

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

**MONDAY, JANUARY 9, 2006**

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. Roger Dunham  
Mr. Kevin Freestone  
Mr. Thomas Knapp  
Mr. Richard Lyle

Dr. Jack Martin  
Mrs. Jacki Nuttall  
Mr. John Schwanke

Board Members Absent:

Mr. David Wortman (Military Duty – Iraq)

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; Mr. Chris Byham, Solicitor, Mrs. Ruth Huck, Board Secretary; Mr. Robert Seiden, Kinzua Broadcasting; Mr. Matt Ewalt, Times Observer; Mr. Eugene Casasanta, Hearing Officer; Mr. Matt Jones, Coordinator of Grants and Foundation Development; Mr. Frank Galeazzo, Technology Coordinator; Mr. Jack Werner, Coordinator of District-wide Athletics and Co-Curricular Activities; Ms. Sandy Wilks, Lead Special Education Supervisor; Claudia Solinko, WCEA President and approximately 30 unidentified members of the audience.

D. Reading of the Mission Statement - Mr. Thomas Knapp

Mr. Thomas Knapp read the mission statement.

E. Recognitions and Presentations

1. Mr. Grant recognized the School Board members and thanked them out of personal and professional appreciation on behalf of the administrative team and the community for the extraordinary amount of time and effort that each one has contributed trying to do the best thing possible for the students of the Warren County School District. Even though there may not always be agreement, the effort, the sincerity, the honesty, the integrity of trying to do the work is well manifest in our Board of Education. Each was given a small token of appreciation.

F. Agenda Adoption

Agenda  
Adoption  
Approved  
7-0-0

It was moved by Richard Lyle and seconded by Kevin Freestone that the Board of School Directors adopts the January 9, 2006, agenda as presented on BoardDocs. The result of the vote was: Unanimous

G. Public Comment

Arthur Stewart	7 Branch Street, Warren	Budget/Curriculum Cuts - Opposed
Susan Stewart	7 Branch Street, Warren	Curriculum Cuts - Opposed
Mark Sternberg	511 Fourth Avenue, Warren	Curriculum Cuts - Opposed
Nancy Shodi	4 Ruhlman Street, Warren	Curriculum Cuts - Opposed

H. Approval of Minutes - December 5, 2005

December 5,  
2005 Minutes  
Approved  
7-0-0

MOTION: It was moved by Kevin Freestone and seconded by Thomas Knapp that the Board of School Directors approves the Organizational and Regular meeting minutes of December 5, 2005.

Dr. Martin made a friendly amendment to approve the minutes with the clarification that David Wortman and Anthony Smead were not sworn in at the Organizational Meeting.

The result of the vote was: Unanimous

I. Approval of Financial Reports

Financial  
Reports  
Approved  
7-0-0

MOTION: It was moved by Kevin Freestone and seconded by Jack Martin that the Board of School Directors approves financial reports and authorizes the release of funds in payment of the listing of bills. Further, that a copy as presented be submitted for audit.

Roll Call Vote:

Voting Yes: Mr. Dunham, Mr. Freestone, Mr. Knapp, Mr. Lyle, Dr. Martin, Mrs. Nuttall, Mr. Schwanke

The result of the vote was: Unanimous

J. Hearing Officer's Report - Mr. Eugene Casasanta

**MOTION:** It was moved by Jack Martin and seconded by Richard Lyle that the Board of School Directors approves the Hearing Officer's Report dated January 9, 2006, as amended including striking the word dispensing from Case: T (Cases: O-T).

Hearing Officer's Report Approved 7-0-0
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The result of the vote was: Unanimous

*(Cases are kept in a separate minute book)*

## 2. President's Statement

### A. Reports and Information

#### 1. I.U. #5 - Mr. John Schwanke

There was no report.

#### 2. PSBA - Mr. Thomas Knapp

There was no report.

#### 3. Career Center Advisory - Mr. Richard Lyle

Mr. Lyle reported the Advisory committee will meet in two weeks. He also toured the Career Center and encouraged other Board members to do the same.

#### 4. Budget Ad Hoc Committee

Mr. Lockett reported that the Budget Ad Hoc Committee met with Norbert Kennerknecht last week and will meet with Mark Eberl next week. Two work sessions are scheduled and after that the committee plans to have a report by the end of January or the beginning of February.

