`Minutes of the Argos Community Schools
Regular School Board Meeting
Held on June 22, 2026

The Board of School Trustees held a regular school board meeting on June 22, 2026. The following individuals were present for all or a part of the meeting.

A. Pat Rensberger, Karra Duff, Jennifer Hurford 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 7:02 P.M. and led the Pledge of Allegiance and Moment of Silence. Board member Chris O'Dell was absent.

There was no communication from patrons

Monty Peden moved to approve the minutes of the May 18, 2026 regular meeting. Karra Duff seconded the motion and it passed 4-0.

Jennifer Hurford made a motion to approve all personnel changes as listed. Karra Duff seconded the motion and it was approved 4-0.

Karra Duff moved to approve a new technology information sheet that will be put into the 26/27 student handbook. The sheet spells out the costs associated with replacement of the student technology and chargers. Jennifer Hurford seconded the motion and it was approved 4-0.

Monty Peden moved to approve Core Mechanical Services pay app No. 1 for work done in the tunnel re-piping replacement project Total invoice amount is $159,707.13. Jennifer Hurford seconded the motion and it was approved unanimously.

Monty Peden moved to approve a new SRO contract with the Town of Argos. Mrs. Johnson and Chief Rudd have worked together to create an agreement that is fair and works for both parties. There will be a formal review every 3 years. Karra Duff seconded the motion and it was approved 4-0.

Karra Duff moved to approve the purchase of new scoreboards for soccer and basketball from Daktronics. The cost of the new soccer scoreboard is $19,246 and Vanadco will take care of the installation at a cost of $9,301. The new basketball scoreboard cost is $27,494.00. We have not received the cost of the installation yet from Vanadco. The cost of the scoreboards and installation will come out of the project's money. The basketball scoreboard will be able to be programmed for the 30 second shot clock when that is approved in the future. Jennifer Hurford seconded both motions and they were approved 4-0.

Jennifer Hurford moved to approve seven overnight trips for the FFA department. They will be travelling to Lebanon, IN; Indianapolis, IN; Madison, WI; Fishers, IN and 3 trips to Trafalgar, IN throughout the 26/27 school year. Monty Peden seconded the motion and it was approved 4-0

Monty Peden moved to approve the purchase of a new water heater from D. A. Dodd in the amount of $48,763.00. This water heater will be able to take care of the hot water needs for the entire building. Karra Duff seconded the motion and it was approved unanimously.

Jennifer Hurford moved to approve a quote from Brand Tech for new cameras and racking systems for the Argos Education Center in the amount of $7,470.00. This money will come out of previously appropriated funds for the Education Center. Karra Duff seconded the motion and it was approved 4-0.

Karra Duff moved to approve additional work to be performed by Ziolkowski Construction for the exterior masonry project. Total cost is $188,402. It was found during early work that Gym 2 didn’t have the proper moisture barrier installed when it was constructed so Ziolkowski will be adding flashing at upper and lower levels to remedy this. This extra work is still within the scope of the project and not over and above the cost of the project itself. Monty Peden seconded the motion and it was approved 4-0.

Jennifer Hurford moved to approve the appointment of Derek Smith to the Argos Public Library Board as the representative for Argos Community Schools. Melissa Spicer’s term has ended and the library is recommending Derek as the next Board member. Monty Peden seconded the motion and it was approved 4-0.

Karra Duff moved to approve four invoices from LWC. Those invoice numbers were 19709 for the tunnel piping replacement for $2,493.00; 19711 for exterior masonry repairs for $4,665.99; 19712 for the elementary patio area for $1,147.00 and invoice 19718 for roofing and coping replacement for $9,648.00. Total claim for the invoices was $17,953.99. Jennifer Hurford seconded the motion and all four invoices were approved 4-0.

Monty Peden moved to approve Core Mechanical Services invoice #22550 which was issued for their work in running the new gas line to the kitchen. Invoice amount due is $8,396.46. Karra Duff seconded the motion and it was approved unanimously.

Beginning July 1, 2026, the state has ruled that personal communication devices are no longer allowed to be used in classrooms. Because of this ruling, NEOLA has advised schools to update NEOLA policy 5136 to reflect those changes. The change was made because the goal is to keep students engaged and interested in learning and personal communication devices in the classroom can be a distraction. The Board was presented with a copy of the policy to read and review and when they reconvene in July there will be a second reading and adoption of the new policy in time for the start of the 26/27 school year.

