

WARREN COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF SCHOOL DIRECTORS
MEETING MINUTES

MONDAY, JANUARY 7, 2008

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 Dr. Martin, President, at 6:00 p.m. in the Board Room of the Warren County Career Center, 347 East Fifth Avenue, Warren, Pennsylvania.

1.02 Pledge of Allegiance

Dr. Martin led the Pledge of Allegiance to the American flag.

1.03 Roll Call

Roll Call

Present:

Mrs. Kimberly Angove
Mr. Thomas Knapp
Mr. Jeff Lockett
Dr. Jack Martin

Mr. Arthur Stewart
Mrs. Kirsten Turfitt
Mrs. Donna Zariczny

Absent:

David Wortman

Others Present:

Mrs. Sylvia Root, Acting Superintendent; Dr. J. Hugh Dwyer, Assistant Superintendent; Mrs. Amy Stewart, Director of Technology / Information Management; Dr. Karen Pascale, Director of Human Resources; Mrs. Rosemarie Green, Director of State & Federal Programs; Dr. Norbert Kennerknecht, Director of Buildings & Grounds; Mrs. Diane Martin, Director of Special Education; Mr. Petter Turnquist, Business Administrator; Mr. Chris Byham, Solicitor; Mrs. Ruth Huck, Board Secretary; Mr. Chuck Hayes, Times Observer; Mr. Frank Galeazzo, Technology Coordinator; and approximately 10 unidentified members of the audience.

1.04 Reading of the Mission Statement - Mr. Thomas Knapp

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

There was no public comment.

2. New Business

2.01 Appointment of Superintendent of Schools

Appointment
of
Superintendent
Approved
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MOTION: It was moved by Jeff Lockett and seconded by Thomas Knapp that the Board of School Directors appoints Dr. Robert E. Terrill as Superintendent of the Warren County School District effective February 4, 2008, and that he be hired pursuant to the terms of the contract dated January 7, 2008.

Roll Call Vote:

Voting Yes: Mrs. Angove, Mr. Knapp, Mr. Lockett, Dr. Martin, Mr. Stewart, Mrs. Turfitt, Mrs. Zariczny

The result of the vote: Passed unanimously

2.02 Region II Candidate Interviews

The Board of School Directors interviewed Dr. Sathya Lingaraju-Durkac and Mr. Roger Dunham to fill the vacant seat in Region II.

The candidates were asked to introduce themselves.

Dr. Durkac is a retired pediatrician and resides in Eldred Township. She is continuing to learn and would like to give back to the community.

Mr. Dunham is a resident of Sheffield. He served as a board member for the past two years. He is employed by the Department of Transportation, married, has three children, two attended school this year and the third will attend next year.

The first candidate to respond to the questions had four minutes to answer and the second candidate was given two minutes to respond to the same question. The candidates alternated answering first and second. Dr. Martin announced that action will take place at the January 14, 2008, Board meeting to determine who will fill the vacated seat. The following questions were asked:

1. Describe briefly what you believe the role of the board of directors and individual board members should be. Describe a hypothetical action/duty an individual board member would perform.
2. What would you propose the district do to make learning opportunities equitable throughout the district?
3. Why did you decide to submit an application to fill this vacancy rather than run for the seat in the 2007 elections and how many Board or Committee meetings have you attended?
4. What aspects of your background will assist you with overseeing our \$65 million dollar budget, our administration of over a dozen buildings, and our employment of several hundred professional and support personnel?
5. Do you feel co-curricular activities are important, and what role should they play in a student's education?

6. If you are appointed as a Region II Board Member, will you run for office in two years when your appointment expires? Please explain why or why not.
7. If you had the preference on which committee or committees you would like to be on why and what would you like to accomplish?
8. Please tell the Board about your background and share with us what would have applicability to serving on the Board.

The candidates were given the opportunity to ask the Board questions regarding the vacancy or service on the Board.

Mr. Dunham expressed his disappointment in how things turned out in regards to the vacancy. He was not expecting this, if chosen he will be committed and give of his time and his family will sacrifice again.

Dr. Durkac declined to ask any questions.

Dr. Martin asked the candidates to make a closing statement and tell the Board why they should be selected.

Mr. Dunham: "Experience and commitment; I have proven that I can make rational decisions; I think things through; I listen more than I speak and this is very important. I would appreciate your vote, but I will not go home crying if I don't get it. I think you have an excellent candidate here and won't feel bad if it is not me."

Dr. Durkac: "I feel the same as Mr. Dunham and first of all I should thank you for giving me an opportunity to present my background. Everyone is very qualified, and I will do my best if selected. I will work on behalf of the children and their future."

3. Closing Activities

3.01 Adjournment

It was moved by Jeff Lockett and seconded by Thomas Knapp that the Board meeting be adjourned.

The meeting adjourned at 6:35 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Ruth A. Huck, Board Secretary

Jack L. Martin, Board President