

WARREN COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT

BOARD OF SCHOOL DIRECTORS

SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES

MONDAY, MAY 23, 2005

1. Opening Activities

A. Call to Order

The special meeting of the Warren County School District Board of School Directors was called to order by Mrs. Nuttall, President, at 7:15 p.m. in the gymnasium of the Warren Area High School, 345 East Fifth Avenue, Warren, Pennsylvania.

B. Pledge of Allegiance

Mrs. Nuttall led the Pledge of Allegiance to the American flag.

C. Roll Call

Roll Call

Board Members Present:

Mr. David Come
Mr. Kevin Freestone
Mr. Richard Lyle
Mrs. Jacki Nuttall

Mr. Richard Pascuzzi
Mr. Randall Peterson
Mr. John Schwanke
Mr. John Shea

Board Members Absent:

Mr. Dale Gerbec

Others Present:

Mr. John Grant, Superintendent; Dr. J. Hugh Dwyer, Assistant Superintendent; Dr. John Sechriest, Executive Director of Learning Opportunities; Mr. Mark Eberl, Executive Director of Support Services; Mr. Larry Conrad, Director of Business Services; Mr. Joseph Tassone, Director of Instructional Services; Mrs. Amy Stewart, Director of Technology /Information Management; Dr. Norbert Kennerknecht, Director of Buildings and Grounds; Ms. Marcia Ziki, Solicitor; Mrs. Ruth Huck, Board Secretary; Mr. Robert Seiden, Kinzua Broadcasting; Mr. Chuck Hayes, Times Observer; Mr. Frank Galeazzo, Technology Coordinator and approximately 80 unidentified members of the audience.

D. Reading of the Mission Statement - Mr. Richard Pascuzzi

The mission of the Warren County School District is to prepare all students to be responsible and productive citizens by providing them with the skills and education necessary to achieve academic and personal excellence.

E. Public Comment

Rev. Beth Costlow	P.O. Box 308, Sheffield, PA	Sheffield Elementary Closing
Joyce Russell	Sugar Grove, PA	Eisenhower MSHS
Jay Fitch	55 Hathaway Ln., Sheffield	Sheffield Elementary Closing
Carol Johnson	205 Miller St., Sheffield	Sheffield Elementary Closing
Jason Barner	P.O. Box 41, Sheffield, PA	Sheffield Elementary Closing
Roger Dunham	Sheffield, PA	Sheffield Elementary Closing
Curt Penwell	101 N. Main St., Clarendon	Budget
David Swanson	Barnes, PA	Sheffield Elementary Closing
Bernard Hessley	218 Conewango Ave., Warren	Act 72
Wendy Trumbull	R.D. #1, Bear Lake	Renovation of Sugar Grove Elementary

2. New Business

A. Act 72

Act 72 of 2004
Homeowner Tax
Relief Act
"Opt In"
Approved
8-0-0

It was moved by **David Come** and seconded by **Kevin Freestone**

That the Warren County School District Board of School Directors, pursuant to Section 321 of Act 72 of 2004, Homeowner Tax Relief Act, 53 P.S. § 6925.101, et seq., shall levy, assess, and collect a tax of one-tenth of one percent (0.1%) upon earned income and net profits of resident individuals pursuant to Section 321(b)(1) of said Act, effective as of July 1 of the first fiscal year for which the School District has been certified to receive a property tax relief allocation under Section 505(b) of said Act. Said tax to be added to the .5% earned income and net profits tax currently imposed. (Option recommended by Act 72 Advisory Committee)

Roll Call Vote:

Voting Yes: Mr. Come, Mr. Freestone, Mr. Lyle, Mr. Peterson,
Mr. Schwanke, Mr. Shea, Mr. Pascuzzi, Mrs. Nuttall

Passed: Unanimously

B. Fact Finder's Report

Fact Finders
Report
Tabled
8-0-0

It was moved by **Richard Lyle** and seconded by **David Come**

That the Board of School Directors approves the Fact Finder's Report as presented.

It was moved by **Mr. Freestone** and seconded by **Mr. Lyle**

That the Board of School Directors tables this motion.

Roll Call Vote:

Voting Yes: Mr. Freestone, Mr. Lyle, Mr. Peterson, Mr. Schwanke,
Mr. Shea, Mr. Pascuzzi, Mrs. Nuttall, Mr. Come

Passed: Unanimously (The result of the vote was to table the motion.)

C. Sheffield Elementary Closing Hearing

It was moved by **Richard Lyle** and seconded by **John Shea**

That the Board of School Directors, pursuant to Section 780 of the
Pennsylvania School Code, holds a public hearing on June 14, 2005, at
7:00 p.m., at Sheffield Elementary School on the question of the
permanent closure of Sheffield Elementary School.

Sheffield
Elementary
Closing
Hearing
Fails
1-7-0

Roll Call Vote:

Voting Yes: Mr. Shea

Voting No: Mr. Lyle, Mr. Peterson, Mr. Schwanke, Mr. Pascuzzi,
Mr. Come, Mr. Freestone, Mrs. Nuttall

Fails: 1-7

D. Preliminary Budget

It was moved by **Kevin Freestone** and seconded by **David Come**

That the Board of School Directors approves the Preliminary Budget as
presented.

Roll Call Vote:

Voting Yes: Mr. Peterson, Mr. Schwanke, Mr. Shea, Mr. Pascuzzi,
Mr. Come, Mr. Freestone, Mr. Lyle

Voting No: Mrs. Nuttall

Passed: 7-1

Preliminary
Budget
Approved
7-1-0

E. Settlement Agreement

It was moved by **Richard Pascuzzi** and seconded by **Richard Lyle**

That the Board of School Directors approves the Settlement Agreement as
presented.

Passed: Unanimous

Settlement
Agreement
Approved
8-0-0

3. Closing Activities

It was moved by **Mr. Freestone** and seconded by **Mr. Lyle** that the meeting
adjourns at 8:15 p.m.

The motion passed by common consent.

Respectfully Submitted,

Ruth A. Huck, Board Secretary

Jacqueline L. Nuttall, Board President