

WAWASEE COMMUNITY SCHOOL CORPORATION
Regular School Board Meeting Minutes
Wawasee High School Warrior Room
October 10, 2023 5:30pm

An Executive Session was held in the Wawasee High School Commons at 4:30 p.m. on Tuesday, October 10, 2023. I.C. 5-14-1.5-6.1(b)(9) To discuss job performance evaluation of individual employees. This subdivision does not apply to a discussion of the salary, compensation, or benefits of employees during a budget process. I.C. 5-14-1.5-6.1 (b)(2)(B) Initiation of litigation or litigation that is either pending or has been threatened specifically in writing. As used in this clause, "litigation" includes any judicial action or administrative law proceeding under federal or state law. I.C. 5-14-1.5-6.1(b)(11) To train school board members with an outside consultant about the performance of the role of the members as public officials.

The board by its signatures affixed below does affirm that the purpose of the Session was for the discussion of a job performance evaluation of individual employees. It was used to discuss the initiation of litigation or litigation that is either pending or has been threatened specifically in writing. As used in this clause, "litigation" includes any judicial action or administrative law proceeding under federal or state law. It was also used to meet with an outside consultant about the performance of the role of the members as public officials.

Those board members and central office staff present:

Donald Bokhart, President
Michael Wilson, Vice President
Andrew Cripe, Secretary
Steven Baut, Board Member
Neil Likens, Board Member
Steve Troyer, Superintendent

Mr. Don Bokhart welcomed everyone and called the Meeting to order at 5:33 p.m.

Mrs. Jennifer Phillips led the Pledge of Allegiance and The Vision Statement.

Mr. Michael Casey led the Invocation.

Mr. Don Bokhart asked if there were any Patron Comments. There was one comment by a patron expressing his concern with the negative things going on in our school corporation. Mr. Bokhart thanked him for his comments.

Mr. Neil Likens moved to accept the Good News Items. Mr. Mike Wilson seconded the motion. The motion carried 5-0. Good News Items included the following:

- a. The Wawasee Marching Warrior Pride qualified for the State Finals, which will be held in Indianapolis on October 14, 2023.
- b. Wawasee High School ESports Club won their first competition.
- c. Donations were received from:
 - Shipley Dental Innovations - \$300 - WHS Student Council
 - Derry Electric - \$150 - WHS Student Council
 - Pat's Chicago Dogs - \$150 - WHS Student Council
 - The Papers - \$150 - WHS Student Council
 - AAC Distributing, LLC - \$150 - WHS Student Council
 - BDR Designs - \$150 - WHS Student Council
 - Northern Lakes Realty - \$150 - WHS Student Council
 - NexGen Epoxy - \$300 - WHS Student Council
 - KNB Detailing, LLC - \$150 - WHS Student Council
 - Travel Star - \$1,000 - WHS Student Council
 - Wawasee Community Bible Church - \$200 - WHS Student Council
 - Wawasee Property Owners Association - \$5,000 - WHS Sailing & Outdoor Classes
 - Bison LLC - \$250 - WHS Robotics
 - Northside Galleries, Inc. - \$4,000 - WHS Art Gallery
 - Maple Leaf Farms - \$240 - WHS FFA
 - Tom Farms & Partners - \$400 - WHS FFA
 - Kosciusko County Community Foundation - \$339.40 - WHS FFA
 - Knights of Columbus #6323 - \$1,740 - WHS Boys Soccer

- Knights of Columbus #6323 - \$350 - WHS Girls Golf
- Knights of Columbus #6323 - \$600 - WHS Boys & Girls Track
- Lions Club of Syracuse - \$495 - WMS Nurse Account
- North Webster Church of the Brethren Womens Fellowship - \$200 - NWES Angel Fund
- Richard & Debra Camden - \$500 - NWES Angel Fund

Mr. Mike Wilson noted that approximately 24 pages of the claims list were to Amazon. He is wondering if we are using Amazon for ease or if they are the cheapest, and if we ever purchase things locally. Dr. Troyer stated that certainly some of our Amazon purchases are out of ease and sometimes they are the lowest price. We also use our service center for group pricing, along with some local vendors.

