FORT WAYNE COMMUNITY SCHOOLS 1200 SOUTH CLINTON STREET FORT WAYNE, INDIANA 46802

6:03 p.m. May 12, 2025

OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS

The Board of School Trustees of the Fort Wayne Community Schools met in regular session in the Lester L. Grile Administrative Center on Monday, May 12, 2025, at 6:03 p.m. President Maria Norman, with there being no speakers on Public Comment Regarding Agenda Topics, called the meeting to order with the Pledge of Allegiance and the following members in attendance:

Roll Call

Members present: Maria Norman, Chairperson

Stephen Corona Anne Duff Jennifer Matthias Antonette Payne Noah Smith

Members absent:

Julie Hollingsworth

Consent Agenda Dr. Daniel presented the following consent agenda items with recommendations for approval: Minutes from the regular Board meeting, April 28, 2025; Vouchers for the period ending May 12, 2025 and the payroll and supplemental pays for the periods ending April 18, 2025; Personnel Report; and the Required Disclosures:

Minutes

The Minutes from the regular Board meeting held April 28, 2025 were distributed to Board members for review with a recommendation for approval.

Vouchers and Payroll

RECOMMENDATION: It is recommended that the Board approve the vouchers for the period ending that the Board approve the vouchers for the period ending May 12, 2025 and the payroll and supplemental pays for the periods ending April 18, 2025.

RELATED INFORMATION: Vouchers paid by the Fort Wayne Community Schools total \$5,882,324.42. Gross wages and fringe benefits paid by the Fort Wayne Community Schools total \$13,741,690.48.

Personnel Report Details of all paid vouchers and payroll remain on file in the Business Office until audited by the State Board of Accounts. Following the audit, these records are stored as required by record retention regulations.

STATUS

C Position Changed

N New Position/Allocation

T Temporary Position

L Leave

R Replacement

ADMINISTRATOR(S) RECOMMENDED FOR EMPLOYMENT

NAME Schenkel. FROM New

Forest Park/School-Year

R EFFECTIVE R 07-18-25

Sarah M.

Assistant Principal

ADMINISTRATOR(S) RECOMMENDED FOR BOARD ACTION

NAME Bourne, Stephany L.	FROM Certified Sub	TO Washington Center/Sub Admin	STATUS T	EFFECTIVE 04-28-25 to 05-09-25
Liepold, Matthew J.	North Side/Coordinator of School Counseling	South Side/Coordinator of School Counseling	R	06-16-25
Spradling, Julie C.	Bunche Montessori/Resource Teacher	Bunche Montessori/Principal	R	06-16-25
		RECOMMENDED FOR FION/TERMINATION/DECEAS	SED	
NAME Crowder, Madison T.	ASSIGNMENT Jefferson/Mathematics	<u>STATUS</u> Terminate		<u>FECTIVE</u> 5-22-25
Eger, Jamie E.	Northwood/MIMD	Resign	0	5-22-25
Gorman, Josie L.	Towles/Grade 6	Resign	0	5-22-25
Hubbard, Amanda K.	Indian Village/MIMD	Resign	0	4-07-25
O'Dowd, Sally A.	South Side/French	Terminate	0	5-22-25
Reilly-Gouloff, Eileen R.	Shambaugh/Grade 3	Resign	0	5-22-25
Root, Abby M.	Lakeside/ELL	Terminate	0	5-22-25
Sackett, Debra	Wayne/Mathematics	Resign	0	5-22-25
Vannatta, Elizabeth M.	Memorial Park/MIMD	Resign	0	5-22-25
Woods, Latonia V.	Wayne/MIMD	Terminate	0	5-22-25
Woods, Vickie A.	Towles/Grade 4-5	Terminate	. 0	5-22-25

TEACHERS(S) RECOMMENDED FOR EMPLOYMENT

Employment is contingent upon satisfactory completion of all pre-employment requirements.