Jennifer Hurford approved a quote from Environmental Assurance for extra work to be performed in the tunnels this summer. The quote states the work is not to exceed $43,000. Karra Duff seconded the motion and it was approved 4-0.

Monty Peden moved to approved pay app No. 1 (invoice #39867) from Ziolkowski Construction for work done thus far this summer on the exterior masonry project. Invoice total is $8,096.22. Jennifer Hurford seconded the motion and it was approved 4-0.

Mrs. Johnson presented the Board with her superintendent report for the month of May. Back to School Night is scheduled for August 10th. This is a staff day. The first day of classes for students is August 12th, so this gives the teachers time to prepare classrooms for opening day. The Marshall County Health Department mobile immunization clinic will be here on August 11th from 12-2 in front of the school to administer routine and/or required immunizations to students. Mrs. Johnson updated the Board on the ongoing construction projects. Ziolkowski Construction continues to move forward with the masonry project as does Brown and Brown with the elementary patio project. The asphalt is gone and the new concrete is ready to be poured, weather permitting. SPG Roofing is on site and has begun the roofing project and Core Mechanical continues to work on re-piping the tunnels. On Thursday, June 18th, Mrs. Johnson travelled to Noblesville to celebrate Lynnette Markley being named this year's winner of the Golden Owl Award. This award is given yearly to an outstanding teacher in the state. Mrs. Johnson also gave a shout out to Tory Tolliver and Statia Scaife for an outstanding presentation at this year's KINLCON. The goal is to be able to send a team to this conference every year for professional development. She also gave a shout out to Kelli VanDerWeele on obtaining her certification as a chief financial officer for the school corporation.

Kelli VanDerWeele asked the Board to approve claims for the month of May. There are a total of 9 pages of accounts payable claims in the amount of $134,731.40 and 3 pages of payroll claims in the amount of $336,043.91 for a total claim docket for the month of $470,775.31. Jennifer Hurford moved to approve the claims as presented and Monty Peden seconded the motion. The claims were approved unanimously.

Mrs. Johnson presented the Board with the financial reports for May 2026. The financial year has continued to be very strong. At this point in the school year, we should have expended 42% of our budget on both the education and operations funds. We are currently at 31% on the Education fund and 34% on the operations fund. Both will continue to tighten as school starts back up, but are in great condition.

In closing comments, Mrs. Johnson stated that the Education Center should be ready for a tour in August and possibly be the site of an upcoming Board meeting. Monty Peden mentioned that the Union Pacific Big Boy train that came through town on June 5th benefited the school in a big way. Multiple extra curricular groups were able to benefit by charging parking at the Education Center and Sequel Industries. Those funds will be used for student activities in those groups.

With there being no other business to discuss, Karra Duff moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:56 P.M. Jennifer Hurford seconded the motion and it was approved 4-0.

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Pat Rensberger, President

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Karra Duff, Vice-President

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Jennifer Hurford, Secretary

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Monty Peden, Member

Board Approved Personnel Changes June 22, 2026

A. Employment

1. Anina Bowman-Bus driver, in addition to MOMH duties
2. Ashli Prochno-Bus driver, effective Jan 1, 2027
3. Jamie Wenzler-3rd grade teacher
4. Caleb Rakoczy-Sr. high science teacher (temp contract)
5. Richard Fansler-Jr. High ELA/reading teacher

B. Resignation

1. Brittany Barr-HS MOMH aide
2. Jenny Hollabaugh-Bus driver, effective Jan 1. 2027

C. Transfer

1. Ranna Quimby-3rd grade to 2nd grade teacher
2. Chris Willis-HS science to Jr. high math

D. Fall Coaches

1. Todd VanDerWeele-Boys varsity soccer head coach
2. Damon Binkley-Boys soccer varsity assistant
3. Andy Petz-Boys soccer varsity assistant
4. Elmer Roque-Boys soccer varsity assistant
5. Ty Adley-Varsity girls soccer head coach
6. Robert Hines-JV girls soccer coach
7. Chris Willis-Varsity girls soccer assistant
8. Bob Lyon-Jr/Sr Cross country
9. Mitch Dewitt-JH Boys Soccer
10. Norman McCarthy-JH Boys Soccer
11. Beth Tinsman-JV/Varsity volleyball coach
12. Stephanie Riffel-JV/Varsity Volleyball assistant coach
13. Anina Bowman-JH Volleyball coach
14. Kendall Ferguson-Volleyball volunteer assistant