

**WARREN COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT**

**BOARD OF SCHOOL DIRECTORS**

**SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES**

**WEDNESDAY, APRIL 25, 2007**

1. Opening Activities

1.01 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 6:30 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:

Mr. Roger Dunham  
Mr. Thomas Knapp  
Mr. Nathan Lindberg  
Mr. Jeff Lockett

Mrs. Jacki Nuttall  
Mr. John Schwanke  
Mr. David Wortman

Board Members Absent:

Mrs. Judy Baker

Dr. Jack Martin

Others Present:

Dr. Robert Towsey, Interim Superintendent; Dr. J. Hugh Dwyer, Assistant Superintendent; Dr. Norbert Kennerknecht, Director of Buildings and Grounds; Mrs. Rosemarie Green, Director of State & Federal Programs; Mr. Petter Turnquist, Business Administrator; Mrs. Ruth Huck, Board Secretary; Mr. Brian Ferry, Times Observer; Mr. Frank Galeazzo, Technology Coordinator; Mr. Matt Jones, Coordinator of Grants & Foundation Development; Mr. Mark Rondinelli, Transportation Manager; Mrs. Ruth Nelson, Principal; Mrs. Rhonda Decker, Principal; Mrs. Delores Berry, Principal; Ms. Ann Buerkle, Principal; Mr. Gary Weber, Principal; Ms. Sandy Wilks, Lead Special Education Supervisor and approximately 40 unidentified members of the audience.

1.04 Reading of the Mission Statement – 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 Public Comment

David Gee	403 S. State Street North Warren, PA	He thanked the members for serving on the school board.  Spoke regarding full-day kindergarten and the move of the 5 <sup>th</sup> grade to Beaty-Warren Middle School. Stated that he was not in favor of the 5 <sup>th</sup> grade to BWM, but was in favor of the full-day kindergarten.
Patti Seth	53 Meadow Lane Warren PA	She is not against full-day kindergarten, but does not favor 5 <sup>th</sup> grade to BWMS. Why rush to a decision. She asked that all stakeholders, principals, teachers, parents, etc. be heard as to these changes. A well thought out decision needs to be made. Explore all the options.
Lynn Waterfield	6 Briggs Drive Warren, PA	Sent a letter to all board members. She is not in favor of 5 <sup>th</sup> grade going to BWMS. There would be a negative effect on education. Consider using rental units or churches to house full-day kindergarten or wait an additional year until all the plans are in place.
Jeanie McHale	687 E. Fifth Ave. Warren, PA	All-day kindergarten is a positive move. Modular units would be the most viable options for housing kindergarten. She does not want to send 5 <sup>th</sup> graders to BWMS. This decision should disrupt as few students as possible even if it means waiting a year to implement the program.
Mike Miller	1127 E. Fifth Ave. Warren, PA	Did not speak.
Theresa Farrell	238 Buchanan St. Warren, PA	All-day kindergarten is a great idea. This should not be done at the expense of the children. Students need time to be children. Students will lose out if they are moved to BWMS. Please consider all the options before making a decision.
Susan Kibbey	Pittsfield, PA	As a kindergarten teacher, she asked the Board to move forward with implementation in the 2007-2008 school year.

## 2. New Business

### 2.01 Full-Day Kindergarten - Dr. Robert Towsey

Dr. Towsey presented the Kindergarten report – “Does the Board want the administration to include full-day kindergarten?” Option IX was to be discussed at a special board meeting on April 16 and that meeting was cancelled due to the weather. Option X presents the options of house kindergarten at either the First Church of the Nazarene or Grace United Methodist Church. Option XI would house five classes of full-day kindergarten at South Street Early Learning Center and five classes in three modular units containing two options each.

**Motion:** Jeff Lockett made a motion seconded by Nathan Lindberg that Warren County School District implements district-wide full-day kindergarten in the 2007-2008 school year and directs the administration to apply for the appropriate supplement on the Accountability Block Grant.

**Friendly Amendment:** David Wortman made a friendly amendment that the implementation consideration excludes the options of sending students back to Beaty-Warren Middle School or opening Pleasant Township Elementary. Jeff Lockett and Nathan Lindberg agreed to the friendly amendment.

Implementation  
of  
Full-Day  
Kindergarten  
2007-2008  
Approved  
5-1-1

Roll Call Vote:

Voting Yes: Roger Dunham, Nathan Lindberg, Jeff Lockett, Jacki Nuttall,  
David Wortman

Voting No: John Schwanke

Abstention: Thomas Knapp

### 2.02 Facilities Master Plan - Mr. Paul Zippel

Paul Zippel presented options and asked for input on developing the Master Facilities Plan.

### 2.03 Other

## 3. Closing Activities

### 3.01 Adjournment

Mr. Wortman made a motion seconded by Mr. Lockett that the meeting adjourn. The meeting adjourned at 9:50 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

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Ruth A. Huck, Board Secretary

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Jacqueline L. Nuttall, Board President