NAME Bell, Elizabeth G.	FROM New	TO Northrop/SMD	STATUS R	EFFECTIVE 08-04-25
Hershberger, Denise L.	New	Lakeside/ELL	R	08-04-25
Imbody-Hill, Sarah M.	New	South Side/English	R	08-04-25
Massey, Marissa J.	St. Joe Central/Literacy Support Assistant	Arlington/Grade 2	R	08-04-25
McCann, Marcy A.	Certified Sub	Snider/Economics & Government	R	08-04-25
McIntosh, Benjamin J.	Office of Deputy Superintendent/ Coordinator Middle/High Schools (resign/contract end)	Towles/Building Coach	R	08-04-25
Peterson, Stephanie M.	New	Glenwood Park/Grade 3	R	08-04-25
Reyes, Wilson E.	New	Wayne/Student Success Coach	R	08-04-25
Shotts, Melissa A.	New	Snider/Mathematics	R	08-04-25
Soat, Karin	New	Franke Park/Grade 5	R	08-04-25
	TEACHER(S) RECOM	IMENDED FOR BOARD AC	TION	
NAME Aguirre, Felicia R.	FROM Maplewood/Grade 4	TO Maplewood/ELL	STATUS R	EFFECTIVE 08-04-25
Aleman, Jessica A.	Maplewood/ELL	Fairfield/ELL	R	08-04-25
Anderson, Cara C.	Bloomingdale/Grade 2	Lindely/Grade 1	R	08-04-25

Austin, Emma D.	Snider/MIMD	Snider/MIMD (0.50) + South Side/MIMD (0.50)	R	08-04-25
Ayers, Alina V.	South Side/ELL	Continuing Ed/ELL	R	08-04-25
Bakker, Hannah	Shawnee/MIMD	Shawnee/MIMD (0.50) + Northwood/MIMD (0.50)	R	08-04-25
Bolinger, Alyssa	Bloomingdale/MIMD	Franke Park/MIMD (0.50) +Bloomingdale/MIMD (0.50)	R	08-04-25
Bolinger, Brooke A.	Lakeside/MMD	Kekionga/MIMD (0.50) + Lakeside/MMD (0.50)	R	08-04-25
Bowers, Chajua L.	Fairfield/Grade 2	Study/Kindergarten	R	08-04-25
Calixte, Shannon M.	Snider/MIMD	Northcrest/MIMD (0.50) + Harris/MIMD (0.50)	R	08-04-25
Capps, Matthew	CAS Anthis/Chemistry (0.50)	CAS Anthis/Chemistry & Physics	R	08-04-25
Captain, Charles D.	Lane/Social Studies	CAS Nebraska/Basic Skills	R	08-04-25
Clark, Andrea L.	CAS Anthis/MIMD (0.50) + Blackhawk/MIMD (0.50)	CAS Anthis/MIMD	R	08-04-25
Coldiron, Chip W.	CAS Nebraska/Biology	South Side/Historical Perspectives	R	08-04-25
Dollarhite, Tyler D.	Miami/Language Arts	Lakeside/Reading 180	R	08-04-25
Elder, Rebekah D	Wayne/Building Coach	Blackhawk/Grade 7 Language Arts	R	08-04-25
Farber, Kaleigh A.	Lincoln/MIMD	Forest Park/Special Ed Preschool	R	08-04-25
Fetters-Nitza, Angela R.	Washington/Art (0.50)	Fairfield/Grade 5	R	08-04-25
Ford, Alanna C.	Weisser Park/Grade 5	Weisser Park/Building Coach (0.50) + Grade 5 (0.50)	R	08-04-25

