

Minutes of the Argos Community Schools  
Regular School Board Meeting  
Held on June 15, 2020

The Board of School Trustees held a regular and virtual school board meeting on June 15, 2020. The following individuals were present for all or a part of the meeting.

A. Monty Peden, Angela Smith, Chris O'Dell and Jennifer Porter,  
Board Members.

B. Ned L. Speicher, Superintendent

C. Patti Van Der Weele, Administrative Assistant

Board Member Absent: Jennifer Hurford

Monty Peden called the meeting to order, led the Pledge of Allegiance and moment of silence at 7:04 p.m.

No patron comments were heard.

Chris O'Dell made a motion to approve the minutes of the May 18, 2020 Regular Board meeting and the Work Session meeting of June 1, 2020. Jennifer Porter seconded the motion and the motion passed 4-0.

Jennifer Porter made a motion to approve all Personnel changes per the attached listing. Carissa Clifton was approved contingent on the results received of the completed background check when it is received. Angela Smith seconded the motion and the motion passed 4-0.

Chris O'Dell made a motion to approve Rachelle Mabee as school psychologist for the 2020-2021 school year. Angela Smith seconded the motion and the motion passed 4-0.

Angela Smith made a motion to approve the school services agreement with Crossing National for the 2020-2021 school year. Jennifer Porter seconded the motion and the motion passed 4-0.

Mr. Speicher presented the Board with the attached Resolution for Suspension of School Board Policies Conflicting with Waivers or Extension During COVID-19 Pandemic. After

discussion Jennifer Porter made a motion to approve with a second motion by Chris O'Dell. The motion passed 4-0.

Mr. Speicher's Instructional Report reviewed the school marketing plan with Red Door Marketing and information on reopening schools for 2020-2021.

The Construction Report presented by Mr. Speicher included a summer project update report and the Energy Savings Project Pay Application #6 for \$290,774.50. Chris O'Dell made a motion to approve the pay application with a second by Angela Smith. The motion passed 4-0.

Patti Van Der Weele presented the Board with claims for the month of May totaling \$521,161.79. These claims included accounts payable and payroll. Jennifer Porter made a motion to approve with a second by Chris O'Dell. The motion passed 4-0.

Mr. Speicher presented the Financial Report to the Board.

Closing comments were heard and having no other items for discussion, Jennifer Porter made a motion to adjourn with a second by Chris O'Dell. The motion passed 4-0 and the meeting was adjourned at 7:45 p.m.

ARGOS COMMUNITY SCHOOL  
BOARD OF SCHOOL TRUSTEES

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Monty Peden, President

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Angela Smith, Vice President

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Chris O'Dell

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Jennifer Porter

Board Approved Personnel Changes, June 15, 2020

A. Employment

1. Carissa Clifton

B. Resignation

1. Kassandra Crum

RESOLUTION FOR SUSPENSION OF SCHOOL BOARD POLICIES CONFLICTING WITH  
WAIVERS OR EXTENSIONS DURING COVID-19 PANDEMIC

**WHEREAS**, on March 6, 2020, Governor Eric J. Holcomb issued Executive Order 20-02 declaring a state public health disaster emergency due to COVID-19 and has extended the public health emergency through subsequent Executive Orders to July 4, 2020; and

**WHEREAS**, on April 2, 2020, Governor Holcomb issued Executive Order 20-16, which closed all public schools throughout the State for the remainder of the 2019-2020 school year, which is June 30, 2020; and

**WHEREAS**, on May 1, 2020, Governor Holcomb issued Executive Order 20-26, which provided for the reopening of entities in the state in five stages. This Executive Order provided details for Stages 1 and 2. Executive Order 20-26 provided Stage 5 will begin July 4, 2020, and school grounds and buildings will be open. Subsequently, Executive Order 20-28 issued on May 21, 2020, provided the detail of Stage 3, which will end June 13, 2020. These Executive Orders and others issued by Governor Holcomb provide for various waivers and extensions of school-related statutes and regulations; and

**WHEREAS**, on June 5, the Indiana Department of Education issued Indiana's Consideration for Learning and Safe Schools (IN-CLASS), COVID-19 Health and Safety Re-entry Guidance. IN-CLASS provides guidance to public schools concerning health and safety measures to be in place for the return to school for the 2020-2021 school year. IN-CLASS recommends a school corporation develop a plan for returning to school in consultation with local and state health departments and pass a resolution to suspend policies and procedures in conflict with governmental waivers or extensions; and

**WHEREAS**, additional waivers or extensions of existing state regulations and changes to state and federal laws may be announced during the pandemic; and

**WHEREAS**, many Argos Community Schools School Board policies reflect requirements of state and federal laws and regulations that have already been waived or may be waived because of the pandemic; and

**WHEREAS**, Argos Community Schools School Board's usual practice is to make changes to policies only after the proposed policy change is considered at two school board meetings; and

**WHEREAS**, the Argos Community Schools School Board needs to be able to adapt school corporation operations to rapid changes in law and regulation; and

**WHEREAS**, enforcing the requirements of existing policies could result in outcomes inconsistent with current laws and regulations as they exist after waivers or if extended.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the Argos Community Schools School Board suspends such policies or provisions within policies which reflect legal and/or regulatory requirements that have been waived or extended by Governor Holcomb, the Indiana Department of Education, or other state agencies which enacted those requirements; and

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the suspension of policies or provisions within policies of the Argos Community Schools School Board is in effect for the duration of time that the waiver of laws and/or regulations reflected in the policies are waived; and

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the superintendent is directed to inform the School Board of any regulations that are suspended by the superintendent and the duration of such suspensions; and

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Argos Community Schools School Board will comply with temporary laws and regulations without enacting policies to implement those laws and regulations; and

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the execution of this Resolution is conclusive evidence of the Argos Community Schools School Board's approval of this action.

Adopted and approved this 15<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2020.

Signed this 15<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2020.

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Monty L. Peden, President

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Angela Smith, Vice President

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Chris O'Dell

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Jennifer Porter