

Minutes of the Argos Community Schools
Regular School Board Meeting
Held on June 16, 2025

The Board of School Trustees held a regular school board meeting on June 16, 2025. 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. Kelli VanDerWeele, Business Manager
- D. Amy Miller, Administrative Assistant
- E. Kerry Johnson-Incoming Superintendent
- F. Damon Binkley, Athletic Director
- G. Teresa Schaefer, Patron

Pat Rensberger called the meeting to order at 7:01 P.M. and led the Pledge of Allegiance and Moment of Silence. Board member Karra Duff was absent.

There was no communication from patrons

Monty Peden moved to approve the minutes of the May 19, 2025 regular meeting. Chris O'Dell seconded the motion and it passed 4-0.

Chris O'Dell made a motion to approve all personnel changes in employment, Item A, per the attached listing. Jennifer Hurford seconded the motion and it passed 3-0 with Monty Peden abstaining from the vote. Jennifer Hurford then moved to approve personnel changes in Items B-D with Chris O'Dell seconding. The motion passed 4-0.

Mr. Speicher presented the Board with the changes recommended for Argos in the NEOLA update for Volume 37, No 2 from April 2025. Each Board member received a copy of the policies and guidelines in the update and were asked to review and read over them in the next month and be ready for a second reading at the July Board meeting.

Monty Peden made a motion to approve the Classified Staff Wage Increase of 2%, which is set to begin July 1, 2025. Chris O'Dell seconded the motion and it was approved 4-0.

Jennifer Hurford made a motion to approve the Power School Special Education Training Payment. The state switched platforms for Special Education reporting to PowerSchool. Because Argos is a Skyward district, it was crucial for our special education staff to get the required training to be able to operate on the new reporting platform. Special education staff members required to take the training will be paid a 75.00 stipend for completing 3 modules and a 150.00 stipend for completing 6 modules. The stipend will be paid out in June 2025.

Monty Peden moved to approve the Bus Garage Lease Agreement, effective July 1, 2025-June 30, 2028. Jennifer Hurford seconded the motion and it was approved 4-0.

Chris O'Dell made a motion to approve the Payment of Unused Personal/Vacation Days for 12 month classified staff for the 2024-2025 school year. Employees must claim these days in writing in order to be paid July 18, 2025. Jennifer Hurford seconded the motion and it was approved 4-0.

Mr. Speicher presented the Superintendent Report to the Board. He reminded the Board that Back to School night is scheduled on August 6th from 5-7. The Marshall County Mobile Immunization Clinic will also be out front administering childhood vaccines. Mr. Speicher then gave the Board a construction update. Project 4 is currently underway. Existing fencing around the soccer complex and the baseball field has been removed and the new fencing is being installed. New handrails are being installed on the soccer complex bleachers and the old, eroding concrete is being replaced with new concrete. Athletic teams have continued to practice in the midst of construction. On Thursday, June 19, our architects and bond counsel will be here to meet with Administration to discuss upcoming projects/needs of the school system including tunnel repairs, corridor lighting and roofing. Damon Binkley, Athletic Director, provided an update on the athletic department for the 2024-2025 school year. An Athletic Leadership Council was created for sophomores and juniors with the goal of teaching these dual sport athletes good leadership qualities. Members must possess a 3.5 or higher GPA and be active in school. The Council will be working with Grace College and Marian College/Ancilla on upcoming projects. Mr. Binkley also told the Board that a new HNAC sign will be erected in Gym 1 on the wall leading up to the Dragon Cafe. New conference banners will also be hung in Gym 1.

Kelli VanDerWeele asked the Board to approve claims for the month of May. There are a total of 8 pages of accounts payable claims in the amount of \$79,595.16 and 3 pages of payroll claims in the amount of \$305,342.32 for a total claim docket for the month of \$384,937.48. Monty Peden moved to approve the claims as presented and Jennifer Hurford seconded the motion. The claims were approved unanimously.

Chris O'Dell moved to approve a donation made from Crescendo, LLC/Chris VanDuyne for \$1,000. This donation is earmarked for unpaid lunch accounts. Jennifer Hurford moved to approve the donation and it was approved 4-0.

Mr. Speicher presented the Board with the financial reports for May 2025. The financial year has continued to be very strong. At this point in the school year, we should have expended 42% of our budget on both the education and operations funds. We are currently at 36% on the Education fund and 33% on the operations fund. Both will continue to tighten as school starts back up, but are in great condition.

In closing comments, Mr. Speicher thanked the Board for their leadership and friendship during his tenure at Argos. He left the Board with a quote from Numbers 6:24. The Board thanked him again for his dedication to Argos Schools and wished him the best of luck in his next phase of life.

With there being no other business to discuss, Monty Peden moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:53 P.M.. Chris O'Dell seconded the motion and it was approved 4-0.

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Pat Rensberger, President

Chris O'Dell, Vice President

Jennifer Hurford, Secretary

Monty Peden, Member

Karra Duff, Member

Board Approved Personnel Changes June 16, 2025

A. Employment

1. Chris Thompson-Preschool Spec Ed Coordinator for Triton/Argos
2. Danie Barr-High School Science Teacher
3. Peyton Hiatt-Grade 6 Reading/Math Teacher
4. Sara Story-Elementary Paraprofessional
5. Sara Peden-Part Time Reading Support (AM only)
6. Varsity Girls Coaching Team-Medich, Arndt, Martin and LaFree

B. Resignation

1. Megan Huys-Sponsor of Sunshine Society and National Honor Society

C. Summer Employment

1. Alleigh VanDerWeele-Summer Tech Help

D. Fall Coaches

1. Todd VanDerWeele-Boys Varsity Soccer
2. Damon Binkley-Varsity Assistant
3. Andy Petz-Varsity Assistant
4. Joe Kindig-Volunteer Assistant
5. Spencer VanDerWeele-Volunteer Assistant
6. Norman McCarthy-JH Boys Soccer
7. Mitch DeWitt-JH Boys Soccer
8. Matt Harold-Volunteer Assistant
9. Ty Adley-Varsity Girls Soccer
10. McKenna Burkholder-JV Girls Soccer
11. Bo Hines-Volunteer Assistant

12. Alaura Stone-Volunteer Assistant
13. Brandon Shafer-JH Girls Soccer
14. Bob Lyon-Cross Country
15. Beth Tinsman-Varsity Volleyball
16. Anina Bowman-JH Volleyball