

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

6:00 p.m.

September 8, 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, September 8, 2025, at 6:00 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
Julie Hollingsworth
Jennifer Matthias
Antonette Payne
Noah Smith

Members absent: None

Dr. Mark Daniel, superintendent, presented the following information and recommendations concerning awards and recognitions:

Teacher of
the Year &
Employee of
the Year
Finalists
2025

RECOMMENDATION: It was recommended that the Board recognize the District's 2025-26 Teacher and Employee of the Year finalists.

RELATED INFORMATION: Each year, Fort Wayne Community Schools requests nominations from principals and unit heads for the Teacher of the Year and Employee of the Year recognition. In the spring of 2025, FWCS received 72 applications and narrowed them down to 18 finalists in three categories. These finalists were interviewed by committees, which selected two teachers and one employee as the 2025 FWCS Teachers of the Year and Employee of the Year. We would like to formally recognize the finalists for their hard work and dedication to the students of the District.

Elementary Teacher of the Year Finalists:

Jacob Barse, Northcrest Elementary School, Third Grade
Stacey Brooks, Irwin STEM Magnet School, Kindergarten
Isabel Collins, Harris Elementary School, First Grade
Alison Lewis, Croninger Elementary School, Art
Courtney Ruppert, Glenwood Park Elementary School, Fourth Grade

Secondary Teacher of the Year Finalists:

Deanna Casiano, Amp Lab, Grow Lab
Mellissa Depew, Wayne High School, Freshman Seminar/Theater Director
Rebecca Gerding, Towles Intermediate School, English Language Learners
Nicole Hines, Northrop High School, Ninth Grade English
Adrienne McKaig, Memorial Park Middle School, Language Arts

Employee of the Year Finalists:

Shannon Foster, Blackhawk Middle School, School Counselor
Karin Klinedinst, Bloomingdale Elementary School, Case Manager
Holly Lichtsinn, Haley Elementary School, Licensed Therapist
Keirstin Ramsey, Price Elementary School, Media Clerk
Alisha Walker, Amp Lab, Secretary Treasurer

Employee of the Year 2025

RECOMMENDATION: It was recommended that the Board recognize Nutrition Process Center Assistant Manager Ellen Buhr as the District’s 2025 Employee of the Year winner.

RELATED INFORMATION: In the spring of 2025, FWCS received submissions from principals and unit heads for the Employee of the Year honor. Thirty-six staff members were nominated for the honor. A committee was established to select finalists to review the nominations and interview the finalists. The committee chose 18-year employee Ellen Buhr, Assistant Manager of FWCS Nutrition Process Center, as the 2025 Employee of the Year. Ms. Buhr, was recognized.

Teachers of the Year 2025

RECOMMENDATION: It was recommended that the Board recognize Whitney Young STEAM Early Childhood Reading Interventionist Dianne Joustra and South Side High School Special Education teacher Sierra Miranda as the District’s 2025 Teacher of the Year winners.

RELATED INFORMATION: In the spring of 2025, FWCS received submissions from principals for the Teacher of the Year honor. Committees were established to focus on either elementary or secondary nominees with each committee selecting finalists to interview. After the interviews, each committee chose their respective Teacher of the Year.

The 2025 FWCS Elementary Teacher of the Year is Dianne Joustra, Reading Intervention teacher at Whitney Young STEAM Early Childhood.

The 2025 FWCS Secondary Teacher of the Year is Sierra Miranda, Special Education teacher at South Side High School. Ms. Joustra and Ms. Miranda were recognized.

Consent Agenda

Dr. Daniel presented the following consent agenda items with recommendations for approval: Minutes from the regular Board meeting, August 25, 2025; Vouchers for the period ending September 8, 2025 and the payroll and supplemental pays for the periods ending August 8, and August 22, 2025; Personnel Report; and the Required Disclosures:

Minutes

The Minutes from the regular Board meeting held August 25, 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 September 8, 2025 and the payroll and supplemental pays for the periods ending August 8, and August 22, 2025.

