Minutes of the Argos Community Schools
Regular School Board Meeting
Held on October 19, 2026

The Board of School Trustees held a regular school board meeting on October 19, 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 public hearing on the Capital Projects and Bus Replacement Plans to order at 7:01 P.M. Opening statements were made by Kerry Johnson. She said that the Capital Projects plan is there for small building, maintenance and vehicle repairs and any unexpected repairs that may come up over the course of the school year. The bus replacement plan is there to help prepare and plan for new or used bus purchases for any existing bus in the fleet that is 13 years or older. This money is built into the budget just in case the need arises. There was no public testimony. Chris O'Dell moved to close the hearing with Karra Duff seconding and the hearing was adjourned at 7:05 P.M.

Pat Rensberger called the regular meeting to order at 7:06 P.M. and led the Pledge of Allegiance/Moment of Silence.

There was no communication from patrons.

Chris O'Dell moved to approve the minutes of the September 21, 2026 regular meeting and public hearing. Karra Duff seconded the motion and it passed 5-0.

Karra Duff made a motion to approve all personnel changes per the attached listing. Jennifer Hurford seconded the motion and it passed 5-0.

Jennifer Hurford moved to approve the purchase of old Macbooks by staff for $300 each and then to sell any unclaimed Macbooks to Total Technology for $317 each. Chris O'Dell seconded the motion and it was approved 5-0.

Monty Peden moved to approve the recycling of obsolete technology equipment with Brand Tech. There is no cost to us to have them recycle the items for us. Karra Duff seconded the motion and it was approved unanimously.

Chris O'Dell made a motion to approve Core Mechanical Services pay app no. 5 for tunnel piping replacement in the amount of $22,928.50. They are now completely finished with the job. Jennifer Hurford seconded the motion and it was approved 5-0.

Karra Duff moved to approve the payment of pay app no. 5 to Ziolkowski Construction for exterior masonry repairs in the amount of $72,111.16. Chris O'Dell seconded the motion and it was approved 5-0.

Chris O'Dell made a motion to approve 5 LWC invoices for a total of $22,787.99. Those invoices include 20026 for tunnel piping replacement, 20027 for roofing and coping replacement, 20028 for exterior masonry repairs, 20029 for rooftop unit replacement and 20030 for stage lighting. Monty Peden seconded the motion and it was approved 5-0, as well.

Karra Duff made a motion to approve SPG Roofing pay app no. 2 for roofing work in the amount of $230,300.00. Chris O'Dell seconded the motion and it was approved 5-0.

Chris O'Dell moved to approve a quote for new siding on the Educational Center from V&M Construction. Total quoted amount was $23,700.34 and work will happen over Christmas break so as not to distract student learning. Jennifer Hurford seconded the motion and it was also approved 5-0.

Karra Duff moved to approve the 2027 school district budget as advertised. The proposed budget has gone through the hearing and advertisement process, has been posted on Gateway and has been sent to the state for approval. We will wait to hear back on any cuts that are made. We usually receive notification late December. Jennifer Hurford seconded the motion and it was approved unanimously.

Jennifer Hurford moved to approve the Capital Projects and Bus Replacement Plans as advertised. Monty Peden seconded the motion and it was approved 5-0.

Monty Peden moved to approve the payment of a December 10th stipend for full time employees who are rated effective and highly effective. Classified staff members who work 5 days a week and/or are considered full time will receive a $300.00 stipend. Certified staff members with the same evaluation ratings will receive a $500.00 stipend. Chris O'Dell seconded the motion and it was approved unanimously.

Kelli VanDerWeele asked for approval of 16 pages of accounts payable claims in the amount of $93,032.79 and 4 pages of payroll claims in the amount of $341,295.27 for a total monthly claim of $434,328.06. Jennifer Hurford moved to approve the claims as presented with Monty Peden seconding and it was approved 5-0.

Chris O'Dell asked for approval of a donation to the boys soccer program from B&B Vending in the amount of $500.00. Jennifer Hurford seconded the motion and it was approved 5-0. We thank B&B Vending for their generous support of the boys soccer program every year.

In the Superintendent Report, Mrs. Johnson updated the Board on the recent ADM count taken by the State. Argos Community Schools has 599 students for which we are receiving money from the state. Numbers have gone down a bit but we have smaller kindergarten classes than in past years. In total, we have 626 children in the building if we include pre-k, preschool and Triton students we are educating. We will continue to watch these numbers and focus on bringing enrollment up. Mrs. Johnson updated the Board on the construction projects as they wrap up. Core Mechanical Services and Brown and Brown are finished. Ziolkowski is wrapping up and expects to be complete within the next week or so. SPG Roofing is running behind schedule and expects to start the coping metal finish work soon. The membrane has been placed on those affected roof areas and all materials are now here so they should be able to wrap up before the winter weather hits.

Mrs. Johnson presented the Board with the financial report for September. We are 75% through the year and have expended 63% of the education fund and 59% of the operations fund. The operations fund has trended upwards slightly due to increased fuel costs. Our transportation manager is watching those numbers. Both the rainy day and cash reserves have remained unchanged.

Karra Duff moved to adjourn the meeting, with Monty Peden seconding the motion. The motion was passed 5-0 and Pat Rensberger adjourned the meeting at 7:43 P.M.

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Board Approved Personnel October 19, 2026

A. Employment

1. Chad Conley-Middle school remediation aide

B. Resignation

1. Beth Tinsman-Jr/Sr High Applied Skills aide

C. Coaches

1. Joshua Schafer-5th grade boys basketball
2. Justin Campbell-6th grade boys basketball
3. Mat Smith-7th grade boys basketball
4. Joel Harman-8th grade boys basketball
5. Garret Weil-JV boys basketball
6. Chris Kindig-Varsity basketball assistant
7. Nick Kindig-Varisty basketball head coach
8. Amberly Stults-5th grade girls basketball
9. Don O'Dell-5th grade girls basketball volunteer assistant
10. Anina Bowman-6th grade girls basketball
11. Ashli Prochno-7th grade girls basketball
12. Emily LaFree-8th grade girls basketball
13. Madelyn VanDerWeele-JV girls basketball
14. Jon Arndt-Varsity girls basketball assistant
15. Nick Medich-Varsity girls basketball head coach
16. Jena Mechling-JH cheer

17. Karin Conklin-Varsity cheer
18. Courtney Knight-Cheer volunteer assistant