

Minutes of the Argos Community Schools
Regular School Board Meeting
Held on October 24, 2022

The Board of School Trustees held a regular school board meeting on October 24, 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. Kelli VanDerWeele, Business Manager
- D. Amy Miller, Administrative Assistant
- E. Greg Drennen, LWC Architect
- F. Damien Maggos-Raymond James Financial Planner,
- G. Jim Clevenger-Attorney
- H. Mark VanDerWeele, Charles Snead, Monty Peden and Dave Carrell-Patrons

Before the start of the regular meeting, Board President Angela Smith conducted two public hearings. The first hearing was to discuss the Capital Projects Fund for 2023 and the Bus Replacement Fund for 2023. The hearing was called to order at 7:03 p.m. Mr. Speicher reiterated that the 2023 budget was almost identical to the previous year's budget and there were no changes to be presented. The hearing was adjourned at 7:05 p.m. Angela Smith then called the second hearing to order at 7:05 p.m. The second hearing was on the Construction Lease Amendment. Greg Drennen updated the Board on projects two through four. He mentioned there was great interest in the contractors pre-bid meeting for these projects. Damien Maggos spoke about the bond sale and said we could get through the sale process and have funds by the week of Thanksgiving or shortly thereafter. There was no public comment so Angela Smith adjourned the hearing at 7:30 p.m.

Board President Angela Smith called the regular meeting to order at 7:31 p.m. and led the Pledge of Allegiance and moment of silence.

Because our School Counsel was present, the Board moved to the project resolutions with the intent of coming back to the items previously listed on the agenda. James Clevenger presented the Board with the Resolution Authorizing Execution of Ninth Amendment to Lease. Pat Rensberger moved to approve the resolution with Jennifer Hurford seconding and the motion was passed unanimously. Mr. Clevenger then presented the Board with a Resolution Assigning Construction Bids and Contracts. Jennifer Hurford moved to approve the resolution and Chris O'Dell seconded. The motion passed 5-0. The final resolution presented to the Board was the Resolution Approving Master Continuing Disclosure Undertaking and Issuance of Bonds. Chris O'Dell moved to approve the resolution as presented and Karra Duff seconded the motion. It passed 5-0.

After the passage of the Construction Resolutions, Chris O'Dell made a motion to approve the minutes of the September 19, 2022 Regular Meeting. Karra Duff seconded the motion and the motion passed 5-0.

Mr. Speicher presented the Board with a payment application from R. Yoder Construction for the cafeteria project. He commented that the work thus far has been completed and our architect, Greg Drennen, had signed off on it. Karra Duff moved to approve the payment of the invoice to R. Yoder Construction. Chris O'Dell approved and the motion was approved 5-0.

Pat Rensberger made a motion to approve the monthly LWC invoices for October 2022. There are 3 invoices totalling \$46,655.37 and they are to be split among projects 1-3.

Chris O'Dell made a motion to approve the 2023 School District Budget. Karra Duff seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Speicher asked for the Board's approval of the Capital Project Budget Plan and the Bus Replacement Budget Plan for 2023. Pat Rensberger made a motion to approve with Chris O'Dell seconding. The motion passed 5-0.

Mr. Speicher explained that we currently have a surplus in the Food Services budget and the state has asked us to either spend the surplus or return it to them. He then asked the Board for approval of a new cafeteria walk-in freezer that will be better able to serve the needs of our school system. Our current freezer is 5 years beyond its expected lifetime. Karra Duff motioned that we approve the lowest bid, which was from J&K HVAC, for \$56,116.00. Chris O'Dell seconded the motion and it was approved unanimously.

Mr. Speicher asked for approval of the Baseball Dugouts New Siding and Roofing. Mike Campbell Construction came in with the lowest bid and has guaranteed that they could have all

of the work done prior to the start of the season in the Spring. Pat Rensberger moved to approve with Jennifer Hurford seconding and the motion was approved 5-0.

The only topic Mr. Speicher presented in his Instructional Report was the US 31 at SR 10 Proposed Interchange. He informed the Board that the school had been contacted and asked to participate in the panel regarding upcoming changes to this intersection and the stretch of road from Plymouth to SR110. This currently has a 2028 program date but they are trying to fast track the development of it. As a school corporation, we currently cross US 31 twenty-eight times a day so our input is important as they develop these ideas. He will continue to attend meetings and inform the Board of progress/decisions as they are made.

Mr. Speicher asked the Board for approval of donations made to the school. We have had an anonymous donation to the Cultivate program in the amount of \$2250.00, as well as donations to the program from Richard and Betty Jo Carr and Brian and Mandy Campbell. Fundraising donations to the Cultivate program also contributed an additional \$1295.00. Right now, the Cultivate program is at capacity but Mr. Speicher assured the Board that these donations would be put directly towards feeding hungry children through this program. Chris O'Dell made a motion to approve the donations as listed with Jennifer Hurford seconding and the motion was approved 5-0.

Kelli VanDerWeele asked for approval for claims in the amount of \$752,330.25. Pat Rensberger made a motion to approve with Karra Duff seconding and the motion was approved 5-0.

Mr. Speicher presented the Board with the Financial Report.

Having no other items for discussion, Karra Duff made a motion to adjourn with a second by Jenny Hurford. The motion passed 5-0 and the meeting was adjourned at 8:11 p.m.

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BOARD OF SCHOOL TRUSTEES

Angela Smith, President

Chris O'Dell, Vice President

Jennifer Hurford, Secretary

Patricia Rensberger

Karra Duff

Board Approved Personnel October 24, 2022

A. Employment

1. Elizabeth Endres-Elementary Yearbook
2. Kelli VanDerWeele-High School Yearbook
3. Austin Mills-Fall Tech Theater
4. Nichole Barden-Elementary School Reading Club
5. Dave Carrell-SRO
6. Jason Breden-Varsity Boys Basketball Coach
7. Ian Kindig-JV Boys Basketball Coach
8. Jerry Smith-Varsity Boys Basketball Assistant
9. Joe Manikowski-7th and 8th Grade Boys Basketball Coach
10. Samantha Stone-6th Grade Boys Basketball Coach
11. Duane Riddle-5th Grade Boys Basketball Coach
12. Scott Jennings-Varsity Girls Basketball Coach
13. Mallorie Sellers-JV Girls Basketball Coach
14. Amanda Davis-Varsity Girls Basketball Assistant
15. Robert Hines-7th and 8th Grade Girls Basketball Coach
16. Beth Tinsman-JV/Varsity Cheerleading Coach
17. Karin Conklin-Elementary and Junior High Cheerleading Coach

B. Volunteers

1. Sam Manikowski-Junior High Boys Basketball
2. JJ Riddle-Elementary Boys Basketball
3. Valerie Johnson-Varsity Girls Basketball
4. Courtney Dunlap-Varsity Girls Basketball
5. Morgan Dunlap-Varsity Girls Basketball
6. Alexis VanDerWeele-Varsity Girls Basketball