RELATED INFORMATION: Vouchers paid by the Fort Wayne Community Schools total \$8,787,550.44. Gross wages and fringe benefits paid by the Fort Wayne Community Schools total \$13,201,999.55.

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.

Personnel Report

STATUS

C Position Changed
L Leave

N New Position/Allocation
R Replacement

T Temporary Position

ADMINISTRATOR(S) RCOMMENDED FOR
RETIREMENT/RESIGNATION/TERMINATION/DECEASED

<u>NAME</u>	<u>ASSIGNMENT</u>	<u>STATUS</u>	<u>EFFECTIVE</u>
Jones-Sewell, Shirley T.	Wayne/School Counselor	Retire	10-01-25

ADMINISTRATOR(S) RECOMMENDED FOR EMPLOYMENT

<u>NAME</u>	<u>FROM</u>	<u>TO</u>	<u>STATUS</u>	<u>EFFECTIVE</u>
Jones, Corrie V.	New	Special Education/School Psychologist Temp (0.50)	T	08-25-25 to 05-29-26

ADMINISTRATOR(S) RECOMMENDED FOR BOARD ACTION

It is recommended that the Board of School Trustees approve the following:
 Add Director of College & Career Readiness & School Counseling to:
 Pay Scale 12 Central Office Administrative Personnel Group 25, Steps 41.2-49.2

<u>NAME</u>	<u>FROM</u>	<u>TO</u>	<u>STATUS</u>	<u>EFFECTIVE</u>
Shroyer, Adrienne M.	Snider/Coordinator of School Counselors	F.A.C.E./Director College & Career Readiness & School Counseling	N	10-06-25

TEACHER(S) RECOMMENDED FOR
 RETIREMENT/RESIGNATION/TERMINATION/DECEASED

<u>NAME</u>	<u>ASSIGNMENT</u>	<u>STATUS</u>	<u>EFFECTIVE</u>
Fife, Melissa R.	Haley/Multilingual Language Services	Retire	11-03-25
Flanagin, Brianna C.	Croninger/Music	Resign	09-08-25
Godfrey, . Joseph M.	South Side/Vocal Music	Resign	09-02-25
Roberts, Kristen K.	Shawnee/Math	Resign	09-24-25

TEACHERS(S) RECOMMENDED FOR EMPLOYMENT

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

<u>NAME</u>	<u>FROM</u>	<u>TO</u>	<u>STATUS</u>	<u>EFFECTIVE</u>
Ashcroft, Chloe A.	Certified Sub	Lakeside/Science	R	08-04-25
Bell, Colin E.	Certified Sub	North Side/MIMD	R	08-04-25
Chambers, Tameka L.	Certified Sub	Miami/Science	R	08-04-25
Combs, Derek R.	Certified Sub	Brentwood/Multilingual Language Services	R	08-04-25
Compres, Michelle M.	Certified Sub	Haley/Grade 4	R	08-04-25

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Dippold, Derek R.	Certified Sub	Wayne/Biology	R	08-12-25
Fleming, Taryn C.	Certified Sub	Harrison Hill/ Multilingual Language Services (0.50) + Indian Village/ Multilingual Language Services (0.50)	R	08-04-25
Kostic, Emina	Certified Sub	North Side/Biology	R	08-04-25
Lacy, Erica D.	Certified Sub	Harrison Hill/Grade 4	R	08-04-25
Macejack, Andrew J.	Certified Sub	North Side/Multilingual Language Services	R	08-04-25
Perez, Austin M.	Certified Sub	Lincoln/PE (0.50) + Glenwood Park/PE (0.50)	R	08-04-25
Reyes- Guillen, Jose D.	Certified Sub	Brentwood/Grade 5	N	08-04-25
Roggenkamp, Kyle G.	Certified Sub	ACJC/World History	R	08-04-25
Roman, Emily B.	Certified Sub	Snider/Multilingual Language Services	R	08-04-25
Smith, Matthias A.	Certified Sub	South Side/Math	R	08-05-25
Thompson, Jason L.	Certified Sub	Towles/Music (0.50)	R	08-04-25
Zinn, Irene R.	Certified Sub	Croninger/Spanish	R	08-04-25

