

Minutes of the Argos Community Schools  
Regular School Board Meeting  
Held on August 15, 2022

The Board of School Trustees held a regular school board meeting on August 15, 2022. The following individuals were present for all or a part of the meeting.

- A. Angela Smith, Jennifer Hurford, Chris O'Dell, Pat Rensberger and Karra Duff, Board Members.
- B. Ned L. Speicher, Superintendent
- C. Jennifer Lee, Director of Business Services
- D. Amy Miller, Administrative Assistant
- E. Kadya Baughman, Emma Dunlap, John Fishburn and Monty Peden, patrons

Board President Angela Smith called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m. and led the Pledge of Allegiance and moment of silence.

There was no communication from patrons.

Pat Rensberger made a motion to approve the minutes of the July 11, 2022 Regular Board meeting. Chris O'Dell seconded the motion and the motion passed 5-0.

Jennifer Hurford made a motion to accept all personnel changes, per the attached listing. Karra Duff seconded the motion and the motion passed 5-0. Mr. Speicher took a moment to recognize and present Jennifer Lee with a plaque honoring her years of service with Argos Community Schools.

Chris O'Dell made a motion to approve the purchase of a white bus from Kerlin Bus Sales and Leasing for \$14,995.00 and a yellow bus from Midwest Transit Equipment for \$74,911.00. Pat Rensberger seconded the motion and it was approved 5-0.

Jennifer Hurford motioned to approve the Re-Adoption of the Teacher Appreciation Grant Policy (NEOLA policy 3220.01) for 2022. This policy must be adopted every year prior to the state awarding TAG grant money to teachers. Chris O'Dell seconded the motion and it passed 5-0.

Pat Rensberger made a motion to approve the Certified Administration Receiving Matching TAG Grant as Teachers for 2022-2023. This money is not paid out of the TAG grant money. Karra Duff seconded the motion and it was approved 5-0.

Karra Duff moved to approve Amendment 7: St. Joseph Regional Medical Center Contract for Nursing Services for 2022-2023 in the amount of \$89,768.00. Pat Rensberger seconded the motion and it was approved 5-0.

Mr. Speicher asked for approval of the Alternative Program Partnership with Triton Schools at American Legion Post 68. The location and program are working well at this time. Triton has agreed to split all costs of this program 50//50 with Argos. Chris O'Dell moved to approve with Jennifer Hurford seconding. The motion passed 5-0.

Pat Rensberger made a motion for approval of the LWC Invoice for July 2022. Jennifer Hurford seconded the motion and it was approved 5-0.

Mr. Speicher then presented the Board with slides showing the ILEARN Test scores for 2022 for all students 3rd-8th grade. Argos scored significantly higher than the statewide average for most of the tests administered and was consistently in the top 3 of local schools with the highest passing percentage.

Mr. Speicher's Construction Report updated the Board on the new lockers. They are scheduled to arrive later the week of August 15th and will take a couple of days to be fully installed.

Jennifer Lee presented the Board with claims totalling \$634,145.69. These claims are for both accounts payable and payroll. Chris O'Dell moved to approve with Jennifer Hurford seconding and the motion passed 5-0.

Mr. Speicher recognized and thanked businesses for donations received per the attached listing. Pat Rensberger made a motion to approve with a second by Karra Duff. The motion passed 5-0.

Mr. Speicher presented the Financial Report to the Board. Argos Community Schools continues to be in good financial standing.

Having no other items for discussion, Pat Rensberger made a motion to adjourn with a second by Karra Duff. The motion passed 5-0 and the meeting was adjourned at 8:03 p.m.

ARGOS COMMUNITY SCHOOLS  
BOARD OF SCHOOL TRUSTEES

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Angela Smith, President

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Chris O'Dell, Vice President

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Jennifer Hurford, Secretary

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Patricia Rensberger

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Karra Duff

## Board Approved Personnel, August 15, 2022

### A. Employment

1. Kristin Winn-Elementary Aide
2. Andria Detweiler-Spanish Teacher
3. Damon Binkley-High School Science
4. Breanna Martin-Elementary Aide
5. Lauren Allen-Temporary Preschool Teacher
6. Kelli VanDerWeele-Fair Booth Sponsor
7. Rachel Shafer-7th/8th Grade Volleyball Coach
8. Travis Tanner-7th/8th Grade Boys Soccer (.5)
9. Vincent Stone-7th/8th Grade Boys Soccer (.5)

### B. Resignation

1. Tonya Jolly-Preschool
2. Erin George-K-5 Resource Room
3. Jennifer Lee-Director of Business Services
4. Deb Stockberger-Kitchen

### C. Volunteer

1. Lillian Petz-Volunteer Jr. High Volleyball

## Board Approved Donations, August 15, 2022

- A. Sequel Wire-For Cultivate Food Service
- B. Ameri-Can Engineering-For Cultivate Food Service
- C. Argos Lions Club-for 2022 Fair volunteers (\$1500)