. Total claims for the month were \$466,661.26. Monty Peden moved to approve as presented. Chris O'Dell seconded the motion and it was approved 5-0.

Mr. Speicher presented the Board with the financial reports for January 2025. 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. He also updated the Board on the now closed JESSE cooperative and funds that are leftover in the account. Mr. Speicher questioned the availability of the funds that need to be returned to the 9 school districts which made up JESSE. We will be receiving a check from Plymouth Schools for \$65,561.17 as our share of the leftover funds.

In closing comments, the Board thanked Damian for making the drive up from Indianapolis to educate everyone on the new school funding laws and their impact locally.

With there being no other business to discuss, Karra Duff moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:12P.M.. Chris O'Dell seconded the motion and it was approved 5-0.

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Pat Rensberger, President

Monty Peden, Vice President

Jennifer Hurford, Secretary

Chris O'Dell, Member

Karra Duff, Member

Board Approved Personnel Changes February 10, 2025

A. Employment

1. Ashley Bellm-Sub custodian
2. Jonna Watson-School psychologist, part-time, shared with Triton
3. Laura Jones-Temp contract 2nd grade for remainder of 24-25 school year

B. Resignations

1. Brittany Culp-2nd Grade