

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

MONDAY, DECEMBER 4, 2006

1. Opening Activities

1.01 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 7:40 p.m. in the Board Room of the Warren County Career Center, 347 East Fifth Avenue, Warren, Pennsylvania.

1.02 Pledge of Allegiance

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

Roll Call

1.03 Roll Call

Board Members Present:

Mr. Roger Dunham
Mr. Kevin Freestone
Mr. Thomas Knapp
Mr. Nathan Lindberg

Mr. Jeff Lockett
Dr. Jack Martin
Mrs. Jacki Nuttall
Mr. David Wortman

Board Members Absent:

Mr. John Schwanke

Others Present:

Dr. Robert Towsey, Interim Superintendent; Dr. J. Hugh Dwyer, Assistant Superintendent; Dr. John Sechriest, Executive Director of Learning Opportunities; Mr. Mark Eberl, Executive Director of Support 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. Petter Turnquist, Business Administrator; Mr. Arthur Stewart, Solicitor; Mr. Chris Byham, Solicitor; Mrs. Ruth Huck, Board Secretary; Ms. Vicky Barone, Times Observer; Mr. Eugene Casasanta, Hearing Officer; Mr. Frank Galeazzo, Technology Coordinator; Mr. Mark Nelson, Mrs. Diane Martin, Special Education Supervisor; Mrs. Deborah Young, Principal; and approximately 20 unidentified members of the audience.

1.04 Reading of the Mission Statement - Dr. Jack Martin

Dr. Martin read the mission statement.

The mission of the Warren County School District where today's student is our future, is to equip all students with the educational skills necessary to achieve their unique personal potential.

1.05 Recognitions and Presentations

Mark Eberl introduced the candidates for employment.

1.06 Agenda Adoption

Agenda
Adoption
Approved
8-0-0

MOTION: It was moved by Roger Dunham and seconded by Nathan Lindberg that the Board of School Directors adopts the agenda of December 4, 2006, as presented on BoardDocs.

The result of the vote was: Passed Unanimously

1.07 Public Comment

Laura Megill Warren, PA Bid for North Warren Elementary School – asked the Board to accept the bid of \$5100.

James 5 Church Street Supported the Sale of the North
Zavinski N. Warren, PA Warren Elementary School.

1.08 Approval of Minutes November 13, 2006

November 13,
2006 Minutes
Approved
8-0-0

MOTION: It was moved by Thomas Knapp and seconded by Jeff Lockett that the Board of School Directors approves the regular meeting minutes of November 13, 2006.

The result of the vote was: Passed Unanimously

1.09 Approval of Financial Reports

Financial
Reports
Approved
8-0-0

MOTION: It was moved by Kevin Freestone and seconded by Thomas Knapp that the Board of School Directors approves the 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. Lindberg, Mr. Lockett, Dr. Martin, Mrs. Nuttall, Mr. Wortman

The result of the vote was: Passed Unanimously

Hearing
Officer's Report
Approved
8-0-0

1.10 Hearing Officer's Report - Mr. Eugene Casasanta

MOTION: It was moved by Thomas Knapp and seconded by Nathan Lindberg that the Board of School Directors approves the Hearing Officer's Report dated December 4, 2006, (Cases: J-Q).

The result of the vote was: Passed Unanimously

2. President's Statement

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

There was no report.

2. PSBA - Mr. Thomas Knapp

Mr. Knapp has forwarded information from PSBA to the Board members as he receives it.

3. Career Center Advisory - Mr. Jeff Lockett

There were no meetings this month.

2.02 Important Dates

	Date	Time	Committee	Location
1.	December 18, 2006	6:00 p.m.	Curriculum, Instruction & Technology Committee	Warren County Career Center
2.	December 18, 2006	Following CIT Comm.	Physical Plant & Facilities Committee	Warren County Career Center
3.	December 19, 2006	6:00 p.m.	Finance Committee	Warren County Career Center
4.	December 19, 2006	following Finance Committee	Personnel/Athletics & Co-Curricular Activities Committee	Warren County Career Center
5.	January 8, 2006	7:00 p.m.	Regular Board Meeting	Warren County Career Center

3. Superintendent's Reports and Recommendations

3.01 General Comments - Dr. Robert Towsey/Dr. J. Hugh Dwyer

1. Graduation Status – Dr. John Sechriest

The class of 2007 has reached a level of 88% proficiency in writing.
The major report will not be in until February.