### B. Important Dates

	Date	Time	Committee	Location
1.	January 12, 2006	7:00 p.m.	Budget Ad Hoc Committee	Curwen Building
2.	January 16, 2006	6:00 p.m.	Special Board Meeting - Budget Work Session	Warren County Career Center
3.	January 19, 2006	7:00 p.m.	Budget Ad Hoc Committee	Curwen Building
4.	January 26, 2006	7:00 p.m.	Budget Ad Hoc Committee	Curwen Building
5.	January 30, 2006	6:00 p.m.	Personnel/ Athletics & Extra-Curricular Activities Committees	Curwen Building
6.	January 30, 2006	Following Personnel	Curriculum Instruction & Technology Committee	Curwen Building
7.	January 31, 2006	6:00 p.m.	Physical Plant & Facilities Committee	Curwen Building
8.	January 31, 2006	Following Physical Plant	Finance Committee	Curwen Building
9.	February 6, 2006	6:00 p.m.	Special Board Meeting - Budget Work Session	Warren County Career Center
10.	February 13, 2006	7:00 p.m.	Regular Board Meeting	Warren County Career Center
11.	February 15, 2006	7:00 p.m.	Last Legal Date to Pass Preliminary Budget	Warren County Career Center

### 3. Superintendent's Reports and Recommendations

#### A. General Comments - Mr. John Grant/Dr. J. Hugh Dwyer

##### 1. Graduation Status (attachments p. )

#### B. Budget Timeline for Preliminary Budget Approval (attachments pp. )

### 4. New Business - Consent Agenda

#### A. Consent Agenda

Consent  
Agenda  
Approved  
7-0-0

It was moved by Jack Martin and seconded by John Schwanke that the Board of School Directors approves the Consent Agenda with the exception of:

##### C. Policy Number 9735, titled, Graduation - Issuance of a Diploma (edited) First & Second Reading - Mr. Schwanke

##### E. Annual Audit Review - Root, Spitznas & Smiley, Inc. - Finance Committee - Mr. Freestone

The result of the vote was: Unanimous

#### B. Policy Number 10510, titled, Discipline Code - Section T - Second Reading - Curriculum, Instruction & Technology Committee - Mr. Richard Lyle

Policy  
10501  
Second  
Reading  
Approved  
7-0-0

It was moved by Jack Martin and seconded by John Schwanke that the Board of School Directors approves on second reading an addition to Policy Number 10510, titled, Discipline Code, subsection "T." pertaining to Invasion of Privacy as follows:

"T. Invasion of Privacy - Students should refrain from unreasonable intrusions concerning the privacy of District employees, other students, or third parties. Invasions of privacy can include (but are not limited to) casting another in a false light, creating unwarranted publicity about another, obtaining information about or images of another via inappropriate means or tampering with information concerning another."

The result of the vote was: Unanimous

Gifted  
Study  
Group  
Report  
Accepted  
7-0-0

#### D. Gifted Study Group Report - Curriculum, Instruction & Technology Committee - Mr. Richard Lyle

It was moved by Jack Martin and seconded by John Schwanke that the Board of School Directors receives the report of the Warren County School District Gifted Study Group and thanks the members for their work.

The result of the vote was: Unanimous

Personnel  
Report:  
Certificated  
Staff  
Approved  
7-0-0

#### F. Personnel Report: Certificated Staff - Personnel Committee - Mr. John Schwanke

It was moved by Jack Martin and seconded by John Schwanke that the Board of School Directors approves the Certificated Personnel Report.

The result of the vote was: Unanimous

Personnel  
Report:  
Support  
Staff  
Approved  
7-0-0

#### G. Personnel Report: Support Staff - Personnel Committee - Mr. John Schwanke

It was moved by Jack Martin and seconded by John Schwanke that the Board of School Directors approves the Support Personnel Report.

The result of the vote was: Unanimous

H. Athletic Supplemental Contracts - Personnel Committee - Mr. John Schwanke

It was moved by Jack Martin and seconded by John Schwanke that the Board of School Directors approves the Athletic Supplemental Contracts.

The result of the vote was: Unanimous

I. Co-Curricular Supplemental Contracts - Personnel Committee - Mr. John Schwanke

It was moved by Jack Martin and seconded by John Schwanke that the Board of School Directors approves the Co-Curricular Supplemental Contracts.

