

Minutes of the Argos Community Schools
Regular School Board Meeting
Held on August 17, 2026

The Board of School Trustees held a regular school board meeting on August 17, 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. Kevin McCurdy, Architect with LWC

Pat Rensberger called the meeting to order at 7:06 P.M. and led the Pledge of Allegiance and Moment of Silence. The meeting began late due to technical difficulties with the video equipment.

There was no communication from patrons.

Karra Duff moved to approve the minutes of the July 13, 2026 regular and executive meetings as well as the July 16 executive and special meetings. Chris O'Dell seconded the motion and it passed 5-0.

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

Kevin McCurdy with LWC was present to update the Board with a summary of the work that has taken place over the summer. Several of the projects have finished up and the roofing project is still being worked on. Damage to the gym 3 roof will be put on an efficiency log and be taken care of before everything is signed off on. Anything that is not up to standard will go on a punchlist and be taken care of before any final pay apps are signed off on and authorized. All parties are currently working as a team to find a solution for the roof so that it is done correctly, meets code and doesn't need further repair.

Jennifer Hurford moved to approve pay app no. 1 from Brown and Brown Construction for the elementary patio area in the amount of \$75,581.43. Karra Duff seconded the motion and it was approved 5-0.

Monty Peden moved to approve pay app no. 3 from Core Mechanical Services for the tunnel piping replacement project in the amount of \$129,623.43. Chris O'Dell seconded the motion and it was approved 5-0 as well.

Chris O'Dell moved to approve pay app no. 3 from Ziolkowski Construction for masonry repairs in the amount of \$10,526.12. Karra Duff seconded the motion and it was approved unanimously.

Karra Duff moved to approve six invoices from LWC for various projects happening within the school. Those invoices include #19885 for stage lighting, 19901 for tunnel piping replacement, 19891 for roofing and coping replacement, 19892 for the elementary patio area, 19893 for rooftop unit replacements, and 19895 for exterior masonry repairs. The total amount due for all invoices is \$33,629.76. Jennifer Hurford seconded the motion and it was approved 5-0.

Mrs. Johnson presented the Board with the information regarding the stage lighting bid. Michiana Contracting submitted a bid for the project. The number presented to the board was \$439,539 for the project, but the number was transposed when presented to the superintendent and should actually be \$493,539. Karra Duff made a motion to approve the first number presented. Chris O'Dell seconded the motion and it was approved 5-0. All bid documents have the correct amount on them and the Board is aware of the numbers being transposed and the bid being placed at 493,539.00

Mrs. Johnson presented the Superintendent Report to the Board. She opened with an initial enrollment update. At this time, the ADM is currently sitting at 617 students. There are 283 students enrolled in grades K-5 and 334 students enrolled in 6-12. This # doesn't include pre-k or preschool students. We continue to enroll students and have experienced minimal loss as a corporation. Count day is still weeks away so the total # of enrolled students is likely to change. She also updated the Board on the opening of the Argos Education Center. Wi-fi and cameras are operational and things appear to be going well. Mr. Medich is able to drop in due to the close proximity of the school. Mrs. Johnson also updated the Board on Cultivate and the Dragon Packs programs. Cultivate will get going within the next couple of weeks and we will continue to purchase items for the Dragon Packs. Statia Scaife, our elementary counselor, will be sending letters home to parents Friday 8/21/26 to gauge interest in the programs for the year. The Kindness Club will also be running again this year. Statia is planning on running it and is talking with elementary teachers to see who might be interested in co-sponsoring

Kelli VanDerWeele asked for approval of 3 pages of payroll claims in the amount of \$364,209.38 and 6 pages of accounts payable in the amount of \$219,589.45. Total claims for the month equal \$583,798.83. Chris O'Dell moved to approve the claims as presented with Jennifer Hurford seconding. The motion was approved unanimously.

Mrs. Johnson presented the July financial reports to the Board. Both the operations and education budgets continue to look great. At this point, we are 58% through the year and we've expended 48% of the education fund budget and 47% of the operations fund budget and will continue to be fiscally responsible.

In closing comments, Monty Peden thanked the school for the use of the walk-in freezer during fair week to store all of the frozen items for the Lions Club booth. Mrs. Johnson commented that both opening day for staff/teachers and Back To School Night for parents went well. Back to School Night was heavily attended and is a very positive way to begin a new school year. Students are adjusting well to the new cell phone policy as well.

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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Karra Duff, Vice President

Jennifer Hurford, Secretary

Chris O'Dell, Member

Monty Peden, Member

Board Approved Personnel August 17, 2026

A. Employment

1. Kasi Kemp-4th grade teacher
2. Courtney Mark-HS Applied skills aide
3. Carissa Clifton-Sunshine Society sponsor

B. Coaches

1. Joe Kindig-Boys soccer volunteer
2. Wade Shafer-Boys soccer volunteer
3. Rick Shafer-JH girls soccer volunteer
4. Spencer VanDerWeele-Boys soccer volunteer assistant
5. Madilyn VanDerWeele-JV girls basketball coach

C. Resignations

1. Rachel Dixon-4th grade teacher
2. Zoe Fritz-Elementary applied skills aide
3. Austin Mills-E-sports co-sponsor
4. Denise DeVos-Cafeteria staff