2. Information Management - Mrs. Amy Stewart

No report was given.

3. Grants Development - Mr. Matt Jones

No report was given.

4. Federal Programs/Professional Development/Gifted Support/Tidioute Community Charter School - Mrs. Rosemarie Green

No report was given.

5. Support Management Team - Mr. Mark Eberl/Mr. J. Petter Turnquist

No report was given.

6. Capital Projects Update - Dr. Norbert Kennerknecht

No report was given.

7. Instructional Management Team - Dr. John Sechriest

No report was given.

8. Other

3.02 Informational Personnel

3.03 Other

4. New Business - Consent Agenda

4.01 Consent Agenda

Consent
Agenda
Approved
8-0-0

MOTION: It was moved by Kevin Freestone and seconded by Nathan Lindberg that the Board of School Directors approves the Consent Agenda with the exception of:

4.06 Beacon Light Contract - Jack Martin

4.08 Enhancing Education Through Technology (EETT) - Jack Martin

4.11 Bid Results for North Warren Elementary School - Kevin Freestone

Roll Call Vote:

Voting Yes: Mr. Wortman, Mr. Dunham, Mr. Freestone, Mr. Knapp, Mr. Lindberg, Mr. Lockett, Dr. Martin, Mrs. Nuttall

The result of the vote was: Passed Unanimously

4.02 Technology Education Curriculum - Curriculum, Instruction & Technology Committee - Mr. Nathan Lindberg

Technology
Education
Curriculum
Approved
8-0-0

MOTION: It was moved by Kevin Freestone and seconded by Nathan Lindberg that the Board of School Directors approves the following Technology Education Planned Instructions:

Exploring Technology
Creating Technology
Manufacturing Technology
Engineering Design and Applications
Multimedia Technology
Applying Technology
Technological Design and Systems
Design and Manufacturing Enterprise
Designs in Bio-Related Technology
Innovation and Invention.

The result of the vote was: Passed Unanimously

4.03 Section 9000 Instruction Policies - Curriculum, Instruction & Technology Committee - Mr. Nathan Lindberg

Section 9000
Policies
Approved on
First Reading
8-0-0

MOTION: It was moved by Kevin Freestone and seconded by Nathan Lindberg that the Board of School Directors approves the changes in the following Section 9000 Instruction policies on first reading as attached:

9170 – AIDS/HIV Education

9175 – Family Life/Sex Education

9325 – Homebound Education
9330 – Private Tutoring
9335 – Home Education Programs
9345 – Participation of Home-Education Students in Athletic and
Co-Curricular Activities
9355 – Students Study Abroad
9510 – Independent Study
9525 – Exemption from Instruction
9540 – Excusing Students from State Assessment
9615 – Challenge Procedure from Adopted Material
9635 – Field Trips
9640 – Cancellation of Activities When School is Closed
9710 – Grading of Student Progress
9730 – Graduation Requirements – 2001 and Beyond
9750 – Promotion and Retention
9830 – Use and Dissemination of Test Results
9905 – Copyright
9940 – Parents’ Curriculum Access Policy

The result of the vote was: Passed Unanimously

- 4.04 Policy Number 9745 - titled, Class Rank and Honors Class of 2008 and Beyond - Curriculum, Instruction & Technology Committee - Mr. Nathan Lindberg

MOTION: It was moved by Kevin Freestone and seconded by Nathan Lindberg that the Board of School Directors approves the revised Policy Number 9745 - titled, Class Rank and Honors Class of 2008 and Beyond on second reading.

Policy 9745 – Class Rank & Honors Class of 2008 and Beyond on Second Reading Approved 8-0-0

The result of the vote was: Passed Unanimously

- 4.05 Policy Number 1305 - titled, Shared Values - Curriculum, Instruction & Technology Committee - Mr. Nathan Lindberg

MOTION: It was moved by Kevin Freestone and seconded by Nathan Lindberg that the Board of School Directors approves Policy Number 1305 - titled, Shared Values on first and second reading.