TEACHER(S) RECOMMENDED FOR BOARD ACTION

<u>NAME</u>	<u>FROM</u>	<u>TO</u>	<u>STATUS</u>	<u>EFFECTIVE</u>
Compres, Michelle M.	Haley/Grade 4	Forest Park/Grade 1	R	08-25-25
Dollarhite, Michele M.	Holland/Grade 5	Arlington/Grade 1	R	08-26-25
Henry, Michelle M.	St Joseph Central/MOMD	Harris/MOMD	R	09-02-25
Klikas, Jessica E.	Brentwood/Grade 1	Lindley/Kindergarten	R	08-26-25

L'Heureux, Aveda L.	Shambaugh/MIMD	Brentwood/MIMD	R	09-01-25
Mansberger, Susan N.	Lindley/Interventionist	Washington/Building Instructional Coach	R	08-26-25
Peaks, Melanie H.	Holland/Grade 4	Maplewood/Grade 5	R	08-26-25
Thompson, Jason L.	Towles/Music (0.50)	Towles/Music (0.50) + Lakeside/Music (0.50)	R	08-14-25

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

Battershell, Alex F.	Hunt, Kathryn A.	Mohamedali, Marie A.
Brady, Mayerlin C.	Hytner, Gail P.	Rae, Annika G.
Brady, Roger L.	Johnson, Janel K.	Walda, David W.
Dore, Jessica C.	Karim, Rezina A.	Wooley, Connor R.
Hathaway, Ann C.	Manter, Stephanie P.	

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

Alston, Maci J.	Kamaka, Michael C.	Seferovic, Edin
Backer, Meghan E.	Knuth, Jerry J.	Shears, LaDavie'a T.
Congdon, Seth G.	Lewis, David E.	Smith, Michael A.
Contadeluci, Sophia R.	Matthews, Dodge J.	Sneary, Renee J.
Corona Torres, Mauricio	Nava Ramos, Diego	Thompson, Byron A.
Davis, Ryan D.	Pearson, Amaya S.	Till, Joseph R.
Dodson, Janiyah L.	O'Quinn-Bishop, Lilian Y.	Warrick, Melvin R.
Gorman, Josie L.	Ramsour, Lydia A.	Webb, Cameron D.
Hunter, Isaac R.	Reuille, Paula S.	Williams, Keyonna K.
Ireland, Rex A.	Rutledge, Dusti R.	Winston, Asharia S.

CERTIFIED PERSONNEL RECOMMENDED FOR HOMEBOUND ASSIGNMENT(S)

Bond, Robert R.	Hessler, Catherine A.	Shade, Gregory R.
Brown, Jamie L.	Hoover, Andrea L.	Sims, Akilah M.
Casto, Kari L.	Kamler, Kimberly J.	Stath-Talamantes, Melissa A.
Deitche, Joseph A.	McBride, Haylee R.	Studebaker, Elizabeth M.
Fetters-Nitza, Angela R.	Morken, Heather R.	Taggart, Caleb A.
Givens, Kelly A.	Owens, Jennifer J.	White, Allison R.
Hamlin, Eric J.	Patterson, Erin K.	Williams, Becky L.
Harris, Jeanette L.	Redding, Maggie C.	Williams, Heather R.
Hayes, Stacey A.	Richey, Kamryn R.	Williams, Roy R.
Helmuth, Lisa M.	Royal, Nakia T.	Young, Mark E.