Mr. Mike Wilson moved to accept Grouped Action Items. Mr. Steven Baut seconded the motion. The motion carried 5-0. Grouped Action Items included the following:

- a. Approval of Minutes
 1. Regular Board Meeting - September 12, 2023
- b. Support Service Personnel Recommendations
- c. Certified Personnel Recommendations
- d. Extra Curricular Personnel Recommendations
- e. Claims

Support Service Personnel Recommendations

Employment:

- Jessica Murray is recommending Kathy Schuetze as a 4 Hour Wawasee Middle School Cafeteria Worker. This position is effective September 25, 2023.

Resignation:

- Linda Penrod has submitted her Letter of Resignation, effective September 22, 2023. Due to health issues, Linda will not be accepting our offer of employment as a Wawasee High School Custodian. Linda was board approved September 12, 2023, but did not begin employment.
- Jason Werstler has submitted his Letter of Resignation as a Syracuse Elementary 2nd Shift Custodian. This Resignation is effective October 2, 2023.

Transfer:

- Jessica Murray is recommending the Transfer of Vicki Hartman from a 4 Hour Syracuse Elementary Custodian, to a 4 Hour Wawasee High School Cafeteria Worker. This Transfer is effective October 23, 2023.

Termination:

- Geoff Walmer is recommending the Termination of Dia Wasko as a 4 Hour Wawasee High School Cafeteria Worker. This Termination is effective September 22, 2023.

Certified Service Personnel Recommendations

Transfer:

- Brent Berkeypile is recommending the Transfer of Ryan Edgar from a Wawasee Middle School Robotics Teacher to the Temporary Student Services Coordinator. This is a temporary position, through the 2023-24 school year.

Extra Curricular Personnel Recommendations

Employment

- Steven Caudill is recommending Jeffrey Carey as a Wawasee Middle School 8th Grade Boys Basketball Coach. This position is effective October 23, 2023.
- Steven Caudill is recommending Jason Conley as a Wawasee Middle School 8th Grade Boys Basketball Coach. This position is effective October 23, 2023.

Mr. Andy Cripe moved to accept Additional Action Item a. Mr. Neil Likens seconded the motion. The motion carried 5-0. Additional Action Item a included:

- a. Financial Report - Dr. Brandon Penrod presented the Financial Report

Mr. Neil Likens moved to accept Additional Action Item b (1) and (2). Mr. Mike Wilson seconded the motion. The motion carried 5-0. Additional Action Item b (1) and (2) included:

b. (1) - Consider Adoption of Additional Appropriation Resolution for 2023A GO Bond. Mr. Don Bokhart asked for Public Comment on this item. There was none.

(2) - Consider Adoption of Final Bond Resolution for 2023A GO Bonds

Mr. Mike Wilson moved to accept Additional Action Item c. Mr. Steven Baut seconded the motion. The motion carried 5-0. Additional Action Item c included:

c. Consider Adoption of Determining the Need for Projects Resolution - Dr. Troyer stated the needs of the projects.

Mr. Andy Cripe moved to accept Additional Action Item d. Mr. Neil Likens seconded the motion. The motion carried 5-0. Additional Action Item d included:

d. Consider adoption of Approving Preliminary Plans, Form of Lease and Authorizing Publication of Notice of Lease Hearing

Mr. Neil Likens moved to accept Additional Action Item e. Mr. Steven Baut seconded the motion. The motion carried 5-0. Additional Action Item e included:

e. Consider Wawasee High School Building Corporation - Dr. Penrod explained that we need to replace one of the current signers with a new one. Mr. Vince Beasley has agreed to fill this role.

Mr. Neil Likens moved to accept Additional Action Item f. Mr. Steven Baut seconded the motion. The motion carried 5-0. Additional Action Item f included:

f. Consider Reapproving Formation of Building Corporation Resolution

Mr. Andy Cripe moved to accept Additional Action Item g. Mr. Neil Likens seconded the motion. The motion carried 5-0. Additional Action Item g included:

g. Consider Adoption of 2024 Budget, Tax Rates and Levies.

