

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

MONDAY, APRIL 9, 2007

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 7:30 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.

1.03 Roll Call

Roll Call

Board Members Present:

Mrs. Judy Baker	Dr. Jack Martin
Mr. Roger Dunham	Mrs. Jacki Nuttall
Mr. Thomas Knapp	Mr. John Schwanke
Mr. Nathan Lindberg	Mr. David Wortman
Mr. Jeff Lockett	

Others Present:

Dr. Robert Towsey, Interim Superintendent; Dr. J. Hugh Dwyer, Assistant Superintendent; 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; Mrs. Ruth Huck, Board Secretary; Mr. Dean Wells, Times Observer; Mr. Eugene Casasanta, Hearing Officer; Mr. Matt Jones, Coordinator of Grants and Foundation Development; Mr. Frank Galeazzo, Technology Coordinator; Mrs. Ruth Nelson, Principal; Mr. Mark Nelson, Supervisor of Special Education; Mrs. Debra Young, Principal; Ms. Ann Buerkle, Principal; Dr. Karen Pascale, Assistant Principal; Ms. Sandy Wilks, Lead Special Education Supervisor; Claudia Solinko, WCEA President; Mark Rondinelli, Transportation Manager/Purchasing; and approximately 40 unidentified members of the audience.

Mrs. Nuttall announced that the Board of School Directors held an executive session at 6:00 p.m. to discuss personnel issues.

1.04 Reading of the Mission Statement - Mr. Jeff Lockett

Mr. Lockett 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

- 1.) Mr. Kelly Martin and Mr. Tom Santo shared the history of how a group of Eisenhower students were chosen to sing the National Anthem before the state basketball tournament in State College. Mrs. Bush, choir director, introduced the students that participated - Matt Landin, April Ditonto, John Tack, Stephanie Mills, Phil Landin. They also performed at the Board meeting.

1.06 Agenda Adoption

Agenda
Adoption
Approved
9-0-0

MOTION: It was moved by Jeff Lockett and seconded by Thomas Knapp that the Board of School Directors adopts the agenda dated April 9, 2007.

Roll Call Vote:

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

The result of the vote was: Passed unanimously.

1.07 Public Comment

Susan Kibbey

Pittsfield, PA

Full-Day Kindergarten – Appreciates that the Board sees the importance of and will be implementing full-day kindergarten. Her only regret is that she may not get the opportunity to teach those classes.

1.08 Approval of the Minutes March 12, 2007

March 12,
2007
Minutes
Approved
9-0-0

MOTION: It was moved by Thomas Knapp and seconded by Roger Dunham that the Board of School Directors approves the regular meeting minutes of March 12, 2007.

The result of the vote was: Passed unanimously.

1.09 Approval of Financial Reports

Financial
Reports
Approved
9-0-0

MOTION: It was moved by Roger Dunham 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. Wortman, Mrs. Baker, Mr. Dunham, Mr. Knapp, Mr.

Lindberg, Mr. Lockett, Dr. Martin, Mrs. Nuttall, Mr. Schwanke

The result of the vote was: Passed unanimously.

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 April 9, 2007, (Cases: VV-III).

Hearing
Officer's
Report
Approved
9-0-0

The result of the vote was: Passed unanimously.

2. President's Statement

2.01 Reports and Information

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

No report.

2. PSBA - Mr. Thomas Knapp

No report.

3. Career Center Advisory - Mr. Jeff Lockett

Members of the Career Center Advisory Committee met with Ingraham Associates for the needs assessment and that work is on going.

2.02 Important Dates

	Date	Time	Committee	Location
1.	April 16, 2007	6:00 p.m.	Special Board Meeting	Warren County Career Center
2.	April 30, 2007	6:00 p.m.	Curriculum, Instruction & Technology Committee	Eisenhower Middle/High School
3.	April 30, 2007	Following CIT Meeting	Physical Plant & Facilities Committee	Eisenhower Middle/High School
4.	May 1, 2007	6:00 p.m.	Personnel/Athletics & Co-Curricular Activities Committee	Eisenhower Middle/High School
5.	May 1, 2007	Following Personnel Meeting	Finance Committee	Eisenhower Middle/High School
6.	May 14, 2007	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. J. Hugh Dwyer

Dr. Dwyer reported on the graduation status saying the students are on target in their senior year. He gave a special commendation to the students in their junior

year because 93.8 percent have finished the junior portion of their graduation project.

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. J. Hugh Dwyer/Mrs. Amy Stewart/Mrs. Rosemarie Green

No report was given.

8. Other

No report was given.

3.02 Informational Personnel

3.03 Full-Day Kindergarten Recommendation - Dr. Robert Towsey

Dr. Towsey presented the full-day kindergarten recommendation option and funding plan. This report is a continuum of a 150 plus page report prepared March 26, 2007, and presented at the Curriculum, Instruction and Technology Committee. There are eight options with five governing scenarios. The administration was asked to focus on one option with a recommended funding plan.

