

Minutes of the Argos Community Schools  
Regular School Board Meeting  
Held on March 16, 2026

The Board of School Trustees held a regular school board meeting on March 16, 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, members

B. Kerry Johnson, Superintendent

C. Kelli VanDerWeele, Business Manager

D. Amy Miller, Administrative Assistant

E. Ty Adley, patron

Pat Rensberger called the meeting to order at 7:01 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 of the February 9th regular meeting. Karra Duff seconded the motion and it was approved 5-0.

Jennifer Hurford moved to approve the personnel changes per the attached listing. Chris O'Dell seconded the motion and it was approved unanimously.

Next item on the agenda was to consider bids for the roofing, masonry and tunnel repairs. Mrs. Johnson spoke briefly about each project and the companies that were recommended by our architects to be awarded the bids. For the roofing repairs, LWC believes that SPG Roofing is the best choice. In terms of cost, they came in with the lowest price with 1 or both alternates chosen. The total amount of the contract to be awarded is \$1,137,600.00. For the masonry repairs, Ziolkowski Construction bid \$134,500, which includes 1 alternate and for the tunnel repairs, it is recommended that Core Mechanical receive the contract for \$771, 900. Jennifer Hurford moved to accept the bids as recommended and extend contracts to each of these companies. Chris O'Dell seconded the motion and it was approved 5-0. Greg Drennen will get busy sending out award letters to each of these contractors and setting up contracts and

construction meetings to begin work as soon as possible. The tunnel project will not start until summer break because it requires extensive access to the building's underground tunnel system.

Karra Duff moved to approved LWC invoice #19371 for future bond study in the amount of \$31,543.00. Chris O'Dell seconded the motion and it was approved 5-0.

Jennifer Hurford moved to approve Ice Miller invoice #01-2572333 for services rendered through 2/26/26 for Ad valorem property tax first mortgage bonds, series 2026 in the amount of \$70,500. Monty Peden seconded the motion and it was approved unanimously.

Chris O'Dell moved to approve the following LWC invoices:

- 19421 for lighting improvements for \$1428.01
- 19429 for tunnel piping replacement for \$15,445.48
- 19430 for roofing & coping replacement for \$28,791.88
- 19431 for exterior masonry repairs for \$1,642.00
- 19432 for elementary patio area for \$4,583.00

Monty Peden seconded the motion and all invoices were approved for payment by a vote of 5-0.

Monty Peden moved to approve Michiana Contracting pay apps no. 4 and 5 for lighting replacements including retainage. The total amount due on the invoices is \$31,420.11. Jennifer Hurford seconded the motion and it was approved 5-0.

Karra Duff moved to approve the purchase of a used school bus from Kerlin Bus Sales and Leasing for \$10,000. This new bus is an upgrade to our fleet of yellow buses. Chris O'Dell seconded the motion and it was approved 5-0.

Karra Duff moved to approve the 2026 summer school dates and hours. Due to extensive construction this summer, summer school will run for 2 weeks only, beginning June 1 and ending June 11, 2026 from 8-11:30 A.M. As in year's past, there will be no classes on Friday. Classes offered will include the following: 2nd and 3rd grade remediation for IREAD testing, 4th and 5th grade math, reading and language arts and the same classes for grades 6-8. The high school will continue to offer the middle school band program and the Summer Ag Experience. Jennifer Hurford seconded the motion and it was approved 5-0.

Chris O'Dell made a motion to approve the 2026 summer work schedule. As in the past, full time employees working over the summer will work 10 hour days Monday through Thursday instead of the traditional 5 day week work schedule. The school will be closed on Fridays to conserve energy. The summer work hours start Monday, June 1st and will end Friday, August 7. Monty Peden seconded the motion and it was approved unanimously.

Karra Duff made a motion to approve the review and change to Policy 2410. Chris O'Dell seconded the motion and it was approved 5-0.

Kelli VanDerWeele asked the Board to approve claims for the month. There was a total of \$76,517.67 in accounts payable claims and \$299,645.35 in payroll claims. Total claims for the month were \$376,163.02. Jennifer Hurford moved to approve as presented. Chris O'Dell seconded the motion and it was approved 5-0.

Mrs. Johnson updated the Board on the 2026 IREAD scores that we have received back. IREAD is mandatory for 2nd graders now, though we have been giving it to second grade for several years. Out of the 55 second graders that were tested this round, 23 passed. For the 32 students that didn't pass, 13 of those students are on track to pass the 2nd testing opportunity before school lets out and 19 will receive additional remediation in preparation for the next opportunity. Grade 3 had 40 students tested. 31 of those students passed. For the remaining 9 students that didn't pass, 6 will be able to receive good cause exemptions and 3 will receive additional remediation for the next testing opportunity. Mrs. Johnson also quickly went over the dates for the upcoming ILEARN testing which is scheduled for the last part of April. There will be more information to come as the dates get closer.

Mrs. Johnson presented the Board with the financial reports for February 2026. We are 16% of the way through the year and we've spent 12% of both the education and operations fund budgets. Argos continues to remain fiscally responsible and strong.

There were no closing comments.

With there being no other business to discuss, Chris O'Dell moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:44 P.M.. Karra Duff seconded the motion and it was approved 5-0.

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### Board Approved Personnel Changes March 16, 2026

#### A. Employment

1. Ben Ennis-Jr/Sr High MOMH Aide

#### B. Resignations

1. Darle Kenz-FACS teacher-retirement effective end of school year
2. Sydney Binkley-Jr/Sr. High secretary/Marketing Coordinator
3. Jerry Miller-Jr. High English teacher-retirement effective end of school year

#### C. Coaches

1. Phil Dean-JV/Varsity softball head coach
2. Allyson Taylor-JV/Varsity softball assistant coach
3. Rachael Stackhouse-JH softball coach
4. Dan Stombaugh-JV/Varsity baseball head coach
5. Mathew Smith-JV/Varsity baseball assistant
6. Abby Ennis-Girls track and field
7. Chris Willis-Boys track and field
8. Joe Stone-Lacrosse head coach
9. Andy Petz-Lacrosse assistant coach
10. Ben Ennis-Lacrosse volunteer
11. Zak Heiman-Lacrosse volunteer
12. Robert Hines-JV/Varsity girls soccer assistant

#### D. Transfer

1. Elizabeth Cassel-Jr/Sr. MOMH aide to Jr/Sr. High Secretary.