Furniss, Jill M.	Franke Park/Grade 5	Towles/Grade 4 & 5	R	08-04-25
Geist, Paige A.	Virtual Academy/Music	Lakeside/Music	R	08-04-25
Gentry, Yahnea S.	Harris/Grade 3	Croninger/Grade 5	R	08-04-25
Gonzalez, Jessica M.	Price/Grade 1	Lindley/Kindergarten	R	08-04-25
Graham, Alexander C.	South Side/ELL	South Side/ELL (0.50)	R	08-04-25
Hannon, Justin M.	South Side/Building Coach	South Side/Student Success Coach	R	08-04-25
Heiniger, Andrew M.	North Side/Historical Perspectives	North Side/Economics	R	08-04-25
Henry, Kimberly L.	Towles/Social Studies	Arlington/STEM Resource	R	08-04-25
Hunt, Darren L.	Jefferson/Language Arts	Portage/Language Arts	R	08-04-25
Jewett, Katie L.	North Side/Visual Arts	Memorial Park/Visual Art	R	08-04-25
Jinks, Isaac B.	Wayne/Biology	South Side/ELL	R	08-04-25
Johnson, Shayna M.	Fairfield/MIMD (0.50) + South Wayne/MIMD (0.50)	Fairfield/MIMD (0.50) + Indian Village/MIMD (0.50)	R	08-04-25
Koch, Toni J.	CAS Nebraska/English & Business	CAS Anthis/English & Business	R	08-04-25
Lennon, Christina L.	Adams/Grade 2	Glenwood Park/Grade 2	R	08-04-25
Lewis, Shafonda M.	Adams/MIMD	Adams/MIMD (0.50) + Scott/MIMD (0.50)	R	08-04-25
Lockridge, Jennifer L.	Lakeside/Mathematics	Northwood/Mathematics	R	08-04-25

Lockwood, Tara C.	Haley/MIMD	Adams/MIMD	R	08-04-25
Marth, Kristin M.	Washington Center/MIMD (0.50) + Northcrest/MIMD (0.50)	Northcrest/Special Ed Pre- School	R	08-04-25
Maxwell, Jamie L.	Snider/Building Coach	North Side/Speech & Communications	R	08-04-25
Morales, Gabriela R.	Memorial Park/Math	Memorial Park/MIMD (0.50)	R	08-04-25
McConnell, Shawn R.	Towles/Building Coach	Towles/Social Studies	R	08-04-25
McDunnough, Jennifer P.	Franke Park/Building Coach	St. Joseph Central/Grade 5	R	08-04-25
Moss, Alexandra E.	Snider/Music	Snider/Music (0.50) + Towles/Music (0.50)	R	08-04-25
Palmer, Matthew R.	Lane/Language Arts	Lakeside/Language Arts	R	08-04-25
Reed, Ashley N.	North Side/MIMD	Blackhawk/MIMD (0.50) + ED (0.50)	R	08-04-25
Richardson, Kaelyn N.	Study/MIMD (0.50) + Franke Park/MIMD (0.50)	Kekionga/MIMD	R	08-04-25
Ruiz, Lawrence R.	North Side/Building Coach	North Side/Student Success Coach	R	08-04-25
Rutherford, Lauren N.	Fairfield/Grade 5	Study/Grade 4	R	08-04-25
Shamblin, Erin L.	Lakeside/MIMD	Miami/MIMD	R	08-04-25
Shea, Lisa A.	Career Education/Information Technology	South Side/Business	R	08-04-25
Sheppard, Katherine J.	South Side/ELL	South Side/ELL (0.50) + French (0.50)	R	08-04-25
Sheppard, Thomas A.	South Side/STEM Resource	South Side/ELL	R	08-04-25

Smith, Maddison M.	Price/MIMD	St. Joe Central/MIMD	R	08-04-25
Smith, Jennifer L.	Northrop/MIMD	Northrop/Earth Space Science	R	08-04-25
Tarnow, Karen M.	South Side/ED	South Side/ED (0.50) + MIMD (0.50)	R	08-04-25
Thompson, Kennedy S.	Lane/Language Arts	Portage/Read 180	R	08-04-25
Topp, Makayla N.	Washington/Grade 1	Haley/Grade 1	R	08-04-25
Walters, Emily T.	South Wayne/Grade 5	Northcrest/Grade 4	R	08-04-25
Wampler, Brielle K.	Jefferson/Social Studies	South Side/Historical Perspectives	R	08-04-25
Woods, Jaimya L.	Weisser Park/MIMD	Weisser Park/MIMD (0.50) + Arlington/MIMD (0.50)	R	08-04-25

SUBSTITUTE(S) RECOMMENDED FOR RETIREMENT/RESIGNATION/ TERMINATION/END OF ASSIGNMENT

Meadows, Kirsten N.

