

Minutes of the Argos Community Schools
Regular School Board Meeting
Held on May 19, 2025

The Board of School Trustees held a regular school board meeting on May 19, 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. Kerry Johnson, Incoming Superintendent

E. Amy Miller, Administrative Assistant

President Rensberger called the meeting to order at 7:01 p.m. She led the Pledge of Allegiance and Moment of Silence.

There was no communication from patrons.

Karra Duff moved to approve the minutes of the regular and executive sessions for April 21, 2025 and the public hearing and special meeting for May 12, 2025. Chris O'Dell seconded the motion and it passed 5-0.

Monty Peden made a motion to approve all personnel changes per the attached listing. Karra Duff seconded the motion and it passed 5-0.

Monty Peden moved to approve the Argos Community Schools Goals for the 2025-2026 school year. Jennifer Hurford seconded the motion and it was approved unanimously.

Chris O'Dell motioned to approve the 2025-2026 Student handbook as presented. Monty Peden seconded the motion and it was approved 5-0.

Chris O'Dell made a motion to approve the 2025-2026 Classified, Certified and Substitute Employee handbooks. Monty Peden seconded the motion and it was approved 5-0.

Karra Duff moved to approve the NIESC Contracted Media Services and Dietician Director contracts for 2025-2026. The amount of each contract is \$5,000. Jennifer Hurford seconded the motion and it was also approved 5-0.

Karra Duff moved to approve the Educational Materials for the 2025-2026 school year. Jennifer Hurford seconded the motion and it was approved 5-0. The state reimburses the school for the items on this list yearly, in lieu of textbook rental. In the future, no separate reimbursement will come from the state, but instead will go straight into the Education Fund.

Monty Peden moved to approve the Open Enrollment for the 2025-2026 school year. Chris O'Dell seconded the motion and it was approved unanimously. Argos Community Schools will take up to an additional 10 students per grade level provided it doesn't impact our current students in terms of space and quality of education. Open enrollment is scheduled to close on Fall count day, which is yet to be determined by the state.

Jennifer Hurford moved to approve the payment of 19 additional days worked by Mr. Speicher second semester. Karra Duff seconded the motion and it was approved 5-0, as well.

Mr. Speicher asked the Board to approve the revised extracurricular pay schedule for July 1, 2025-June 30, 2027. Chris O'Dell moved to approve as presented and Jennifer Hurford seconded the motion. It was approved unanimously. Mr. Speicher reminded the Board that this pay schedule is not part of the teacher's contract and is only discussable come negotiation time.

In Mr. Speicher's superintendent report, he presented a contract negotiation schedule for the upcoming teacher contract negotiations scheduled to take place this fall. Graduation is scheduled for Friday, May 30th at 7:00 PM. Board members Rensberger and Peden will plan on attending graduation. Mr. Speicher updated the Board on a white bus that has a bad engine. The bus is in otherwise great condition so the engine will be replaced this summer, making it ready to go for the 2025-2026 school year. The front parking lot and cross walks will be re-stripped this summer. The maintenance department has been working hard to repair areas of the roof that have experienced some leaking in the past. Maintenance has been done on those areas and they are in much better condition. The contractors have mobilized for Project 4 construction to be done over the summer on the soccer field and baseball diamond. A list of course topics for the Summer Teacher Academy was given to the Board for review, as well.

Kelli VanDerWeele asked for the approval of claims in the amount of \$341,036.80 for the month of April. Of that total, \$79,080.43 is for accounts payable and \$261,956.37 is for payroll. Monty Peden moved to approve the claims as presented and Chris O'Dell seconded the motion. It was approved 5-0.

Mr. Speicher presented the financial report for April 2025 to the Board. We have expended 29% of the education fund budget to date. The operations fund is also sitting at 27% expended. Total cash reserves and rainy day fund both are healthy and continue to grow. Argos is in very good financial status.

With there being no other business, Chris O'Dell moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:44. Jennifer Hurford seconded the motion and it was approved 5-0.

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Karra Duff, Member

Board Approved Personnel, May 19, 2025

A. Summer School Employment

1. Kyle George-Middle school English
2. Sharon Kindig-Middle school math
3. Lynnette Markley-SAE (Summer Ag Experience)
4. Austin Mills-Beginning and high school band
5. Brooke Tewell-Kindergarten
6. Tina Rakoczy-1st grade
7. Haleigh Cassel-2nd grade
8. Kirsta Gardner-3rd grade

9. Jen Alford-4th grade
10. Victoria Perschbacher-5th grade
11. Tory Tolliver-substitute as needed
12. Jerry Miller-substitute as needed

B. Regular Employment

1. Denise DeVos-Part time kitchen
2. Carley McCammon-Elementary teacher (2nd or 5th grade)
3. Brooke Tewell-Kindergarten teacher 2025-2026
4. Laura Jones-5th grade teacher 2025-2026

C. Athletics

1. Mat Smith-Pony league baseball (13-15)
2. Rick Beatty-Pony league baseball (13-15)
3. Brandon Shafer-JH girls soccer

D. Transfer

1. Tory Tolliver-Academic Coach/Title 1 Coordinator

E. Resignation

1. Sarah Llovet-Title 1 reading teacher
2. Brian Jennings-Girls varsity basketball coach