Mr. Mike Wilson moved to accept Additional Action Item h. Mr. Neil Likens seconded the motion. The motion carried 5-0. Additional Action Item h included:

h. Consider Adoption of Bus Replacement Resolution

Mr. Steven Baut moved to accept Additional Action Item i. Mr. Mike Wilson seconded the motion. The motion carried 5-0. Additional Action Item i included:

i. Consider Adoption of Capital Projects Resolution

Mr. Neil Likens moved to accept Additional Action Item j. Mr. Mike Wilson seconded the motion. The motion carried 5-0. Additional Action Item j included:

j. Consider Adoption of Resolution to Approved Reduction in Appropriations

Mr. Neil Likens moved to accept Additional Action Item k. Mr. Mike Wilson seconded the motion. The motion carried 5-0. Additional Action Item k included:

k. Consider Adoption of Resolution to Transfer Funds from Education Fund to Operations Fund

Mr. Andy Cripe moved to accept Additional Action Item l. Mr. Steven Baut seconded the motion. The motion carried 5-0. Additional Action Item l included:

l. Consider Adoption of Resolution to Transfer Appropriations within a Fund

Mr. Mike Wilson moved to accept Additional Action Item m. Mr. Steven Baut seconded the motion. The motion carried 5-0. Additional Action Item m included:

m. Consider 2023B General Obligation Preliminary Bond Resolution

Mr. Steven Baut moved to accept Additional Action Item n. Mr. Neil Likens seconded the motion. The motion carried 5-0. Additional Action Item n included:

n. Consider 2023B General Obligation Reimbursement Resolution

Mr. Neil Likens moved to accept Additional Action Items o and p. Mr. Mike Wilson seconded the motion. The motion carried 5-0. Additional Action Items o and p included:

o. Milford Public Library Appointment - Katy Stoller was appointed to the Milford Public Library Board, to serve the term of August 1, 2023 through July 31, 2027.

p. Approval of Out of State/Overnight Trip

1. Wawasee FFA - Indianapolis, Indiana - October 31-November 2, 2023

Mrs. Jessica Murray, Food Service Coordinator, presented her Food Service Report. The summer went well. Approximately 55 kids per day participated at Milford. Enchanted Hills fed an average of 15 per day. As of now, all employment positions are filled with 33 members and 5 managers. Currently our Free and Reduced percentage is 53%, and we are serving 60% of students lunch, and 20% of students breakfast. Recently, new lunch trays and oven doors have been purchased.

Dr. Troyer presented the Learning Report. NWEA testing for the fall testing window has finished. The next waiver day is Monday, November 6. This day will be used for staff members to engage in professional learning and training. No students will attend and no e-learning is required.

In his Superintendent Report, Dr. Troyer informed the board that both the Performing Arts Center/Wawasee High School and Milford Elementary School projects are going well. They are firmly in the design stage and hold meetings bi-weekly. The 2nd meeting regarding the Milford School design will be held October 12 for community input and to give feedback to the architectural firms. With winter weather coming up, Dr. Troyer reminded the board of the cancellation information. According to the state, we cannot have more than 3 a-synchronous days. After the 3 days, students must meet live with a teacher (2.5 hours for elementary and 3 hours for middle and high school per day), online. January 15, 2024 and February 19, 2024 are our 2 built in snow days.

In Other Items, Mr. Mike Wilson stated that it is hard to teach and hard to learn if students are not at school. He asked if our county had a truancy officer. We do not. Mr. Lee Snider, principal, stated that they try to motivate the students to come to school. North Webster Elementary has a "Brag Tag" that students can earn by coming to school 25 times in a row. The students love to collect the various key chains, and he feels that this motivates them to attend school.

Mr. Andy Cripe moved to adjourn the Regular Meeting. Mr. Neil Likens seconded the motion. The motion carried 5-0.

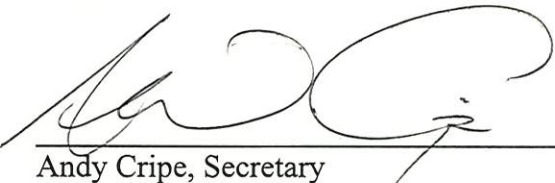
The meeting was adjourned at 6:52 p.m.



Don Bokhart, President



Mike Wilson, Vice President



Andy Cripe, Secretary



Steven Baut, Board Member



Neil Likens, Board Member