CERTIFIED PERSONNEL RECOMMENDED FOR ADDITIONAL ASSIGNMENT(S)

Ashby, Jacinda J.	Glogowski, Jason M.	Otto, Catherine L.
Bellinger, Stephanie A.	Hamlin, Eric J.	Rehrer, Brittany N.
Cain, Malcolm Z.	Horner, Nilah A.	Schaefer, Lisa M.
Caraballo-Ortiz, Alex	Johnson, Camela J.	Smethers, Steven
Couch, Patricia A.	Kruse, Patrick R.	Smith, Michael A.
Dodds, April L.	Kurzen, Jordan R.	Smith, Ryan J.

Ernest III, Ronald H.
Fisher, Dennis J.
Floyd, Michael S.

Lewis, Kathleen M.
McKinstry IV, Alexander B.
Morlan, Kayleigh J.

Sprunger, Braelynn M.
Tremaine, Rebekah S.
Vallow, Adele C.

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

<u>NAME</u>	<u>ASSIGNMENT</u>	<u>STATUS</u>	<u>EFFECTIVE</u>
Archer, Gregory N.	Maintenance & Operations/Mechanical Maintenance	Terminate	08-20-25
Brown, Marilyn A.	School Asst-Sub + Special Ed Sub + Clerical Sub + Food Service Sub	Resign	08-28-25
Brown-Ridley Lisa C.	Towles/Literacy Support Assistant	Retire	09-02-25
Cashdollar, Marjae F.	Waynedale/Media Clerk	Resign	09-04-25
Diehm, Robin M.	Haley/School Assistant ISS	Resign	12-21-25
Exantus-Kerlegrand, Yanick	Transportation/Bus Driver + Supplemental Bus Driver + Extracurricular	Resign	08-22-25
Griffin, Demetria S.	Wayne/School Assistant Special Ed	Resign	08-22-25
Holderman, Alicia J.	Northcrest/Satellite Cafeteria Manager	Resign	08-18-25
Singleton, Rheagan N.	Brentwood/School Assistant	Terminate	08-12-25
Tuttle, Catherine A.	Media Services/52 Week Secretary	Retire	01-02-26
Waller, Omar T.	Transportation/SPB Driver	Terminate	08-26-25
Young, Tristan B.	Student & Family Support/GEAR-UP Advisor	Resign	09-19-25

CLASSIFIED PERSONNEL RECOMMENDED FOR EMPLOYMENT

<u>NAME</u>	<u>FROM</u>	<u>TO</u>	<u>STATUS</u>	<u>EFFECTIVE</u>
Arnett, Katie R.	New	Haley/School Assistant Special Ed	R	08-26-25

Bell, Alexsander M.	New	Brentwood/School Assistant Special Ed	R	09-02-25
Bivens, Bianka M.	Certified Sub	Arlington/School Assistant	R	08-27-25
Boykins, Eva L.	School Asst-Sub + Special Ed Sub + Clerical Sub + Food Service Sub	South Side/Cafeteria Assistant	R	09-02-25
Carr, Kanika D.	New	Transportation/Bus Assistant	R	09-02-25
Cecchini, Elaine M.	New	School Asst-Sub + Special Ed Sub + Clerical Sub + Food Service Sub	R	08-22-25
Easley, Jasmine S.	New	Towles/Special Ed One-on-One Assistant	R	09-02-25
France, Elijah M.	New	Lane/Media Assistant	R	09-02-25
Groeneweg, Richele D.	New	Irwin/Licensed Therapist	R	09-15-25
Gutierrez, Evelyn	New	Miami/School Assistant Special Ed	R	09-02-25
Guzman, Luz M.	New	School Asst-Sub + Special Ed Sub + Clerical Sub + Food Service Sub	R	08-27-25
Hamlet, Erica M.	New	Portage/School Assistant ISS	R	08-21-25
Hardy, Camisha R.	New	Portage/52 Week Secretary Treasurer	R	09-08-25
Hayden, Vanessa	New	Brentwood/School Assistant Special Ed	R	08-25-25
Heidinger, Charica D.	New	Towles/School Assistant	R	08-28-25
Hernandez, Genesis A.	New	Haley/Special Ed One-on-One Assistant	R	08-25-2025
Jean Pierre, Hillary	New	Fairfield/School Assistant Multilingual Language Services	R	08-27-25

