

Minutes of the Argos Community Schools  
Regular School Board Meeting  
Held on January 8, 2024

The Board of School Trustees held a regular school board meeting on January 8, 2024. The following individuals were present for all or a part of the meeting.

A. Pat Rensberger, Chris O'Dell, Jennifer Hurford, Monty Peden and Karra Duff,  
Board members

B. Ned L. Speicher, Superintendent

C. Kelli VanDerWeele, Business Manager

D. Amy Miller, Administrative Assistant

E. Shawn Webster, Patron

Mr. Speicher called the meeting to order at 7:01 p.m. Mr. Speicher called for a nomination for President of the Board. Monty Peden nominated Pat Rensberger and hearing no other nominations, Karra Duff seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. Board President Rensberger then presided over the remainder of the meeting, leading the Pledge of Allegiance and moment of silence.

The remaining Board officer positions were then filled. Karra Duff made a motion to nominate Chris O'Dell for Vice-President. Jennifer Hurford seconded the motion and it passed 4-0. Monty Peden made a motion to nominate Jenny Hurford as Secretary. Chris O'Dell seconded the motion and it also passed 4-0. Monty Peden made a motion to approve Kelli VanDerWeele as Treasurer of the Board and the School Corporation with a second by Jennifer Hurford. The motion passed unanimously.

There was no communication from patrons.

Jennifer Hurford made a motion to approve the meeting minutes of the December 18, 2023 meeting. Jennifer Hurford seconded the motion and it passed 4-0. Board Member Chris O'Dell abstained from the vote.

Chris O'Dell moved to accept the personnel changes as listed. Karra Duff seconded the motion and it was approved 5-0.

Jennifer Hurford made a motion to approve R. Yoder Construction's claim No. 2 for the outside development project (Project 4) in the amount of \$10,350.00. Karra Duff seconded the motion and it was approved 5-0. Mr. Speicher mentioned to the Board that they will see increasing stockpiles of stone being deposited at the school over the winter. R. Yoder is doing so in order to avoid a price increase in the Spring. The stone will be distributed once the weather breaks.

Kelli VanDerWeele asked for approval of claims in the amount of \$1,240,697.61 for the month of December. \$893,441.86 was for accounts payables claims and the remaining \$347,255.75 was for payroll. Monty Peden moved to approve the claims, Jennifer Hurford seconded and the motion was passed 5-0.

Mr. Speicher presented the end of year financial report to the Board. For 2023, Argos Community Schools spent 84% of the education budget. Encumbrances have been made for 2024 for Trinity Health, school psychology, Indiana TRF, Mase Health Insurance, Ameritas (dental), Anthem Vision and a \$300,000 transfer to the Rainy Day Fund. The Operations Budget was much tighter. We expended 99% of the budget in 2023 but were able to pay the 2024 IPEP liability/bus premium. This puts us in a good position with the 2024 Operations fund budget. Mr Speicher then reviewed Projects 1-4. Project 1 is complete, under budget, paid for and all reimbursements have been made. Project 2 is complete and after all invoices have been paid, is under budget as well. Funds remain in both projects 2 and 3 for future needs. Project 3 still has some reimbursements that are being processed. Project 4 is anticipated to wrap up August 2024. Mr. Speicher touched on some notable 2023 accomplishments including a new 2 year contract with the Argos Classroom Teachers Association, continuing financial stability, maintaining increased enrollment and the purchase of 4 new buses. Focuses for 2024 include implementing i-Ready for personalized learning grades 3-8 on both math and reading, completing all construction projects on budget, addressing 8th Semester high school challenges and further training/development for our teaching staff.

In closing comments, no date has been set for the public INDOT meeting that was penciled in for January. As soon as it's scheduled, the information will be passed along.

With there being no other business, Chris O'Dell moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:44 p.m. Karra Duff seconded the motion and the meeting was adjourned by Pat Rensberger.

ARGOS COMMUNITY SCHOOLS  
BOARD OF SCHOOL TRUSTEES

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Pat Rensberger, President

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Chris O'Dell, Vice President

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Jennifer Hurford, Secretary

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Karra Duff

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Monty Peden

Board Approved Personnel, January 8, 2024

A. Coaches

1. Chris Willis-7th and 8th Grade Girls Basketball
2. Ashli Prochno-6th Grade Girls Basketball