Policy 1305 – Shared Values Approved 8-0-0

The result of the vote was: Passed Unanimously

- 4.06 Beacon Light Contract - Curriculum, Instruction & Technology Committee - Mr. Nathan Lindberg

Removed for separate action.

- 4.07 Music Books - Curriculum, Instruction & Technology Committee - Mr. Nathan Lindberg

MOTION: It was moved by Kevin Freestone and seconded by Nathan Lindberg that the Board of School Directors approves the purchase of music books for grades 5 and 6 from Silver Burdett.

Purchase of Music Books Approved 8-0-0

The result of the vote was: Passed Unanimously

- 4.08 Enhancing Education Through Technology (EETT) - Curriculum,
Instruction & Technology Committee - Mr. Nathan Lindberg

Removed for separate action.

- 4.09 Settlement - Allegheny Land Company - Finance Committee - Mr. Kevin
Freestone

Settlement –
Allegheny Land
Company
Approved
8-0-0

MOTION: It was moved by Kevin Freestone and seconded by Nathan
Lindberg that the Board of School Directors approves the settlement
of claim with the Allegheny Land Company.

The result of the vote was: Passed Unanimously

- 4.10 Summer 2007 Construction Projects - Physical Plant & Facilities Committee
- Mr. Thomas Knapp

Work Orders for
Summer Projects
Approved
8-0-0

MOTION: It was moved by Kevin Freestone and seconded by Nathan
Lindberg that the Board of School Directors approves the following
projects (see Attachment A: #3, #5, #6, #9, and #10) for construction
during the summer of 2007 and the following work orders and
agreements:

- A) A work order to H.F. Lenz for design, specification writing,
and project administration for the project known as Electrical
Upgrade at Warren Area High school (new transformer and
High Voltage line replacement) in an amount not to exceed
the DGS fee schedule.
- B) A work order to H.F. Lenz for design, specification writing,
and project administration for the project known as Fire
Alarm Upgrade at the Warren Area Vocational Technical
School and the Sheffield Area Middle/High School in an
amount not to exceed the DGS fee schedule.
- C) An agreement with the Sheffield Township supervisors for
the procurement of bleachers at the Sheffield Area
Middle/High School.

The result of the vote was: Passed Unanimously

- 4.11 Bid Results for North Warren Elementary School - Physical Plant &
Facilities Committee - Mr. Thomas Knapp

Removed for separate action.

- 4.12 Policy Number 5201- titled, Building Security/Keys - Physical Plant &
Facilities Committee - Mr. Thomas Knapp

Policy 5201 –
Building
Security/Keys
First Reading
Approved
8-0-0

MOTION: It was moved by Kevin Freestone and seconded by Nathan
Lindberg that the Board of School Directors approves the revised
Policy 5201, titled Building Security / Keys, on first reading.

The result of the vote was: Passed Unanimously

4.13 Personnel Report: Certificated staff - Personnel/ Athletics & Co-Curricular Activities Committee - Mr. John Schwanke

MOTION: It was moved by Kevin Freestone and seconded by Nathan Lindberg that the Board of School Directors approves the Certificated Personnel Report.

The result of the vote was: Passed Unanimously

Personnel
Report:
Certificated Staff
Approved
8-0-0

4.14 Personnel Report: Support Staff - Personnel/ Athletics & Co-Curricular Activities Committee - Mr. John Schwanke

MOTION: It was moved by Kevin Freestone and seconded by Nathan Lindberg that the Board of School Directors approves the Support Personnel Report as presented.

The result of the vote was: Passed Unanimously

Personnel
Report: Support
Personnel
Approved
8-0-0

4.15 Athletic Supplemental Contracts - Personnel/ Athletics & Co-Curricular Activities Committee - Mr. John Schwanke

MOTION: It was moved by Kevin Freestone and seconded by Nathan Lindberg that the Board of School Directors approves the Athletic Supplemental Contracts as presented.

The result of the vote was: Passed Unanimously

Athletic
Supplemental
Contracts
Approved
8-0-0

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

MOTION: It was moved by Kevin Freestone and seconded by Nathan Lindberg that the Board of School Directors approves the Co-Curricular Supplemental Contracts as presented.