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Johnson, Ebony R.	New	Bunche/School Assistant	R	08-26-25
Judy, Alayna A.	New	Arlington/School Assistant Preschool	R	08-20-25
Martin, Sierra S.	New	Blackhawk/School Assistant Special Ed	R	08-25-25
Martinez, Alondra	New	Harrison Hill/School Assistant Special Ed	R	09-02-25
McKinley, Cassie J.	New	Health & Wellness/School Nurse	R	09-02-25
Millbern Haeck, Kathrin L.	New	Northrop/School Assistant Special Ed	R	08-26-25
Muslic, Mersina M.	New	Student & Family Support/Clothing Bank Assistant	R	08-25-25
Platts, Niela L.	New	Weisser Park/School Assistant	R	08-22-25
Rectenwald, Audrey M.	New	Harrison Hill/Literacy Support Assistant	R	08-25-25
Richmond, Makayla M.	New	Forest Park/School Assistant	R	09-08-25
Richter, Harley L.	New	Health & Wellness/School Nurse	R	09-08-25
Smith, Jazariea L.	New	Weisser Park/School Assistant	R	08-25-25
Smith, Niccita A.	New	Lakeside/School Assistant Special Ed	R	09-08-25
Sowles, Chelsie R.	New	Transportation/Bus Assistant	R	09-02-25
Wade, Nakisha J.	New	Brentwood/School Assistant Special Ed.	R	09-08-25

CLASSIFIED PERSONNEL RECOMMENDED FOR BOARD ACTION

<u>NAME</u>	<u>FROM</u>	<u>TO</u>	<u>STATUS</u>	<u>EFFECTIVE</u>
Akers, Jeffery T.	South Side/Nutrition Special Assignment	Fairfield/Satellite Cafeteria Manager	R	08-27-25
Barnett, Benecia K.	Harris/Literacy Support Assistant	Harris/School Assistant Preschool	R	08-21-25

Harrington, Tonya N.	Adams/Special Ed One-on-One Assistant	South Side/School Assistant Special Ed	R	08-28-25
Kizer, Jacqueline	Security/Greeter	Virtual Academy/Secretary School-Year	R	09-02-25
Krauter, Cynthia L.	Croninger/School Assistant	Glenwood Park/Secretary School-Year	R	09-05-25
Moore, Niara M.	Shawnee/Cafeteria Assistant	Haley/School Assistant	R	08-22-25
Nelson, Lynn A.	St Joseph Central/School Assistant Special Ed	Shambaugh/School Assistant Special Ed	R	09-02-25
Pinedo Morillo, Johanna	Study/School Assistant Multilingual Language Services	Study/Special Ed One-on-One Assistant	R	08-25-25
Roberson, Brittany N.	Bloomingtondale/Secretary School-Year	Price/School Assistant Special Ed	R	09-02-25
Torres, Danyalle C.	Portage/52 Week Secretary Treasurer	Fiscal Affairs/52 Week Accounting Clerk	R	09-03-25

CLASSIFIED PERSONNEL RECOMMENDED FOR TEMPORARY ASSIGNMENT (S)

Buonocore, Luca A.	Fuller, Tyler L.	Moss, John R.
Byrd, Sonya L.	Hamlet, Erica M.	Mullen III, Kenneth C.
Carr, Xavier B.	Johnson, Delores M.	Pressley, Linda S.
Coleman Sr, Austin A.	Lee, Ma'Kaylla T.	Rembert III, Robert
Crusoe, Courtney L.	Martin, Venus M.	Rogers, Kevin A.
Davidson, Darrell S.	McKenna, Michael J.	Schrock, Alyssa D.
Davis, Andrew C.	Miggins, Allen D.	Tabron, Larry B.
Freeney, James D.	Miller, Allison R.	Torres, Gretchen

