

Minutes of the Argos Community Schools
Regular School Board Meeting
Held on December 20, 2021

The Board of School Trustees held a regular school board meeting on December 20, 2021. The following individuals were present for all or a part of the meeting.

- A. Angela Smith, Chris O'Dell, Jennifer Hurford, Pat Rensberger and Karra Duff, Board Members.
- B. Ned L. Speicher, Superintendent
- C. Jennifer Lee, Business Manager
- D. Amy Miller, Administrative Assistant
- E. Greg Drennen and Kevin McCurdy, LWC Architects
- F. Damien Maggos, Raymond James Financial Advisors

Prior to the start of the Board Meeting, Mr. Speicher showed those in attendance our new Argos Community Schools promotional video. It will make its debut on social media approximately December 29th. Board President Angela Smith called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. and led the Pledge of Allegiance and Moment of Silence. A Public Hearing was held on the Return to In-Person Instruction Plan. There was no communication from patrons. Chris O'Dell made a motion to approve the plan as written with Karra Duff seconding. The motion passed 5-0.

Pat Rensberger made a motion to approve the minutes of the November 15, 2021 Public Hearing and Board Meeting. Jennifer Hurford seconded the motion and the motion passed 5-0.

Greg Drennen and Kevin McCurdy from LWC Architects were both present to provide more information regarding upcoming testing and surveying for the planned construction projects at Argos Community Schools. Mr. Drennen presented updated slides to the board and was available to answer any questions. He reviewed the 4 contracts that have been drawn up to study the proposed project. Mr. Speicher asked the Board for approval of these contracts. Pat Rensberger made a motion to approve with Jennifer Hurford seconding and the motion was passed 5-0.

Damien Maggos from Raymond James presented the Board with a financial analysis for the projects. He commented more than once that Argos has a very sound financial status and he is not worried about the capability to finance and pay for these projects without a tax increase

Jennifer Hurford made a motion to approve all personnel changes per the attached listing. Pat Rensberger seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

The Board was presented with 6 NEOLA policies that need to be updated. Mr. Speicher reviewed the changes suggested on each policy. A second reading will occur at next month's Board Meeting.

Superintendent Speicher asked for approval of Payment Equal to TAG for Last Years Full Time Subs. Karra Duff made a motion to approve with Jennifer Hurford seconding and the motion passed 5-0.

Mr. Speicher asked for the Board's approval of the Teacher Appreciation Grant for 2021. Pat Rensberger motioned to approve and Chris O'Dell seconded and it was passed unanimously.

Jennifer Hurford motioned to approve the Superintendent Contract Extension January 1, 2022 to June 30, 2023. Pat Rensberger seconded the motion and it passed 5-0. Chris O'Dell then motioned to approve the Superintendent for Days Worked Beyond Contract July 1, 2021-December 31, 2021. Pat Rensberger seconded the motion and it was approved 5-0.

Mr. Speicher asked the Board for approval of the Renewal Rates for 2022 Property/Casualty Insurance with ESCRFT. Pat Rensberger made a motion to approve and Karra Duff seconded and it was passed unanimously.

The Board was asked to approve the Homeschool Curriculum Requirements for Participation in Extra-Curricular Activities. Karra Duff motioned to approve with Jennifer Hurford seconding and the requirements were approved 5-0.

Mr. Speicher presented his Superintendent Report. He updated the Board on the auction which resulted in 92 items being sold for a total of 425.00. He then reviewed the agreement with the Town of Argos regarding Girls Varsity Softball for 2022 and beyond. The final topic of the report was to update the Board of the school's new SRO, Jeremy Enyart. Office Enyart will be starting with us on January 10, 2022.

Jennifer Lee, Business Manager, asked for approval for claims totalling \$699,887.09. Pat Rensberger made a motion to approve and Jennifer Hurford seconded and this passed 5-0.

Angie Smith asked the Board for approval of a donation made by Simply Stated Gifts to the Blessings in a Backpack program at ACS. Karra Duff motioned, Chris O'Dell seconded and the donation was approved 5-0.

Mr. Speicher presented the Board with the Financial Report for the month and reminded the Board that the next meeting will be held on the 2nd Monday of the month, which would be January 10, 2022. He then asked for approval of the 2021 Year-End Budget Closing and Transfers. Pat Rensberger made a motion to approve and Jennifer Hurford seconded the motion. It passed 5-0.

Having no other items for discussion, Pat Rensberger made a motion to adjourn with a second by Jenny Hurford. The motion passed 5-0 and the meeting was adjourned at 9:09 p.m..

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Chris O'Dell, Vice President

Jennifer Hurford, Secretary

Patricia Rensberger

Karra Duff

Board Approved Personnel, December 20, 2021

A. Employment

1. Amanda Davis-Girls Varsity Basketball Assistant
2. Koleman Norris-JV Basketball Assistant Volunteer/Lacrosse Volunteer
3. Nichole Walter-Girls Varsity Volleyball Coach for 2022-2023 School Year
4. Michelle Ringer-Cafeteria
5. Kenna McDonald-Elementary Paraprofessional