

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

MONDAY, JULY 27, 2009

1.0 Opening Activities

1.1 Call to Order

The special meeting of the Warren County School District Board of School Directors was called to order by Mrs. Angove, President, at 6:05 p.m. in the Board Room of the Warren County Career Center, 347 East Fifth Avenue, Warren, Pennsylvania.

1.2 Pledge of Allegiance

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

1.3 Roll Call

Roll Call

Present:

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

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

Absent:

Mr. David Wortman

Others Present:

Dr. Robert Terrill, Superintendent; Mrs. Amanda Hetrick, Director of Secondary Education; Mrs. Amy Stewart, Director of Instructional Technology/Communications; Mrs. Rosemarie Green, Director of State & Federal Programs; Dr. Karen Pascale, Director of Human Resources; Dr. Norbert Kennerknecht, Director of Buildings & Grounds; Mr. Petter Turnquist, Business Administrator; Mr. Chris Byham, Solicitor; Mrs. Ruth Huck, Board Secretary; Mr. Colin Kyler and Ms. Lydia Cottrell, Times Observer; Mr. Brian Collopy, Technology Coordinator; Mrs. Ruth Nelson, Principal; Ms. Ann Buerkle, Principal; Mr. Gary Weber, Principal; Mr. Jeff Flickner, Coordinator of District-wide Athletics; Mrs. Jane Dunshie, Special Education Supervisor; Ms. Claudia Solinko, WCSEA President; and approximately 10 unidentified members of the audience.

1.4 Reading of the Mission Statement - Mr. Arthur Stewart

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.

1.5 Public Comment

There was no public comment.

Mrs. Angove announced an executive session would be held at 6:07 p.m.

The meeting reconvened at 7:50 p.m. Mrs. Angove announced that the following items were discussed in executive session: two lawsuits filed by district employees, employee salaries in accordance with the Act 93 agreement, employee salaries, bargaining unit negotiations, and a legal matter.

2.0 New Business

2.1 Approval of the List of Bills

List of Bills
Approved
8-0-0

MOTION: It was moved by Dr. Martin and seconded by Mrs. Oudinot that the Board of School Directors authorizes the release of funds in payment of the listing of bills; further, that a copy as presented be submitted for audit.

The result of the vote: Passed unanimously

2.2 PSBA Legislative Policy Council Voting Delegates

PSBA
Legislative
Delegates
Approved
8-0-0

MOTION: It was moved by Dr. Martin and seconded by Mrs. Oudinot that the Board of School Directors appoints Ruth Huck, Tom Knapp and Donna Zariczny to serve as voting delegates to the 2009 PSBA Legislative Policy Council meeting to be held Thursday, October 15, 2009, during the School Leadership Conference.

The result of the vote: Passed unanimously

2.3 Certificated Personnel Report

Certificated
Personnel
Report
Approved
8-0-0

MOTION: It was moved by Mr. Stewart and seconded by Mrs. Oudinot that the Board of School Directors approves the Certificated Personnel Report as presented.

Roll Call Vote:

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

The result of the vote: Passed unanimously

2.4 Administrative Assignments

Administrative
Assignments
Approved
8-0-0

MOTION: It was moved by Mr. Stewart and seconded by Dr. Martin that the Board of School Directors approves for employment Eric Leamon under the terms as presented and approves for administrative assignment Rhonda Decker under the terms as presented.

Roll Call Vote:

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

The result of the vote: Passed unanimously

2.5 Athletic Supplemental Contracts PACCA - Mrs. Turfitt

MOTION: It was moved by Mrs. Oudinot and seconded by Mr. Knapp that the Board of School Directors approves the Athletic Supplemental Contracts.

Athletic
Supplemental
Contracts
Approved
8-0-0

The result of the vote: Passed unanimously

2.6 Co-Curricular Supplemental Contracts PACCA - Mrs. Turfitt

MOTION: It was moved by Mrs. Oudinot and seconded by Mr. Knapp that the Board of School Directors approves the Co-Curricular Supplemental Contracts.