Kindergarten
Option and Grant
Funding
Approved
9-0-0

MOTION: It was moved by Jack Martin and seconded by Nathan Lindberg that the Board of School Directors directs the administration to put together a plan for implementing full-day kindergarten district-wide with the option of placing 5th grade at Beaty-Warren Middle School and allocating 50% of the Accountability Block Grant for funding the 2007-2008 school year.

Friendly Amendment: Jeff Lockett made a friendly amendment to modify the motion that \$615,634 of the Accountability Block Grant be used for funding full-day kindergarten. Jack Martin and Nathan Lindberg agreed.

Roll Call Vote:

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

The result of the vote was: Passed unanimously.

3.04 Other

4. New Business - Consent Agenda

4.01 Consent Agenda

MOTION: 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:

4.04 - Re-Bid Tools - Roger Dunham

4.10 - Contract Renewals - Aramark Custodial Management Agreement - Thomas Knapp

Roll Call Vote:

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

The result of the vote was: Passed unanimously.

Consent
Agenda
Approved
9-0-0

4.02 Policy Number 9135, titled - Curriculum Review Cycle Policy - Curriculum, Instruction & Technology Committee - Dr. Jack Martin

MOTION: It was moved by Jack Martin and seconded by John Schwanke that the board of School Directors approves the changes in Policy Number 9135, titled - Curriculum Review Cycle Policy on first reading.

The result of the vote was: Passed unanimously.

Policy # 9135
– Curriculum
Review Cycle
on First
Reading
Approved
9-0-0

4.03 IU5 Purchasing Consortium - Finance Committee - Mr. Roger Dunham

MOTION: It was moved by Jack Martin and seconded by John Schwanke that the Board of School Directors approves the Warren County School District joining the IU5 Purchasing Consortium as of March 27, 2007 to June 30, 2008. The Board will be notified in advance anytime the District is involved with the IU5 Purchasing Consortium.

The result of the vote was: Passed unanimously.

Joining IU 5
Purchasing
Consortium
Approved
9-0-0

4.04 Re-bid Tools - Finance Committee - Mr. Roger Dunham

Removed for separate action.

4.05 Tool Bid - Finance Committee - Mr. Roger Dunham

MOTION: It was moved by Jack Martin and seconded by John Schwanke that the Board of School Directors approves the Tool Bid as listed in the attached documentation.

The result of the vote was: Passed unanimously.

Tool Bid
Approved
9-0-0

4.06 Bid Date: Exterior Electrical Upgrades, WCS D Project #0704 - Physical Plant & Facilities Committee - Mr. Thomas Knapp

MOTION: It was moved by Jack Martin and seconded by John Schwanke that the Board of School Directors approves an electrical contract to Northwest Service Company, in the amount of \$178,260.00 (Base Bid No. 1), for the

Exterior
Electrical
Upgrades
Contract
Approved
9-0-0

project known as “Exterior Electrical Upgrades,” WCSD Project No. 0704.

The result of the vote was: Passed unanimously.

- 4.07 Contract Renewals - Halgren, Restifo, Loop & Coughlin Architects - Physical Plant & Facilities Committee - Mr. Thomas Knapp

Contract
Renewal
Open-Ended
Architectural
Agreement
Approved
9-0-0

MOTION: It was moved by Jack Martin and seconded by John Schwanke that the Board of School Directors approves an Open-Ended Architectural Agreement with Halgren, Restifo, Loop & Coughlin Architects for a period of three years.

The result of the vote was: Passed unanimously.

- 4.08 Contract Renewals - H.F. Lenz Company - Physical Plant & Facilities Committee - Mr. Thomas Knapp

Contract
Renewal
H.F. Lenz Co.
Approved
9-0-0

MOTION: It was moved by Jack Martin and seconded by John Schwanke that the Board of School Directors approves an Open-Ended Engineering Agreement for H.F. Lenz Company for a period of three years.

The result of the vote was: Passed unanimously.

- 4.09 Contract Renewals - WTW Architects - Physical Plant & Facilities Committee - Mr. Thomas Knapp

Contract
Renewal
WTW
Architects
Approved
9-0-0

MOTION: It was moved by Jack Martin and seconded by John Schwanke that the Board of School Directors approves an Open-Ended Architectural Agreement with WTW Architects for a period of three years.

The result of the vote was: Passed unanimously.

- 4.10 Contract Renewals - Aramark Custodial Management Agreement - Physical Plant & Facilities Committee - Mr. Thomas Knapp

Removed for separate action.

- 4.11 Contract Renewal - Studio Z Architects - Physical Plant & Facilities Committee - Mr. Thomas Knapp

Agreement
with Studio Z
Approved
9-0-0

MOTION: It was moved by Jack Martin and seconded by John Schwanke that the Board of School Directors approves an Open-Ended Architectural Agreement with Studio Z Architects for a period of three years.

The result of the vote was: Passed unanimously.