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:

Position

Athletic Coach

Cafeteria Manager

Special Education Assistant

A motion was made by Anne Duff, seconded by Steve Corona, that the following consent agenda items be approved: Minutes from the regular Board meeting, August 25, 2025; Vouchers for the period ending September 8, 2025 and the payroll and supplemental pays for the periods ending August 8, and August 22, 2025; Personnel Report; and the Required Disclosures. Roll Call: Ayes, unanimous; nays, none.

Second Semester
Extracurricular
Reports 2024-25

Dr. Daniel presented the following recommendation concerning the Second Semester Extracurricular Reports 2024-25:

RECOMMENDATION: It was recommended that the Board accept the Extracurricular Account Reports for the second semester of the 2024-25 school year.

RELATED INFORMATION: Indiana Code 20-41-1-8 requires an accurate account of all money received and expended by extracurricular accounts. All extracurricular semester reports are audited by the Business Office and are available for inspection for ten years.

Kim Szobody, Internal Auditor, was available to answer questions.

A motion was made by Anne Duff, seconded by Steve Corona, that the recommendation concerning the Second Semester Extracurricular Reports 2024-25 be approved. Roll Call: Ayes, unanimous; nays, none.

Conscious
Discipline
Coaching 2025-26

Dr. Daniel presented the following recommendation concerning the Conscious Discipline Coaching 2025-26:

RECOMMENDATION: It was recommended that the Board approve the purchase of in-person coaching from Conscious Discipline Master Teachers with Loving Guidance LLC in the amount of \$305,760 for the 2025-26 school year.

RELATED INFORMATION: Three Master Teachers will provide coaching at six focus elementary schools: Abbett, Bloomingdale, Indian Village, Shambaugh, South Wayne, and Study. The goal is to support adults in developing self-regulation skills and in understanding brain science as it applies to both themselves and their students. This funding also includes virtual sessions for administrators to support implementation

The EACH Mental Health Grant will fund these coaching sessions.

Dr. Griffin, Director of School Climate and Culture along with Regan Fry, Manager of Student Mental Health, were available to answer questions.

A motion was made by Anne Duff, seconded by Jennifer Matthias, that the recommendation concerning the Conscious Discipline Coaching 2025-26 be approved. Roll Call: Ayes, unanimous; nays, none.

K-12 Robotics
Competition
Grant 2025-26

Dr. Daniel presented the following recommendation concerning the K-12 Robotics Competition Grant 2025-26:

RECOMMENDATION: It was recommended that the Board approve the acceptance of the IDOE's 2025-2026 K-12 Robotics Competition Grant in the amount of \$30,000.

RELATED INFORMATION: The grant is a result of IC 20-20-45.5-7, which is intended, to "expand opportunities to increase interest and improve skills in science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM) through participation in competitive robotics programs.

With this grant funding and financial backing from partnership all five FWCS comprehensive high schools will engage in the FIRST of Indiana Robotics Competitions and 13 of our elementary schools in VEX Robotic Competitions, as well as undertaking the challenge of designing a unique robot for these 2025-26 academic year events

Matt Schiebel, Executive Director of Safety and Community Partnerships, was available to answer questions.

A motion was made by Julie Hollingsworth, seconded by Anne Duff, that the recommendation concerning the K-12 Robotics Competition Grant 2025-26 be approved. Roll Call: Ayes, unanimous; nays, none.

Dr. Daniel presented the following recommendation concerning the 1028 Public Presentation:

1028 Public Presentation

Heather Krebs, Facilities Director gave a 1028 Preliminary Presentation on the District-Wide Furnishings, Facility Improvement and Bus and Equipment Acquisition Projects.

Comments

Board Member Antonette Payne congratulated all the teachers and staff that were recognized at tonight's Teacher and Employee of the Year celebration and recognition.

