

**WARREN COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF SCHOOL DIRECTORS
SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES**

MONDAY, JUNE 27, 2005

1. Opening Activities

A. Call to Order

The regular meeting of the Warren County School District Board of School Directors was called to order by Mrs. Nuttall, President, at 7:00 p.m. in the Board Room of the Warren County Career Center, 347 East Fifth Avenue, Warren, Pennsylvania.

B. Pledge of Allegiance

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

Roll Call

C. Roll Call

Board Members Present:

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

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

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. Joseph Tassone, Director of Instructional Services; Mrs. Amy Stewart, Director of Technology /Information Management; Dr. Norbert Kennerknecht, Director of Buildings and Grounds; Mrs. Rosemarie Green, Director of State & Federal Programs; Mr. Darin Schulz, Business Administrator; Mr. Arthur Stewart, Solicitor; Mrs. Ruth Huck, Board Secretary; Mr. Robert Seiden, Kinzua Broadcasting; Mr. Matt Ewalt, Times Observer; Mr. Eugene Casasanta, Hearing Officer; Mr. Frank Galeazzo, Technology Coordinator; Claudia Solinko, WCEA President, and approximately fifteen unidentified members of the audience.

D. Reading of the Mission Statement

Mrs. Nuttall read the mission statement.

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

Jeff Lockett

Russell, PA

Asked that the Board not pass the Bids for Allegheny Valley Elementary School Emergency Generator

2. New Business

Hearing
Officer's
Report
9-0-0

A. Hearing Officer's Report - Case XXX

It was moved by David Come and seconded by Richard Pascuzzi that the Board of School Directors approves the Hearing Officer's Report Case XXX.

Passed: Unanimously

(Cases maintained in a separate minute book.)

B. Letter of Engagement - Solicitor (attachments pp. 2-3)

It was moved by Randall Peterson and seconded by David Come that the Board of School Directors approves the contract with Arthur Stewart & Associates, P.C. for fiscal year 2005-2006 in accordance with the rates and terms as stipulated in the letter from Mr. Stewart dated June 16, 2005.

Roll Call Vote

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

Passed: Unanimously

C. Allegheny Valley Elementary School - Emergency Generator - Electrical #WCSD 0502

It was moved by Kevin Freestone and seconded by David Come that the Board of School Directors approves the bid of Northwest Service Co. in the amount of \$83,733.00 for electrical work for the project known as Allegheny Valley Elementary School Emergency Generator - Project #WCSD 0502 - contract #0502.4.

Mr. Freestone made a motion to refer this item back to committee for further consideration. Second: Mr. Come.

Passed: Unanimously

D. Allegheny Valley Elementary School - Emergency Generator - Plumbing #WCSD 0502

That the Board of School Directors approves the bid of Northwest Service Co. in the amount of \$14,716.00 for Plumbing for the project known as Allegheny Valley Elementary School Emergency Generator - Project #WCSD 0502 - contract #0502.3.

No action was taken on this motion, and it will go back to committee for further review.

E. Lease/Release Agreement for Exterior Improvement Project at Eisenhower Middle/High School

It was moved by Richard Lyle and seconded by David Come that the Board of School Directors approves a Lease/Release Agreement with Eisenhower Middle/High School Parent Advisory Group for an exterior Beautification Project at Eisenhower Middle/High School.

A friendly amendment was made by Mr. Peterson and seconded by Mr. Lyle that the

Letter of
Engagement -
Solicitor
Approved
9-0-0

Allegheny
Valley
Emergency
Generator
Referred Back
to Committee
For Further
Consideration
9-0-0

No Action
was taken
on this
motion

Lease/Release
for Exterior
Project at
EMHS
by Parent
Advisory
Group
Approved
9-0-0

support staff would be in agreement to have this project completed by students and parents.

Passed: Unanimously

F. Policy Number 4110, titled, Contracts and Purchases - First & Second Reading (attachment p. 4)

It was moved by Kevin Freestone and seconded by Richard Lyle that the Board of School Directors approves on first and second reading the revision of Policy Number 4110, titled - Miscellaneous Services and Contracts to include the approved amounts stated in the Mandate Waiver approved September 30, 2004.

Policy #4110 –
Contracts &
Purchases
First & Second
Reading
Approved
9-0-0

Passed: Unanimously

G. Proposed DCED Playground Grant

It was moved by David Come and seconded by John Schwanke that the Board of School Directors approves the submission of a grant proposal to the Pennsylvania Department of Community and Economic Development in the amount of \$10,000 to apply toward the cost of playground construction at the Warren Area Elementary Center.

DCED
Playground
Grant
Submission
Approved
9-0-0

Passed: Unanimously

Mrs. Nuttall announced an executive session at 7:30 p.m. to discuss personnel issues.

The meeting reconvened at 8:30 p.m.

H. Final Budget 2005-2006 (attachments pp. 5-30)

It was moved by David Come and seconded by Kevin Freestone that the Board of School Directors approves the final budget for 2005-2006 as presented:

Final Budget
Approved
6-3-0

The following tax structure and resource allocation is proposed for your consideration in support of the Final Budget for the 2005-06 school year with estimated expenditures of \$62,442,658:

1. A tax of 46.0 Mills (\$4.60 per hundred dollars) on the assessed valuation on all the real estate in the District.
2. A Per Capita Tax of \$5.00 per person under Section 679 of the School Code.
3. Local Enabling Taxes under ACT 511:
 - A. A 1/2 of 1% Wage and Income Tax
 - B. A 1% Real Estate Transfer Tax
 - C. An Occupational Privilege Tax of \$5.00
 - D. A Per Capita Tax of \$5.00 per person.
4. Estimated Fund Balance to include
 - a. Designated balance of \$736,717 as Terminal Liability Gr Health
 - b. Undesignated balance of \$1,733,477

Authorization to advertise as legally required is requested.

Roll Call Vote

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

Voting No: Mr. Shea, Mr. Pascuzzi, Mr. Gerbec,

Passed: 6-3-0

3. Closing Activities

Mr. Shea made a motion to adjourn the meeting seconded by Mr. Come.

The meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Ruth A. Huck, Board Secretary

Jacqueline L. Nuttall, Board President