

Minutes of the Argos Community Schools
Regular School Board Meeting
Held on August 18, 2025

The Board of School Trustees held a regular school board meeting on August 18, 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, members
- B. Kerry Johnson, Superintendent
- C. Kelli VanDerWeele, Business Manager
- D. Amy Miller, Administrative Assistant
- E. Greg Drennen, Architect with LWC

Pat Rensberger called the meeting to order at 7:00 P.M. and led the Pledge of Allegiance and Moment of Silence.

There was no communication from patrons.

Chris O'Dell moved to approve the minutes of the July 21, 2025 regular and executive meetings as well as the August 11th special meeting . Monty Peden seconded the motion and it passed 5-0.

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

Greg Drennen with LWC was present to update the Board on the progress of the construction in the soccer stadium and baseball fields. The project is nearly complete so R. Yoder Construction will be wrapping things up in the next couple of weeks. Greg went on to highlight what future projects might be in 2026, including tunnel piping, roofing work, reworking the elementary patio, exterior building repairs, future classroom renovations and auditorium stage lighting and lobby renovations. Both the pre-bid meeting and the receiving of bids have taken place for the upcoming lighting project. Greg's recommendation is to accept the bid from Michiana Contracting for this project.

Chris O'Dell moved to approve the NEOLA policies as presented at the July Board meeting. Those policies were a part of the July 2025 update provided to us by NEOLA. Jennifer Hurford seconded the motion and it was approved 5-0.

Monty Peden moved to approve R. Yoder Construction Pay App No. 2 in the amount of \$116,910.00 for work done on the athletic facilities as part of Project 4.

Kerry Johnson presented the Superintendent Report to the Board. She opened with an initial enrollment update. ADM is looking very good at this point in time. We continue to enroll students and have experienced minimal loss as a corporation. She updated the Board on changes to the TAG policy for this year. The state has redesigned the TAG payouts and we are waiting on clarification from the IDOE before we adopt our TAG policy for 2025-2026. She will update the Board as information is released. Mrs. Johnson also provided information about an upcoming emergency services training for Marshall County that will be happening August 28-29. The program is called Operation Crazy Train and will be an opportunity for local fire, police and EMS personnel to train on how to handle an emergency with a derailed railroad car carrying hazardous chemicals. The re-enactment is going to be modeled after the New Palestine, OH incident that happened in 2023. We will have some students participating in the event serving in a variety of capacities.

Kelli VanDerWeele asked for approval of 2 pages of payroll claims in the amount of \$210,326.56 and 11 pages of accounts payable in the amount of \$57,745.72. Total claims for the month equal \$268,072.28. Karra Duff moved to approve the claims as presented with Jennifer Hurford seconding. The motion was approved unanimously.

Jennifer Hurford moved to approve a donation from the Argos Lions Club for \$750.00. The donation was made as a thank you for the help our students provided to the Lions at their fair booth this summer and will be split among those extra-curricular groups that participated. The Lions also graciously donated their leftover frozen food items to the school. Chris O'Dell seconded the motion and it was approved 5-0.

Mrs. Johnson presented the July financial reports to the Board. Both the operations and education budgets continue to look great. We've expended approximately 48% of each of the budgets and will continue to be fiscally responsible.

In closing comments, it was noted that there would be a conflict with several Board members for the September 15 regularly scheduled meeting. Upon discussing different dates and times, it was decided that the September meeting would be held on Tuesday, September 16 at 7:30 in the Board Room

With there being no other business to discuss, Jennifer Hurford moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:48 p.m. Chris O'Dell seconded the motion and it was approved 5-0.

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BOARD OF SCHOOL TRUSTEES

Pat Rensberger, President

Monty Peden, Vice President

Jennifer Hurford, Secretary

Chris O'Dell, Member

Karra Duff, Member

Board Approved Personnel August 18, 2025

A. Employment

1. Olivia Tarascio-Corporation Floating Substitute
2. Brittany Barr-Jr/Sr. High Applied Skills Aide
3. Ron Richie-6th Grade Reading/Math
4. Wade Shafer-Elementary PE

B. Volunteer

1. Rick Shafer-Jr. High Girls Soccer
2. Wade Shafer-High School Boys Soccer

C. Resignation

1. Kyle George-Sr. High English

2. Elizabeth Endres-Jr. Class sponsor/Elementary yearbook
3. Peyton Hiatt-6th Grade Reading and Math
4. Angel Balsley-High School Yearbook

D. Transfers

1. Mark Kessel-Jr. High English to Sr. High English
2. Jerry Miller-Elementary PE to 7th/8th Grade English