

Minutes of the Argos Community Schools
Regular School Board Meeting
Held on February 9, 2026

The Board of School Trustees held a regular school board meeting on February 9, 2026. The following individuals were present for all or a part of the meeting.

A. Pat Rensberger, Karra Duff, Jennifer Hurford, Chris O'Dell and Monty Peden, Board Members

B. Kerry Johnson-Superintendent

C. Kelli VanDerWeele-Business Manager

D. Amy Miller-Administrative Assistant

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.

Monty Peden moved to approve the minutes from the January 13, 2026 reorganizational and Board of Finance meetings, and the January 20, 2026 public hearing, regular meeting and executive session. Karra Duff seconded the motion and it was approved unanimously.

Chris O'Dell made a motion to approve the personnel change per the attached listing. Monty Peden seconded the motion and it passed 5-0.

Karra Duff moved to approve Pay app no 3 from Michiana Contracting for lighting replacements in the amount of \$1,612.80. Jennifer Hurford seconded the motion and it was approved unanimously.

Jennifer Hurford made a motion to approve LWC invoice #19356 for lighting replacements for the amount of \$3,762.50. Chris O'Dell seconded the motion and it was also approved 5-0.

Jennifer Hurford then made a motion to approve invoice #11513514 from S&P Global Ratings as part of the bond sale process. Monty Peden seconded the motion and it was approved 5-0.

The next item on the agenda was approval of this year's Pre-School and Kindergarten Round Up, which is scheduled for April 9th from 4:00-7:00 PM. Mrs. Johnson explained that the date is being pushed out this year a couple of weeks to hit after Spring Break. Families will still need to call the elementary office and make an appointment as in years past. Chris O'Dell moved to approve roundup with Jennifer Hurford seconding and the motion was approved unanimously.

Kelli VanDerWeele asked the Board to approve claims for the month of January. There was a total of \$84,965.10 in accounts payable claims and \$413,395.31 in payroll claims. Total claims for the month were \$498,360.41. Jennifer Hurford moved to approve as presented. Monty Peden seconded the motion and it was approved 5-0.

Mrs. Johnson presented the Board with the financial reports for January 2026. The year has started out very strong. We are currently under budget for both the operations and education funds and will work to maintain that throughout the year. Mrs. Johnson then updated the Board on make up days for the remainder of the school year. School will be in session on Monday, February 16th. This was previously scheduled as a day off pending any make up days. We were able to receive two waiver days from the State of Indiana so after 2/16, we will be back on track. Should there be any other make up days needed, we are ready to move to synchronous instruction. Details and instructions have been sent out to each teacher and to families on how the day of instruction will work. There is no limit from the State on how many synchronous learning days can be used so this will be our method of instruction for the rest of the school year should the weather become inclement. Mrs. Johnson also updated the Board on the newly revised TAG policy the State has come up with. We had 8 qualified applicants apply for the grant, of which we will be able to award 6 at the 1st tier level of \$3,500, minus any required deductions. Mrs. Johnson has reviewed the applications and sent the required information to the State. We are currently waiting on further correspondence/instruction. TAG money is set to be ready for disbursement in April and the names of the recipients of the grant will not be made public. The bond sale has concluded and Argos Community Schools was pleased to receive an A+ rating. The sale went very well and our bonds were highly sought after. Closing date is set for February 26, 2026. LWC is working in the background setting up pre-bid meetings to get the projects being completed over summer break up and running smoothly.

With there being no other business to discuss, Karra Duff moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:28P.M. Chris O'Dell seconded the motion and it was approved 5-0.

ARGOS COMMUNITY SCHOOLS
BOARD OF SCHOOL TRUSTEES

Pat Rensberger, President

Karra Duff , Vice President

Jennifer Hurford, Secretary

Chris O'Dell, Member

Monty Peden, Member

Board Approved Personnel Change February 9, 2026

1. Employment
 - a. Leanne Senter-Musical Choreography