The result of the vote was: Unanimous

J. Policy Number 2201, titled, Standing Committees - First & Second Reading - Personnel/Athletics & Extra-Curricular Activities Committee - Mr. John Schwanke

It was moved by Jack Martin and seconded by John Schwanke that the Board of School Directors approves the changes to Policy Number 2201, titled, Standing Committees, on first and second reading.

The result of the vote was: Unanimous

5. Items Removed for Separate Action

C. Policy Number 9735, titled, Graduation - Issuance of a Diploma (edited) First & Second Reading - Curriculum, Instruction & Technology Committee - Mr. Richard Lyle

It was moved by John Schwanke and seconded by Jack Martin that the Board of School Directors approves the corrected edition of Policy Number 9735, titled, Graduation - Issuance of a Diploma on first and second reading.

The result of the vote was: Unanimous

E. Annual Audit Review - Root, Spitznas & Smiley, Inc. - Finance Committee - Mr. Kevin Freestone

It was moved by Kevin Freestone and seconded by John Schwanke that the Board of School Directors accepts the financial audit report for fiscal year ending June 30, 2005.

Amended motion: It was moved by Kevin Freestone that the Board of School Directors accepts the financial audit report for fiscal year ending June 30, 2005 and commends the administration for the work and diligence required, as recognized by the auditors' clean opinion.

The result of the vote was: Unanimous

6. Future Business for Committee Review

Jack Martin requested that the Curriculum, Instruction and Technology Committee review a policy that was passed recently with a change having to do with taking credits during summer school.

Athletic  
Supplemental  
Contracts  
Approved  
7-0-0

Co-Curricular  
Supplemental  
Contracts  
Approved  
7-0-0

Policy 2201  
Standing  
Committees  
First & Second  
Reading  
Approved  
7-0-0

Policy 9735  
Graduation -  
Issuance of a  
Diploma  
First & Second  
Reading  
Approved  
7-0-0

Annual Audit  
Review  
Accepted  
7-0-0

## 7. Other

### A. PDE Act 183 E-Grant - John Grant

PDE Act 183  
E-Grant  
Approved  
7-0-0

It was moved by Kevin Freestone and seconded by Thomas Knapp that the Board of School Directors directs the administration to approve a contract between the Warren County School District and the Pennsylvania Department of Education in the amount of \$200,000 for the Act 183 E-Fund Grant project to upgrade Wide Area Network (WAN) and Internet services."

Roll Call Vote:

Voting Yes: Mr. Freestone, Mr. Knapp, Mr. Lyle, Dr. Martin, Mrs. Nuttall, Mr. Schwanke, Mr. Dunham

The result of the vote was: Unanimous

### B. Tobacco Cessation Grant - John Grant

Tobacco  
Cessation  
Grant  
Approved  
7-0-0

It was moved by Roger Dunham and seconded by John Schwanke that the Board of School Directors approves the contract between the Warren County School District and the American Lung Association of Pennsylvania in the amount of \$6,500 to support tobacco cessation activities within the District.

Roll Call Vote:

Voting Yes: Mr. Knapp, Mr. Lyle, Dr. Martin, Mrs. Nuttall, Mr. Schwanke, Mr. Dunham, Mr. Freestone

The result of the vote was: Unanimous

## 8. Closing Activities

### A. Public Comment

Laura Magill	Warren, PA	Paperless Board meetings Wide Area Network Contract Cyber Charter Schools
Arthur Stewart	Warren, PA	Curriculum/Budget
Ann Ward		Special Education and Inclusion Results of the Community Survey
Darrell Clendenon	Warren, PA	Gifted Study Group

### B. Executive Session

Mrs. Nuttall announced an executive session at 8:50 p.m. to discuss litigation with no action to follow.

Mrs. Nuttall announced that an executive session was held at 6:00 p.m. prior to the Board meeting to discuss personnel issues and an executive session was held on Dec. 21 to discuss personnel issues.

Mrs. Nuttall reconvened the meeting at 9:16 p.m.

C. Adjournment

Mr. Freestone made a motion seconded by Mr. Lyle that the meeting be adjourned.

The meeting adjourned at 9:17 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

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Ruth A. Huck, Board Secretary

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Jacqueline L. Nuttall, Board President