SUBSTITUTE(S) RECOMMENDED FOR CERTIFIED SUBSTITUTE POSITION(S)

Difilippo, Nevaha M.	Lopez, Jailynn A.	Springer, Kortney R.
Green, Jasmine P.	Monterroso, Brandy M.	Stidams, Alivia M.
Hartman, Stephen L.	Nicelley, Nathan T.	Tobin, Nichole E.
Huston Rachel M		

CERTIFIED PERSONNEL RECOMMENDED FOR HOMEBOUND ASSIGNMENT(S)

Ashby, Jacinda J.	Gascho, Heidi E.	Robinson, Maquita J.
Blum, Michelle R.	Giessler, Ginger R.	Royal, Nakia T.
Booker, Markeisha V	Hamilton, Karen C.	Scott, Brandi M.
Brunton, Dawn N.	Hartman, Michael R.	Smith, Deja M.
Casto, Kari L.	Heischman, Jessica M.	Sperry, Victoria E.
Cox, Crystal M.	McDunnough, Jennifer P.	Springer, Amy E.
Curry, Glenda K.	McNiece, Kristopher A.	Steup, Roger A.
Deitche, Joseph A.	Meyer, Nichole C.	Wagner, Sarah A.
Erwin, Natalie E.	Morales, Gabriela R.	Wilkins, Sarah A.
Foss-Squibb, Debra K.	Norfleet, Raeshawn D.	Ziko, Sarah B.
Fultz, Kara M.	Potchka, Angela M.	

CERTIFIED PERSONNEL RECOMMENDED FOR ADDITIONAL ASSIGNMENT(S)

Alvarez, Jennifer M. Bourne, Stephany L. Dubach, Heather D. Bergelin, Denise R. Daniels, Corwin D. Wheeler, Leann B.

CLASSIFIED PERSONNEL RECOMMENDED FOR RETIREMENT/RESIGNATION/TERMINATION/END OF ASSIGNMENT

NAME Bredemeyer, Anissa M.	ASSIGNMENT Bunche/Licensed Therapist (0.50) + Young/Licensed Therapist (0.50)	STATUS Resign	EFFECTIVE 05-30-25
Carter, Angela C.	Harrison Hill/Special Ed One-on-One Assistant	Terminate	05-01-25
Decker, Dana R.	Glenwood Park/Media Clerk	Resign	05-02-25
Goheen, Erin N.	CAS Nebraska/Media Clerk	Resign	04-25-25
Gonzalez, Stefanie D.	Nutrition Services/Cafeteria Assistant	Terminate	05-01-25
Grayson, Kamontee R.	Human Resources/Generalist	Position Elimination	03-28-25
Greeno, Sabrina J.	Virtual Academy/School Assistant Special Ed	Terminate	05-02-25
Jackson, Colin H.	School Asst-Sub + Special Ed Sub + Clerical Sub + Food Service Sub	Resign	05-02-25
Jackson, Justice K.	Young/Preschool Assistant Special Ed	Resign	05-16-25
Johnson, Keymerra J.	Lincoln/School Assistant Special Ed.	Resign	04-21-25
Kage, Deidra M.	Northrop/Cook	Retire	05-01-25
Lewis, Relainna M.	Franke Park/Special Ed. One-on-One Assistant	Resign	05-01-25
Mendez, Luis B.	Snider/School Assistant ELL	Resign	04-11-25
Moore, Niara M.	Nutrition Process Center/Cafeteria Assistant	Resign	04-21-25