Board Member Julie Hollingsworth also congratulated the finalists and winners of the Employee and Teacher of the Year. Teaching is a collaborative and team sport, even though we select winners, it recognizes all teachers/staff no one does it by themselves. Since the last Board meeting, the state of Indiana has changed the income based childcare vouchers, \$225 million shortfall. They are cutting the reimburse rate by 10-35%, so childcare providers are going to have to charge more or go out of business. Even million and billionaires can now be eligible for a Voucher. \$200 million would go a long way in childcare vouchers. Disappointing priority for the state of Indiana.

Board Member Noah Smith commented that Greater Fort Wayne, Inc. and the Chamber also supports childcare. Member Smith also commented on a rockstar teacher retirement listed on the Personnel Report.

Board Member Jennifer Matthias also congratulated the teachers and thanked those behind the scenes that made it a special night. Member Matthias commented on the importance of PreK when funding has been cut, the vouchers have expanded. It is frustrating, we have a wait list for PreK. Ms. Matthias encouraged the community to express concerns and speak to legislators, we have to have our voice. We would like to even expand PreK.

Board Member Anne Duff commented that to change the trajectory of the state, people need to get out and vote. Member Duff thanked voters for voting yes to our safety referendum. People are making a difference in the lives of our students. Remind our students, if they see something, say something. Ms. Duff also gave congratulations to the teachers who were nominated, you make a difference in the lives of our students.

Superintendent Dr. Mark Daniel as of June 30, \$2.1 million for ECA. We worked very hard on the PreK. We have over 600 students on the on my way PreK wait list. We did a very good job of pushing that out. Last year we had 155 on my way PreK, this year we have 75, you can see what is happening. It takes roughly eight students to operate a classroom. Board member comments are spot on this evening.

Board President Maria Norman attended a recent Parent Advisory Board event, along with fellow Board member Toni, at the Pearl Arts Center. It was lovely to see the building and all the opportunities given to our students. The next Parent Advisory event will be at Construction Trades at the end of October. FWCS has lots of community resources and it is an opportunity to connect and learn more. It is also another way to meet other FWCS parents, which is nice to get out of your bubble.

Next Meeting

The next regular meeting of the Board is scheduled for Monday, September 22, 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, August 25, 2025; Vouchers for the period ending September 8, 2025 and the payroll and supplemental pays for the periods ending August 8, and August 22, 2025.

Adjournment and Dismissal

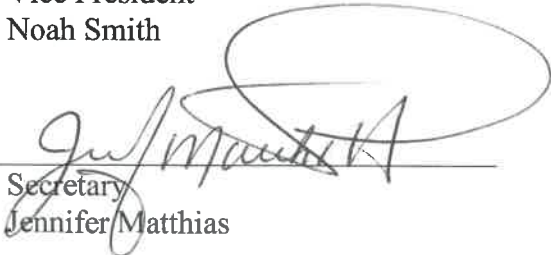
There being no further business and no general public comment, upon a motion by Noah Smith, seconded by Anne Duff, the meeting was adjourned at 6:55 p.m.



President
Maria Norman



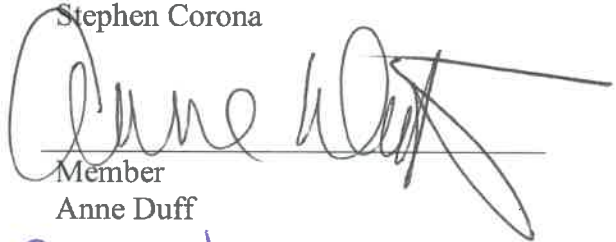
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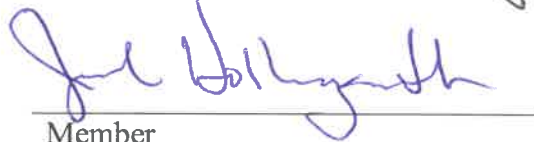
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