

WARREN COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT

BOARD OF SCHOOL DIRECTORS

SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 4, 2009

1.0 Opening Activities

1.1 Call to Order

The regular meeting of the Warren County School District Board of School Directors was called to order by Mrs. Angove, President, at 12:00 p.m. in the Board Room of the Curwen Building, 185 Hospital Drive, Warren, Pennsylvania.

1.2 Pledge of Allegiance

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

1.3 Roll Call

Members Present

Mrs. Kimberly Angove
Mr. John Grant
Mr. Thomas Knapp
Mr. Jeff Lockett

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

Members Absent

Dr. Jack Martin

Others Present:

Dr. Robert Terrill, Superintendent; Mrs. Amanda Hetrick, Director of Secondary Education; Mrs. Rosemarie Green, Director of State & Federal Programs; Dr. Norbert Kennerknecht, Director of Buildings & Grounds Services; Mrs. Amy Stewart, Director of Instructional Technology/Communications; Dr. Karen Pascale, Director of Human Resources; Mr. Petter Turnquist, Business Administrator; Mr. Chris Byham, Solicitor; Mrs. Ruth Huck, Board Secretary; Mr. Brian Ferry, Times Observer; Mr. Marty Mahan, Aramark.

1.4 Reading of the Mission Statement - Mr. John Grant

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.

2.0 New Business

2.1 Warren County Educational Support Personnel Association Contract

WCESPA
Contract
Approved
7-1-0

MOTION: It was moved by Mr. Grant and seconded by Mrs. Turfitt that the Board of School Directors adopts the agreement reached by the Board's negotiating committee and the Warren County Educational Support Personnel Association, which amends the Negotiations Agreement between the parties and, as amended, will continue in effect through June 30, 2014.

Several board members expressed their thanks and appreciation to the administration and board members who served on the negotiating team.

Roll Call:

Voting Yes: Mrs. Zariczny, Mr. Grant, Mrs. Oudinot, Mr. Stewart, Mrs. Turfitt, Mr. Knapp, Mrs. Angove

Voting No: Mr. Lockett

The result of the vote: Passed

2.2 Other

Mrs. Turfitt stated that there is a lot of misconception in the community regarding the DeJong study and that the factual data needs to be put out there for the public. It did not seem to get out in the community dialogue.

MOTION: Mr. Lockett made a motion to suspend the rules with a second by Mr. Stewart. The Board agreed by common consent.

It was suggested that the information be presented in bulleted points and placed on the website.

Mrs. Oudinot stated there have been enough studies; the district does not need any more. There needs to be a public referendum and to let the public speak, or the Board needs to take a vote right away. There are things the district needs to do now with buildings to improve the facilities in need of repair.

Mr. Stewart stated that the Board has enough information, but that the steering committee may need the additional information on tax ramifications. To make the process complete the steering committee needs to have the information and then determine if the information changes their recommendation in any way. If not, the Board needs to act on accepting or rejecting their recommendation.

Mrs. Oudinot expressed that if the factual outline is shared with the public, then in the future it will be easier to sell a tax increase.

Mr. Grant agreed there needs to be a clear delineation of the tax implications of both issues regarding costs including transportation, repairs, etc.

3.0 Closing Activities

3.1 Adjournment

MOTION: It was moved by Kirsten Turfitt and seconded by Mr. Stewart
that the meeting be adjourned.

The meeting adjourned at 12:13 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Ruth A. Huck, Board Secretary

Kimberly J. Angove, Board President