The result of the vote was: Passed Unanimously

Co-Curricular
Supplemental
Contracts
Approved
8-0-0

4.17 Volunteer Report - Personnel/ Athletics & Co-Curricular Activities Committee - Mr. John Schwanke

MOTION: It was moved by Kevin Freestone and seconded by Nathan Lindberg that the Board of School Directors approves the Volunteer Report.

The result of the vote was: Passed Unanimously

Volunteer Report
Approved
8-0-0

5. Items Removed for Separate Action

4.06 Beacon Light Contract - Curriculum, Instruction & Technology Committee - Mr. Nathan Lindberg

MOTION: It was moved by Jack Martin and seconded by Roger Dunham that the Board of School Directors approves the Beacon Light Behavioral Health Systems Warren County School District Letter of Agreement regarding the District's Student Assistance Program, with modifications.

Roll Call Vote:

Voting Yes: Mr. Lindberg, Mr. Lockett, Dr. Martin, Mrs. Nuttall,

Beacon Light
Contract
Approved
8-0-0

Mr. Wortman, Mr. Dunham, Mr. Freestone, Mr. Knapp

The result of the vote was: Passed Unanimously

4.08 Enhancing Education Through Technology (EETT) - Curriculum,
Instruction & Technology Committee - Mr. Nathan Lindberg

Enhancing
Education
Through
Technology
Approved
8-0-0

MOTION: It was moved by Jack Martin and seconded by Kevin Freestone that the Board of School Directors directs the administration to submit an Enhancing Education Through Technology grant proposal in the amount of \$62,925 to provide professional development to district teachers of grades 7 and 8 in pursuit of ISTE Technology Standards.

Roll Call Vote:

Voting Yes: Mr. Lockett, Dr. Martin, Mrs. Nuttall, Mr. Wortman,
Mr. Dunham, Mr. Freestone, Mr. Knapp, Mr. Lindberg

The result of the vote was: Passed Unanimously

4.11 Bid Results for North Warren Elementary School - Physical Plant &
Facilities Committee - Mr. Thomas Knapp

MOTION: It was moved by Thomas Knapp and seconded by Roger Dunham that the Board of School Directors rejects the bid from Douglas F. Megill, M.D. to purchase the property known as North Warren Elementary School, for the sum of \$5,100.

Thomas Knapp withdrew his motion for the rejection of the bid. Roger Dunham agreed.

MOTION: It was moved by Jack Martin and seconded by Nathan Lindberg to accept the bid made by the Megills on North Warren Elementary School.

Roll Call Vote:

Voting Yes: Dr. Martin, Mrs. Nuttall, Mr. Wortman, Mr. Dunham,
Mr. Knapp, Mr. Lindberg, Mr. Lockett

Voting No: Mr. Freestone

The result of the vote was: Passed

Dr. Martin asked for reconsideration on agenda item 4.02 – Technology
Education Curriculum

Technology
Education
Curriculum
Approved
8-0-0

MOTION: It was moved by Jack Martin and seconded by Kevin Freestone that the Board of School Directors approves the following Technology Education Planned Instruction as listed subject to development of a detailed implementation and financial plan.

Roll Call Vote:

Voting Yes: Mrs. Nuttall, Mr. Wortman, Mr. Dunham, Mr. Freestone, Mr. Knapp, Mr. Lindberg, Mr. Lockett, Dr. Martin

The result of the vote was: Passed Unanimously

6. Future Business for Committee Review

No items were presented.

7. Other

Dr. Towsey reminded the Board that there would be a goal setting study session on Tuesday, December 12, 2006, at 5:30 p.m., at the Warren Area Elementary Center.

Dr. Towsey recognized Dr. John Sechriest, this being his last meeting, as an expert in curriculum and strategic planning in northwest Pennsylvania. He was thanked for his many years of service to the District and received a standing ovation.

8. Closing Activities

8.01 Public Comment

Dennis Bonace	Warren, PA	Asked for clarification on what the Act 1 Tax Study Commission needs to do to submit their recommendation.
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8.02 Executive Session

There was no executive session.

8.03 Adjournment

It was moved by Kevin Freestone and seconded by Roger Dunham to adjourn the meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 9:10 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Ruth A. Huck, Board Secretary

Jacqueline L. Nuttall, Board President