

Minutes of the Argos Community Schools
Regular School Board Meeting
Held on July 21, 2025

The Board of School Trustees held a regular school board meeting on July 21, 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. Kerry Johnson, Superintendent
- C. Kelli VanDerWeele, Business Manager
- D. Amy Miller, Administrative Assistant
- E. Kevin McCurdy and Greg Drennen-LWC Architects
- F. Ned Speicher, Mentor to Superintendent

Pat Rensberger called the meeting to order at 7:05 P.M. and led the Pledge of Allegiance and Moment of Silence. Board member Karra Duff was absent. There was no communication from patrons.

Chris O'Dell moved to approve the minutes of the June 16, 2025 regular meeting. Jennifer Hurford seconded the motion and it passed 4-0.

Monty Peden made a motion to approve all personnel changes per the attached listing. Jennifer Hurford seconded the motion and it passed 4-0.

Kevin McCurdy and Greg Drennen from LWC were present to update the Board on the current construction projects. The soccer field is nearing completion. The new concrete in the concession area is complete and new railings are being installed. Drainage issues behind the bleacher area have been addressed and the new fencing around the baseball field has been started. We are waiting on backstop and foul poles to be replaced on the baseball field. Those are anticipated to be installed in late September/early October, as they have to be fabricated. Once those are installed, R. Yoder Construction will restore all grassy areas before the project is complete. Mr. Drennen went on to talk to the Board about additional future work and the scope of the projects that LWC believes will be most advantageous to Argos. Future work could include tunnel piping repair, interior corridor lighting redesign and implementation, repairs to some areas of roofing, auditorium lobby repair/refinishing, and work to the existing roof

copings. Drennen explained that a structural engineer is really needed at this point in time to come in and do an inspection that would determine which direction we needed to go with this future work. The estimated cost of such an analysis is projected to be around 25k and LWC would suggest a reputable contractor that could complete this analysis. Mrs. Johnson asked the Board to make a motion to approve this analysis being done. Jennifer Hurford moved to approve going forward with the scans/analysis needed to determine next steps in future work. Chris O'Dell seconded the motion and it was approved 4-0. Jennifer Hurford also moved to approve going forward with the interior corridor lighting project. Chris O'Dell seconded the motion and it was approved 4-0. Funds from the bond sale earned interest will be used to pay for this project.

Monty Peden moved to approve the agreement between the Bowen Center and Argos Community Schools for the 2025-2026 school year. Chris O'Dell seconded the motion and it was approved 4-0.

Jennifer Hurford moved to approve the 2025-2026 recommended cafeteria pricing for students and adults. Ala-carte ice cream will increase to 1.50. There are no changes to the current pricing for students and adults for both breakfast and lunch. Chris O'Dell seconded the motion and it was also approved 4-0.

Chris O'Dell moved to approve the ACS Food Service Bids for the 2025-2026 school year. The only change to the lineup of suppliers is our dairy provider. It will change from Prairie Farms to Deans. Gordon's will continue to be our main distributor and Commercial Food Systems will provide all snack and beverage items to the cafeteria. Jennifer Hurford seconded the motion and it was approved 4-0

Monty Peden moved to approve the second reading and subsequent approval of NEOLA policies as presented at the June Board meeting. Jennifer Hurford seconded the motion and it was approved 4-0.

The Board was presented with the NEOLA policies as updated in the July 2025 policy update. Copies of each policy were provided to the Board members. These policies will be reviewed over the next month and will be recommended for approval at the August 2025 meeting.

Next on the agenda was the Superintendent report. Mrs. Johnson reminded the Board that opening day for staff is scheduled for Tuesday, August 6th. The day will begin in the auditorium lobby where teachers and staff can grab a donut and update any paperwork needed for the Administration office. There is an all staff meeting scheduled for 8:00 a.m. in the auditorium followed by breakout sessions later in the day. Lunch for all staff will be served in

the cafeteria. The first day of school is scheduled for Thursday, August 7th. Back to School Night is scheduled for the 6th as well. Elementary students will be able to meet teachers and tour classrooms. The Jr-Sr High will open to students to find classrooms, locate lockers and have any questions answered. The Marshall County Health Department will also have their mobile vaccination unit parked outside the high school doors to administer any required childhood vaccines. Mrs. Johnson also mentioned this year's Summer Teacher Academy has been well attended by staff and paraprofessionals. Courses offered include small group reading, I-Ready checkpoints, data usage, trauma, managing the classroom, special education courses and more. As of this meeting, the school is fully staffed and we are looking forward to a great 2025-2026 school year!

Mrs Johnson presented the Board with the financial reports for June 2025. We are officially halfway through the 2025 budget year and have expended 43% of the education fund and 41% of the operations fund. Both funds look very healthy and are right on track with where we like to be at this point in the school year.

Kelli VanDerWeele asked the Board to approve claims for the month of June. There was a total claim amount of \$748,877.87 for accounts payable and \$254,939.76 for payroll. The total claim amount for the month was \$1,003,817.63. Jennifer Hurford moved to approve the claims as presented and Chris O'Dell seconded the motion. It was approved unanimously.

With there being no other business to discuss, Chris O'Dell moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:02 P.M. Monty Peden seconded the motion and it was approved 4-0.

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Chris O'Dell, Vice President

Jennifer Hurford, Secretary

Monty Peden, Member

Board Approved Personnel Changes July 21, 2025

A. Resignation

1. Derek Smith-JV Boys Basketball Coach

B. Coaches

1. Emilio Avendano-JV Boys Basketball Coach