

**MINUTES OF BOARD OF EDUCATION  
SCHOOL DISTRICT OF ARCADIA  
SPECIAL MEETING  
AUGUST 31, 2017**

A special meeting of the Board of Education of the School District of Arcadia was held in the balcony of the Whitehall School District in the City of Whitehall, County of Trempealeau, Wisconsin, on Thursday, August 31, 2017. The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Board President, Loren Wolfe. Board members present were Loren Wolfe, Randy Nilsestuen, Paul Servais, Brian Steinlicht, and Rodney Walters. Also present was Louie Ferguson and Carmen Lee.

President Loren Wolfe announced the verification and compliance with the open meeting law.

Motion was made by Randy Nilsestuen and seconded Paul Servais to approve the agenda. Motion carried 5-0.

Jackie Schira arrived at 7:03 p.m. and Mike Edmunds arrived at 7:06 p.m.

Blair Taylor School Board called their meeting to order. Independence School Board called their meeting to order. Whitehall School Board called their meeting to order.

Discussion on co-op was as follows:

- 23 Classes being offered
- 260 seats (some students might be taking more than one class and seats would include double ups)
- 50% of Juniors and Seniors taking co-op class
- Buses will travel to Fagerness Church to meet and then go to appropriate school
- All students are required to travel with buses for the first two weeks

Michele Butler arrived at 7:07 p.m.

The co-op has formed partnerships with Ashley, Nelson, Badger Mining, local bakery, White Hall Specialties, GNP, local dairy farmers, and many other local businesses.

The co-op discussed how partnerships will work. There was discussion on credit transfer to Western Technical College. The boards discussed insurance coverage while on job placement.

The boards discussed the idea of portable training trailers. There are 13 different one credit tech equivalent courses that can be in place in the trailers. Company developing trailers and willing to bring trailers on site for tour. School would use own staff to train inside trailers.

The boards discussed co-op challenges:

- Students need to leave early to get to 1st hour class
- Would 2nd hour be a better starting hour?
- Students need to learn how to create by hand before using automation
- Can buses be retrofit with audio visual so students continue education while in transit?

- Will teachers be willing to move around between schools to teach all classes at the same level? Ex. Would an Algebra 2 teacher rather go to all schools to teach Algebra 2 instead of having a Trans Math class?
- How do we get the message of the co-op out to the public? Potential town meetings at local non-school establishments.

A motion was made by Randy Nilsestuen and seconded by Mike Edmunds to approve the Co-op mission statement, vision and talking points-copy in district office. Motion carried 6-0.

A motion was made by Paul Servais and seconded by Rodney Walters to approve the continuation of Trempealeau Valley Co-op for the 2017-18 school year. Motion carried 6-0.

A joint power of agreement for future considerations was discussed. It was the consensus of the board to allow superintendent the right to make decisions outside of board meeting for items needing immediate attention.

A motion was made by Randy Nilsestuen and seconded by Paul Servais to adjourn at 8:23 p.m. Motion carried 6-0.

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Brian Steinlicht, Acting Clerk