Parker, Amy R.	Blackhawk/School A	Blackhawk/School Assistant Special Ed		04-25-25
Rodriguez, Kaleena J.	Transportation/SPB I	Driver	Resign	04-22-25
Rodriguez, Tracey A.	Transportation/Bus D Driver + Extracurricu	Priver + Supplemental Bus ılar	Resign	04-22-25
Schiffli, Ellen E.	School Asst-Sub + Sp Sub + Food Service S	pecial Ed Sub + Clerical Sub	Resign	04-16-25
Schwegler, Jacqueline M.	School Asst-Sub + Sp Sub + Food Service S	pecial Ed Sub + Clerical Sub	Resign	04-25-25
Soe, Paw S.	Towles/School Assist	tant	Resign	04-22-25
Webster, Melanie D.	Haley/School Assista	Haley/School Assistant		04-23-25
	CLASSIFIED PERSON	NEL RECOMMENDED FOR EM	MPLOYMENT	
NAME Crisler, Timothy J.	FROM New	TO Maintenance & Operations/Electrician	STATUS R	<u>EFFECTIVE</u> 05-07-25
Decker, Dana R.	Glenwood Park/ Media Clerk	School Asst-Sub + Special Ed S + Clerical Sub + Food Service S		05-05-25
Johnson, Derek M.	New	Technology/Senior Audio-Visu Technician	al R	05-05-25
Koo, Noo	New	Transportation/SPB Driver	R	04-28-25
McClung Jr, Jeffrey E.	New	Transportation/SPB Driver	R	04-28-25
Miller, Michelle A.	New	Brentwood/School Assistant Special Ed.	R	04-23-25
Montes, Michael J.	New	Lane/52 Week Secretary/Treasu	arer R	04-28-25
Ropa, Michelle L.	New	School Asst-Sub + Special Ed S + Clerical Sub + Food Service S		04-29-25
Thomas, Ziaria I.	New	School Asst-Sub + Special Ed S + Clerical Sub + Food Service S		04-28-25

Waller, New Transportation/SPB Driver R 05-16-25 Omar T.

CLASSIFIED PERSONNEL RECOMMENDED FOR BOARD ACTION

<u>NAME</u> Kleykamp, Emily M.	<u>FROM</u> Haley/Media Clerk	TO Haley/52 Week Secretary/ Treasurer	STATUS R	EFFECTIVE 05-05-25
Mattson, Sara E.	Irwin/52 Week Secretary/Treasurer	Waynedale/52 Week Secretary/ Treasurer	R	06-16-25
McFarren, Stephanie	Health & Wellness/Nurse	Health & Wellness/Nurse Coordinator	R	06-16-25
Roecker, Beth J.	Towles/Cafeteria Manager	Nutrition Services/52 Week School Coordinator	R	05-28-25
Scott, Gwendolyn L.	Northrop/School Assistant Special Ed	Northrop/School-Year Secretary	R	05-05-25
Suter, Britnee D.	Harris/Special Ed One- on-One Assistant	Lane/School Assistant Special Ed	R	08-06-25

CLASSIFIED PERSONNEL RECOMMENDED FOR TEMPORARY ASSIGNMENT (S)

Allen, Elijah J.	Maynard, Cierra G.	Richardson, Cooper P.
Almendralo, Jayden C.	Mckay, Benjamin D.	Schortgen, James J.
Anzuruni, Vincent	Morgan, Amber M.	Sheron, Lucas W.
Beaver, Samuel P.	Moss, John R.	Smith, Quincy B.
Cella, Stefano G.	Ochoa, Samuel	Summers, Kristina M.
Kempton, Payton C.	Parker, Regina C.	

Required Disclosures

It was recommended that the Board approve the hiring or continued employment of individuals convicted of certain offenses and other misconduct listed in IC 20-26-5-11.2.

Recommended Candidates for Employment: Teacher

A motion was made by Anne Duff, seconded by Noah Smith, that the following consent agenda items be approved: Minutes from the regular Board meeting, April 28, 2025; Vouchers for the period ending May 12, 2025 and the payroll and supplemental pays for the periods ending April 18, 2025; Personnel Report; and the Required Disclosures. Roll Call: Ayes, unanimous; nays, none.

United Way of Allen County Donation for FWCS Families in Transition

Dr. Daniel presented the following recommendation concerning the United Way of Allen County Donation for FWCS Families in Transition:

RECOMMENDATION: It was recommended that the Board approve the acceptance of a one-year donation from the United Way of Allen County for \$80,000 for a 2025-26 FWCS Families in Transition Temporary Case Manager.