- 4.12 Contract Renewal - Aramark Food Service Management Company - Physical Plant & Facilities Committee - Mr. Thomas Knapp

Contract
Renewal
Aramark
Food Service
Contract
Approved
9-0-0

MOTION: It was moved by Jack Martin and seconded by John Schwanke that the Board of School Directors approves ARAMARK as the Food Service Management Company for the 2007-08 school year, in accordance with the provisions enumerated in the Request for Proposal, the Proposal, and the Addendum, executed on November 11, 2006.

The result of the vote was: Passed unanimously.

- 4.13 Contract Renewal - Tower Engineering - Physical Plant & Facilities Committee - Mr. Thomas Knapp

MOTION: It was moved by Jack Martin and seconded by John Schwanke that the Board of School Directors approves an Open-Ended Engineering Agreement with Tower Engineering for a period of three years.

The result of the vote was: Passed unanimously.

Contract
Renewal
Tower
Engineering
Approved
9-0-0

- 4.14 Contract Renewal - Chambers Design Associates - Physical Plant & Facilities Committee - Mr. Thomas Knapp

MOTION: It was moved by Jack Martin and seconded by John Schwanke that the Board of School Directors approves an Open-Ended Architectural Agreement with Chambers Design Associates for a period of three years.

The result of the vote was: Passed unanimously.

Contract
Renewal
Chambers
Design
Associates
Approved
9-0-0

- 4.15 Personnel Report: Certificated staff - Personnel/Athletics & Co-Curricular Activities Committee - Mr. Nathan Lindberg

MOTION: 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: Passed unanimously.

Personnel
Report
Certificated
Staff
Approved
9-0-0

- 4.16 Personnel Report: Support Staff - Personnel/Athletics & Co-Curricular Activities Committee - Mr. Nathan Lindberg

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

The result of the vote was: Passed unanimously.

Personnel
Report:Support
Staff
Approved
9-0-0

- 4.17 Athletic Supplemental Contracts - Personnel/Athletics & Co-Curricular Activities Committee - Mr. Nathan Lindberg

MOTION: It was moved by Jack Martin and seconded by John Schwanke 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
9-0-0

- 4.18 Co-Curricular Supplemental Contracts - Personnel Committee - Mr. Nathan Lindberg

MOTION: It was moved by Jack Martin and seconded by John Schwanke 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
9-0-0

- 4.19 Additional Certified Athletic Trainer - Personnel/Athletics & Co-Curricular Activities Committee - Mr. Nathan Lindberg

MOTION: It was moved by Jack Martin and seconded by John Schwanke that the Board of School Directors approves additional Certified Athletic Trainer

Additional
Certificated
Athletic
Trainer
Approved
9-0-0

services with an approximate cost of \$25,000.

The result of the vote was: Passed unanimously.

Lease
Agreement
Twp. of
Sheffield
Approved
9-0-0

4.20 License Agreement - Personnel/Athletics & Co-Curricular Activities Committee - Mr. Nathan Lindberg

MOTION: It was moved by Jack Martin and seconded by John Schwanke that the Board of School Directors approves the License Agreement with the Township of Sheffield.

The result of the vote was: Passed Unanimously

5. Items Removed for Separate Action

4.04 Re-bid Tools - Finance Committee - Mr. Roger Dunham

Re-Bid Tools
Approved
9-0-0

MOTION: It was moved by Roger Dunham and seconded by Jeff Lockett that the Board of School Directors rejects the initial tool bid, directs the administration to re-bid the tools and submit bids for approval at tonight's board meeting.

Roll Call Vote:

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

The result of the vote was: Passed unanimously.

4.10 Contract Renewals - Aramark Custodial Management Agreement - Physical Plant & Facilities Committee - Mr. Thomas Knapp

Contract
Renewal –
Aramark
Custodial
Agreement
Fails
3-6-0

MOTION: It was moved by Thomas Knapp and seconded by John Schwanke that the Board of School Directors renews the Custodial Management Agreement, dated May 28, 2004, with ARAMARK per section 11.2 of said agreement for a period of one year. The fee for this service will remain at the 2004 bid price and including a modification agreement, dated July 23, 2005 (that added one service person to the ARAMARK staff). This renewal of one year does not include any increase in the labor rate or cost of materials supplied by ARAMARK.

Roll Call Vote:

Voting Yes: Dr. Martin, Mr. Schwanke, Mr. Wortman

Voting No: Mr. Lockett, Mrs. Nuttall, Mrs. Baker, Mr. Dunham, Mr. Knapp, Mr. Lindberg

The result of the vote was: Fails

6. Future Business for Committee Review

No items were brought forward.

7. Other

No items were brought forward.

8. Closing Activities

8.01 Public Comment

Sue Kibbey	Pittsfield, PA	Thanked the Board for implementing full-day kindergarten
David Bauer	Sugar Grove, PA	He wants to make sure there is adequate time for students to play during full-day kindergarten. This is going to cost a lot of money and it will be a big expense to the taxpayers.

8.02 Executive Session

There was no executive session.

8.03 Adjournment

Dr. Martin made a motion seconded by Mr. Schwanke that the meeting be adjourned at 9:45 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Ruth A. Huck, Board Secretary

Jacqueline L. Nuttall, Board President