Co-Curricular
Supplemental
Contracts
Approved
8-0-0

Friendly Amendment: It was moved by Mr. Lockett and agreed to by Mrs. Oudinot and Mr. Knapp that the Board of School Directors approves the Co-Curricular Supplemental Contracts with the exception of the four Cyber School Liaisons.

Dr. Martin requested that the positions be reviewed. The current positions are not part of the current agreement. The district currently has a district-wide position to handle cyber school, and he wanted to know if the positions necessary. Dr. Martin would like justification and rationale for the positions and why the Board should approve them.

The result of the vote: Passed unanimously

Mrs. Angove temporarily turned the meeting over to the vice president, Mr. Lockett.

2.7 Request for Qualifications

MOTION: It was moved by Mrs. Angove and seconded by Mrs. Oudinot that the Board of School Directors directs the administration to advertise for Request of Qualifications and Credentials from firms and costs associated with providing an Ed Spec for Eisenhower Middle/High School. The information will arrive in time to be reviewed at the August board meeting.

Request for
Qualifications
6-2-0

Public Comment

There was no public comment.

The result of the vote: Passed with Mrs. Zariczny and Mr. Stewart voting no.

Mr. Lockett returned the meeting to Mrs. Angove.

2.8 Other

Mrs. Zariczny requested that Robert's Rules of Order be suspended in order to discuss a topic without a motion.

Robert's
Rules
Suspended
8-0-0

MOTION: It was moved by Mr. Lockett and seconded by Mrs. Oudinot that Robert's Rules of Order be suspended.

The result of the vote: Passed unanimously

Mrs. Zariczny pointed out to the Board members that PSBA will be offering a discount to Boards of Education that send five or more members to the Leadership Conference in October. She stated that it was a very positive experience for her and encouraged other Board members and administrators to attend.

Dr. Martin suggested that the two candidates that will be taking office in December be asked to attend. Expenses for them would not be paid by the district and the suggestion was dropped.

Mr. Stewart requested that Robert's Rules of Order remain suspended to discuss another topic. Mr. Stewart stated that he felt it was really odd that with almost no discussion a 6-2 vote just unfolded for something that came up on a special meeting agenda that is completely contrary to what the Board has been talking about. The Board went through the whole discussion about doing ed specs, and whether it is Eisenhower or any school, just as with the South Street ed specs this is not where the Board is at. We are at a completely different stage. The Board has just done a 180 degree turn on something we seem to have clearly understood for a year. Mr. Stewart reflected that there is some consensus that he was not a part of or discussion that he was not a part of. How deep does that go?

Mrs. Angove interjected that she had concerns and thought about it all weekend. She knew that in putting it out there, would be something coming out of left field. She was glad to have the update from Mrs. Zariczny on the future meetings but was frustrated that the meetings would not take place until September or October. Mrs. Angove stated that she was pleased that the meetings were getting back on schedule, but that did not change the direction she wanted to go, and it would not hurt to do something concurrently that is flexible and can go along with the DeJong Plan.

Mr. Stewart wanted to know if there is some deep interest or current out there among Board members that the Board should abandon the DeJong process. Several Board members spoke up and stated no, that was not their desire.

Mrs. Angove remarked that there are still many gaps in the information that the Board has, and Board still needs to see this process through, and needs to get the information from DeJong.

Mr. Stewart questioned how moving into an ed spec process now, which requires so many decisions from the Board, with so many unanswered questions, is beneficial? How can the District deliver education in a high school setting where the Board is clearly not in the mark that it expressly wanted to hit? And how does the Board do that in an ed spec process for just Eisenhower? He stated that he was baffled as to how he was going to participate in that.

Mrs. Angove responded that when the Board gets to that point, it will have that discussion, but the Board is not there yet.

MOTION: It was moved by Mr. Lockett and seconded by Mrs. Oudinot that the Board of School Directors reinstates Robert's Rules of Order.

The result of the vote: Passed unanimously

3.0 Closing Activities

3.1 Adjournment

MOTION: It was moved by Mr. Lockett and seconded by Mrs. Oudinot that the meeting be adjourned.

The meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Ruth A. Huck, Board Secretary

Kimberly J. Angove, Board President