RELATED INFORMATION: Case management services include but are not limited to providing resources for food, medical and housing needs. Additionally, the Case Manager assists unaccompanied youth in obtaining their birth certificates and facilitates their transition into college or vocational

training. During the 2024-2025 school year, the Case Manager successfully provided services to 116 students.

This non-competitive application, was written by Christian Perez Mora, Families in Transition Coordinator.

Christian and Shenita Bolton, Chief of Family and Community Engagement and Schools of Success were available to answer any questions.

A motion was made by Anne Duff, seconded by Jennifer Matthias, that the recommendation concerning the United Way of Allen County Donation for FWCS Families in Transition be approved. Roll Call: Ayes, unanimous; nays, none.

Emergency Projects 2025 Dr. Daniel presented the following recommendation concerning the Emergency Projects 2025:

RECOMMENDATION: It was recommended that the Board declare an emergency for the following projects and allocate funds from the emergency allocation within the Capital Projects Plan (CPP)

South Wayne Elementary School - Main heat exchanger on chilled water	
system has failed. Installation of new heat exchanger.	\$34,480.00
Washington Center Elementary School - Repair water main break.	\$10,850.00
Abbett Elementary School - Compressor failure on Chiller, installation	
of new compressor.	\$11,935.60
Total:	\$57,265.60

RELATED INFORMATION: The 2025 Capital Projects Plan consists of all capital projects that cost \$10,000 or more. New projects over \$10,000, determined after the CPP was approved, are required to follow advertisement and approval requirements of an amended CPP. However, IC 20-40-18-6 allows the Board to determine that an emergency exists and therefore, amends the current CPP without the usual amendment procedures.

The 2025 Operations Fund budget includes an appropriation for emergency capital projects.

Pete Smith, Director of Maintenance & Operations, was available to answer questions.

A motion was made by Anne Duff, seconded by Jennifer Matthias, that the recommendation concerning the Emergency Projects 2025 be approved. Roll Call: Ayes, unanimous; nays, none.

Purchase of Security Cameras Dr. Daniel presented the following recommendation concerning the Purchase of Security Cameras:

RECOMMENDATION: It was recommended that the Board approve the purchase of Internet Protocol security cameras from Presidio Networked Solutions Group, LLC of Indianapolis, IN in the amount of \$373,616.74.

RELATED INFORMATION: This purchase will replace existing security cameras at six buildings: South Side, Jefferson, Indian Village, Irwin, Weisser Park, and Haley. This is the second purchase of the district's eight-year annual purchase replacement plan to transition from ageing cameras at all FWCS buildings. The new IP cameras will have much higher resolution and will allow approved users to have access to greater video resolution and coverage.

Funding will come from the School Safety Operations Referendum Fund.

Michael Manuel, Director of Security, was available to answer questions.

A motion was made by Noah Smith, seconded by Antonette Payne, that the recommendation concerning the Purchase of Security Cameras be approved. Roll Call: Ayes, unanimous; nays, none.

Handheld Radio Replacement Plan 2025 Dr. Daniel presented the following recommendation concerning the Handheld Radio Replacement Plan 2025:

RECOMMENDATION: It was recommended that the Board approve the purchase of upgraded handheld radios from J&K Communications, Inc. of Columbia City, IN for \$162,662.52.

RELATED INFORMATION: The replacement plan project will purchase, program and distribute upgraded handheld radios at nine schools: Snider, Wayne, Blackhawk, Lane, Bunche, Glenwood, Maplewood, Price and Waynedale. The upgraded handheld radios will have wider range and higher communication resolution.

J & K Communications is the sole source provider for the contract as they are the only Kenwood authorized and approved dealer in Allen County and the surrounding counties.

The project will be funded by the 2025 Safer Referendum.

Michael Manuel, Director of Security, was available to answer questions.

A motion was made by Anne Duff, seconded by Jennifer Matthias, that the recommendation concerning the Handheld Radio Replacement Plan 2025 be approved. Roll Call: Ayes, unanimous; nays, none.

