

Minutes of the Argos Community Schools  
Regular School Board Meeting  
Held on December 19, 2022

The Board of School Trustees held a regular school board meeting on December 19, 2022. 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. Kelli VanDerWeele, Business Manager
- D. Amy Miller, Administrative Assistant
- E. Monty Peden and Shawn Webster, Patrons

Board President Angela Smith called the meeting to order at 7:00 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 November 21, 2022 Regular Board Meeting. Jennifer Hurford seconded the motion and the motion passed 5-0.

Karra Duff made a motion to approve all personnel changes per the attached listing. Chris O'Dell seconded the motion. Board member Jennifer Hurford abstained from the vote and it passed 4-0.

Chris O'Dell made a motion to approve the 2023 School Board meeting dates as presented. Jennifer Hurford seconded the motion and it was approved 5-0.

The Board was presented with 5 NEOLA policies in First Reading status that need to be updated.. Those policies include Policy 1521, 3121, 4121, 3320 and 8510. Mr. Speicher asked the Board to review the policies as presented with changes noted in green. A second reading will occur at next month's Board Meeting.

Mr. Speicher asked the Board for approval of the Renewal Rates for 2023 Property/Casualty Insurance with ESCRFT. Jennifer Hurford made a motion to approve and Chris O'Dell seconded and it passed unanimously.

Mr. Speicher asked the Board for approval of the Yoder Construction Pay Application for the Cafeteria Project in the amount of \$79,965.00. Pat Rensberger made a motion to approve. Karra Duff seconded and it was approved 5-0.

Superintendent Speicher asked the Board for approval of the Core Mechanical Quote to replace the sanitary pipe under the cafeteria in the amount of \$27,687.66. Chris O'Dell moved to approve with Jennifer Hurford seconding and it was approved 5-0.

Mr. Speicher asked the Board for approval to reimburse Argos Schools for paid invoices for Construction projects 1-4. Pat Rensberger made a motion to approve with Jennifer Hurford seconding and it was approved unanimously.

Mr. Speicher presented his Superintendent Report. He updated the Board on the bus replacement. We are currently in negotiations with Midwest Transit regarding the updated purchase price. The bus is 6 months older and has more miles than when quoted. We will wait to hear back from them on a new price. We didn't receive the electric buses that were awarded in Round 1 of the Federal bus grant, but we are in good standing for round 2. Mr. Speicher touched on the current roofing. Tremco did an analysis of the status of the roof over all parts of the building. There are several areas that will need to be addressed, one of which is under warranty. The bid opening for Project 3 occurred on Monday, December 19th. The bids received were several hundred thousand dollars under budget. The low bid was D.A. Dodd. Mr. Speicher updated the Board on the JESSE changes occurring in 2023 and informed the Board that the Title 1 Grant has been updated and we have received the funds.

Kelli VanDerWeele asked for approval for claims totalling \$703,146.77. Karra Duff made a motion to approve and Chris O'Dell seconded and this passed 5-0.

Angie Smith asked the Board for approval of a donation made by Argos United Methodist Church to the Cultivate program at ACS. Chris O'Dell motioned, Jennifer Hurford seconded and the donation was approved 5-0.

Mr. Speicher presented the Board with the Financial Report for the month. He then took a moment to recognize outgoing Board President Angela Smith with a plaque and thank her for her time served on the School Board

Board President Angela Smith reminded the Board that the next regular meeting will be held on Monday, January 9, 2023 as a re-organizational meeting with a Finance committee meeting to follow.

Having no other items for discussion, Karra Duff made a motion to adjourn with a second by Chris O'Dell. The motion passed 5-0 and the meeting was adjourned at 7:48 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, December 19, 2022

A. Employment

1. Chris Willis-6th Grade Girls Basketball Coach

B. Volunteer

1. Jennifer Hurford-Wrestling Coach
2. Rob Hurford-Wrestling Coach