

Minutes of the Argos Community Schools
Regular School Board Meeting
Held on May 18, 2020

The Board of School Trustees held a regular and virtual school board meeting on May 18, 2020. The following individuals were present for all or a part of the meeting.

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

B. Ned L. Speicher, Superintendent

C. Jennifer Lee, Director, Business Services

D. Patti Van Der Weele, Administrative Assistant

Monty Peden called the meeting to order, led the Pledge of Allegiance and moment of silence at 7:06 p.m.

No patron comments were heard.

Jennifer Hurford made a motion to approve the minutes of the April 20, 2020 Regular Board and Executive Session meetings. Jennifer Porter seconded the motion and the motion passed 5-0.

Angela Smith made a motion to approve 2020-2021 meal prices as presented to the Board. These would be as follows:

Elementary	\$2.60
Jr.-Sr High	\$2.70
Lunch Entree	\$2.35

Jennifer Hurford seconded the motion and the motion passed 5-0.

Jennifer Hurford made a motion to approve Nick Medich as Athletic Director and Andy Stone and Kelli Van Der Weele as Athletic Coordinators. Jennifer Porter seconded the motion and the motion was approved 5-0.

Mr. Speicher asked the Board for approval of Administration and Director contracts as presented. Angela Smith made a motion to approve with a second by Jennifer Porter. The motion was approved 5-0.

Mr. Speicher asked the Board for approval of a wage increase for classified staff members who receive either an effective or highly effective evaluation. This increase of 1-½% for an effective evaluation and 2% for a highly effective evaluation would go into effect for those staff members for the 2020-2021 school year. This increase would not be received by any staff receiving an evaluation of “needs improvement” or “ineffective”. After discussion, Jennifer Porter made a motion to approve all wage increases as discussed with a second by Chris O’Dell. The motion passed 5-0.

Mr. Speicher presented the Board with the 2020-2021 Educational Material Fees. Fees will not increase for the upcoming school year and will be as follows: Grades K-2 \$180.00, Grades 3-5 \$195.00, Grades 6-8 \$195.00 and Grades 9-12 \$220.00 with the addition of AP and dual credit course fees added per enrolled class. Chris O’Dell made a motion to approve these fees as presented. Angela Smith seconded the motion and the motion passed 5-0.

Jennifer Porter made a motion to approve the 2020-2021 student handbook. Jennifer Hurford seconded the motion and the motion passed 5-0.

The Board received all 2020-2021 handbooks and summaries of changes proposed for the classified employee, certified employee and substitute handbooks for review. After discussion Angela Smith made a motion to approve all handbooks as presented with a second by Chris O’Dell. The motion passed 5-0.

Mr. Speicher’s Instructional Report reviewed the Special Education Joint Services Agreement. After discussion Jennifer Hurford made a motion to approve with a second by Jennifer Porter. The motion passed 5-0.

The Construction Report presented by Mr. Speicher included an update on the solar project and he presented the Board with a Power Purchase Agreement. After discussion Chris O’Dell made a motion to approve the agreement with a second by Jennifer Porter. The motion passed 5-0. The Energy Savings Project Pay Application #5 for \$709,985.00 was presented. Angela Smith made a motion to approve payment with a second by Jennifer Hurford. The motion passed 5-0. Mr. Speicher presented the Board with a review of summer construction projects which include the painting of classrooms as needed and upgrades to the media center. Jennifer Porter made a motion to approve these projects with a second by Angela Smith. The motion passed 5-0.

Monty Peden recognized and thanked individuals and businesses for donations received per the attached listing. Jennifer Hurford made a motion to approve with a second by Chris O'Dell. The motion passed 5-0.

Jennifer Lee presented the Board with claims for the month of April totaling \$471,047.61. These claims included accounts payable and payroll. Chris O'Dell made a motion to approve with a second by Jennifer Porter. The motion passed 5-0.

Mr. Speicher presented the Financial Report to the Board.

Closing comments were heard by Mr. Speicher and Board members and having no other items for discussion, Jennifer Porter made a motion to adjourn with a second by Chris O'Dell. The motion passed 5-0 and the meeting was adjourned at 8:35 p.m.

ARGOS COMMUNITY SCHOOL
BOARD OF SCHOOL TRUSTEES

Monty Peden, President

Angela Smith, Vice President

Jennifer L. Hurford, Secretary

Chris O'Dell

Jennifer Porter

Board Approved Personnel Changes

A. Resignation

1. Arianna Nelson - Elementary Teacher

B. Transfer

1. Tory Watson
2. Brenda Baker
3. Jon Alcorn
4. Glenn Weidner

C. Summer School

1. Lynnette Markley - Summer Ag Experience Teacher
2. Ameer Stone - Credit Recovery Teacher

Board Approved Donations - May 18, 2020

A. Gen-Tech Farm Seed