

**Woodlawn Unit School District #209**  
**Board of Education**  
**December 11, 2023**

Members Present

Kyle Ritchey  
Jacob Frick  
Chase Phelps  
Josh Trout  
Chad Phelps  
Jeff Burkett  
Michele Chesnek

Members Absent

A regular board meeting was held on December 11, 2023 at Woodlawn Grade School. The meeting was called to order by Jeff Burkett at 6:00 pm. Roll Call was taken with the above members present. Also Present: Eric Helbig, Sara Hays, Bruce Hapeman, Jan Danner, Steve Danner, Joe Coultas, Debbie Tinsley, Dessie Staley, Carl Staley, Robert Staley, Tyson Chamberlain, Heath Barker, Ann Kehrner, Barbara Garner, Kevin Garner, Gary Langa, Wendell, Brenda Randall, Dale Randall, Linda Hale, Rick Hale, John Danner, Steve Draege, Michael Moore, Rob Isaac, Amy Orrill, Katie Schrementi.

Visitor Communication:

Mr. Eric Helbig gave a presentation to all in attendance on starting balances for Fiscal Year 24 as follows:

Education Fund \$5,345,774; Bond \$107,418; Building \$135,396; IMRF \$145,847; Transportation \$232,130; Working Cash \$129,824; HLS \$20,048; Special Ed (included in Ed Fund); Tort \$22,037; Social Security (included in IMRF Fund); Lease (included in Ed Fund). Dessie Staley asked about investment plans for money in the bank account. Other visitors also asked about investment plans and tax levy plans.

A motion was made by Chad Phelps and seconded by Jacob Frick to approve the 2023 tax levy for Woodlawn Grade School only district at 4.99%.

All members present voted yes by a roll call vote.

Motion carried.

A motion was made by Michele Chesnek and seconded by Josh Trout to approve the Woodlawn Unit district tax levy for 2023 at 3.99%.

All members present voted yes by a roll call vote.

Motion carried.

A motion was made by Kyle Ritchey and seconded by Jacob Frick to approve the Woodlawn High School only district tax levy for 2023 at 4.99%.

All members present voted yes by a roll call vote.

Motion carried.

A motion was made by Chase Phelps and seconded by Chad Phelps to go into closed session at 6:25 p.m. for the appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific employees of the District or legal counsel for the District, including hearing testimony on a complaint lodged against an employee or against legal counsel for the District to determine its validity (5 ILCS 120/2 © (1) and Collective negotiating matters between the District and its employees or their representatives or deliberations concerning salary schedules for one or more classes of employees. (5 ILCS 120/2 ©, (2)).

Members voted: Jacob Frick, yes; Chad Phelps, yes; Josh Trout, yes; Chase Phelps, yes; Kyle Ritchey, yes; Jeff Burkett, yes; Michele Chesnek, yes.

Motion carried.

A motion was made by Josh Trout and seconded by Chad Phelps to return to open session at 7:38 p.m.

Members voted: Jacob Frick, yes; Chad Phelps, yes; Josh Trout, yes; Chase Phelps, yes; Kyle Ritchey, yes; Jeff Burkett, yes; Michele Chesnek, yes.

Motion carried.

A motion was made by Chase Phelps and seconded by Michele Chesnek to approve the consent agenda items as presented; included the resignation of Tori England, effective at the end of this school year, and the resignation of Ethan Gowler as high school baseball coach, effective immediately.

All members present voted yes by a roll call vote.

Motion carried.

A motion was made by Jacob Frick and seconded by Josh Trout to give administration approval to hire a head night custodian for Woodlawn Grade School.

All members present voted yes by a roll call vote.

Motion carried.

A motion was made by Kyle Ritchey and seconded by Chad Phelps to approve 7 part-time student requests (Students A,B,C,D,E, F, G).

All members present voted yes by a roll call vote.

Motion carried.

A motion was made by Jacob Frick and seconded by Josh Trout to approve press policy update #13, 2<sup>nd</sup> reading.

All members present voted yes by a roll call vote.

Motion carried.

Item VIII 4. Johannes Pay Application #15 was tabled.

Item VIII 5.. Consider district investment proposals. No action was taken. A committee of Josh Trout and Kyle Ritchey was formed to discuss investment options.

A motion was made by Michele Chesnek and seconded by Josh Trout to adjourn at 8:20 p.m.

Members voted: Jacob Frick, yes; Chad Phelps, yes; Josh Trout, yes; Chase Phelps, yes; Kyle Ritchey, yes; Jeff Burkett, yes; Michele Chesnek, yes.  
Motion carried.

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PRESIDENT

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SECRETARY