InfoBoard Displays Dr. Daniel presented the following recommendation concerning the InfoBoard Displays:

RECOMMENDATION: It was recommended that the Board approve the purchase of 576 InfoBoard Displays from Primex Wireless, Inc. of Lake Geneva, WI for \$491,069.22.

RELATED INFORMATION: This purchase provides InfoBoard Displays throughout all 32 elementary schools. Eleven middle schools and five high schools are already equipped with InfoBoards from a previous purchase. These networked, low-powered displays will be mounted in common spaces and will allow for critical alerts, general messaging and synchronized time to be shown on them.

Included in this purchase is the integration with the district's CrisisGo emergency alert system and a Critical Notification Panel that will be installed in the main offices. The Critical Notification Panel can be customized to allow a pre-configured customized message to be displayed on all InfoBoards within each individual school with the press of a button.

Funding will come from the School Safety Operations Referendum Fund.

Michael Manuel, Director of Security, is available to answer questions.

A motion was made by Noah Smith, seconded by Anne Duff, that the recommendation concerning the InfoBoard Displays be approved. Roll Call: Ayes, unanimous; nays, none.

Honeywell Arts and Education Report Matt Schiebel, Executive Director of Safety and Community Partnerships, along with Kristi Unger, Director of Education at Honeywell Arts and Education shared the successes of The Honeywell Arts in Education Visual Thinking Strategies program and showed a video.

Comments

Board Member Steve Corona apologized for skipping an agenda item earlier in the meeting.

Board Member Antonette Payne commented that we are wrapping up the end of the school year and thanked parents and teachers as there is a lot of great things going on.

Board Member Noah Smith congratulated Snider High School for having the highest graduation rate in the county. Union School Corporation was taken over by the state assembly, disconcerting, pay attention. ISBA Regional meeting last week and FWCS Board received the Exemplary Governance Award (EGA) for 2024. Several Board Members received individual EGA awards.

Board Member Jennifer Matthias attended a great graduation rate celebration with staff today at Snider. Member Matthias is very proud. Ms. Matthias serves on the First Tee Golf Committee and this is the second year for FWCS to participate in the Skill Challenges, where 180 elementary students had the opportunity to spend the morning on a golf course. Their Curriculum is in gym classes throughout the year. This program breaks the barrier and gives students the opportunity and exposure to golf. Howard Bailey Financial was a community sponsor and sent volunteers that helped. Was an exciting day.

Superintendent Dr. Mark Daniel traveled with Greater Fort Wayne Inc. to Little Rock, AK. There they also saw and discussed affordable housing, which is an interest area for Fort Wayne. How do we create affordable housing with developers in the FWCS area. Also, Next General Learning got to see how their Chamber has become involved with High Schools. Teacher Teaming, very encouraged where FWCS is. Ford NGL is here this week giving us input on how we can continue to get better and better.

Board President Maria Norman commented that last week was teacher appreciation. Thanks to parents and PTA that helped celebrate the staff. Their hard work deserves more than one week. President Norman's 8th grade son got to experience Amp Lab and Career Center as part of the Schools of Success opportunities which are available even at the middle school level. Ms. Norman thanked all 4,000+ employees, as every staff member plays a critical role. FWCS is a large ship to run accordingly. Have a safe and happy summer and congratulations. President Norman thanked her fellow Board for continuing their education in celebration of the ISBA EGA Award. School Board position keeps you on your toes.

Next Meeting The next meeting of the Board is for student recognitions and is scheduled for Monday, May 19, 2025 at 6:00 p.m. in the Lester L. Grile Administrative Center.

Signatures

Documents to be signed by members of the Board were the Minutes from the regular Board meeting, April 28, 2025; Vouchers for the period ending May 12, 2025 and the payroll and supplemental pays for the periods ending April 18, 2025.

Adjournment and Dismissal

There being no further business and no general public comment, upon a motion by Noah Smith, seconded by Anne Duff, the meeting was adjourned at 6:59 p.m.

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President Maria Norman

Vice President Noah Smith

Secretary
Jennifer Matthias

Member

Stephen Corona

Member Anne Duff

ABSENT

Member

Julie Hollingsworth

Member

Antonette Payne