

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

TUESDAY, JULY 12, 2011

1. 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. Zariczny, Vice President, at 12:03 p.m. in the Board Room of the Warren County Career Center, 347 East Fifth Avenue, Warren, Pennsylvania.

1.2 Pledge of Allegiance

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

1.3 Roll Call

Present:

Mrs. Kimberly Angove

Ms. Mary Anne Paris

Mr. John Grant

Mr. John Werner

Mr. Thomas Knapp

Dr. Paul Yourchisin

Mr. Jeff Lockett

Mrs. Donna Zariczny

Absent:

Mr. Arthur Stewart

Others Present:

Mrs. Amanda Hetrick, Director of Secondary Education; Dr. Norbert Kennerknecht, Director of Buildings & Grounds Services; Mrs. Amy Stewart, Director of Instructional Technology/Communications; Mrs. Diane Martin, Director of Special Education; Mr. James Grosch, Director of Business Services; Mr. Chris Byham, Solicitor; Mrs. Ruth Huck, Board Secretary; Mr. Brian Ferry, Times Observer; Mr. Michael Kiehl, Transportation/Purchasing Manager; Mr. Paul Leach, Technician; Mr. James Miller, Supervisor of District-wide Athletics & Co-Curricular Activities; Mr. Mark Nelson, Special Education Supervisor; and approximately 15 unidentified members of the audience.

1.4 Mission Statement - Mr. 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 Reading of the WCSD/PSBA Standards for Effective School Governance and Code of Conduct – Dr. Yourchisin

To promote student growth and achievement, an effective school board...1) advocates for a thorough and efficient system of public education; 2) models responsible governance and leadership; 3) governs through policy; 4) ensures that effective planning occurs; 5) monitors results; and, 6) communicates with and engages the community.

- 1.6 Public Comment

Nicole Peterson	Warren, PA	Mrs. Peterson quoted from the PIAA handbook regarding the presence of Athletic trainers, physician assistants, or nurse practitioners trained in sports medicine should be in attendance at sporting events. There is legislation pending that may require districts to have trainers present. She asked that if the money is in the budget that the Board reconsiders hiring trainers, otherwise, the district will be setting itself up for a lawsuit.
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2. New Business

- 2.1 Tax Anticipation Note

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MOTION: It was moved by Mr. Grant and seconded by Ms. Paris that the Board of School Directors approves the Tax Anticipation Note Resolution per the attached document.

Roll Call Vote:

Voting Yes: Mrs. Zariczny, Mrs. Angove, Mr. Grant, Mr. Knapp,
Mr. Lockett, Ms. Paris, Mr. Werner, Dr. Yourchisin

The result of the vote: passed unanimously.

- 2.2 Mrs. Angove asked that Robert's Rules be suspended to discuss the Athletic Trainers. By common consent the Board agreed.

Mrs. Angove asked for information as to whether or not the allocation for the athletic trainers was included in the athletic budget. If it is not in the athletic budget as approved but was in the Preliminary budget, then where is it and what is it going towards? She would like to know by the July 18 Board meeting so the Board knows how to move forward. The administration will provide the information for Monday evening.

Mr. Lockett requested that the report be emailed to the Board as soon as it was available.

The Board agreed to restore Robert's Rules by common consent.

2.3 Superintendent Search

MOTION: It was moved by Mrs. Angove and seconded by Mr. Lockett to open up the superintendent's search process to include advertising and accepting applications for individuals who meet the new requirements as set forth in Act 24 that states that districts may hire non-educators that have a graduate degree in business or finance from an accredited higher education institution. Said advertising will be placed only through free resources to include the WCCBI. This is contingent upon the review of Act 24 to confirm the timeframe for when this portion of the Act will take effect.

Opening Superintendent Search to Include Non-Educators Failed 3-5-0
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Public Comment

There was no public comment.

The result of the vote: failed with Mrs. Angove, Mr. Lockett, and Mrs. Zariczny voting yes.

2.4 Policy for Outstanding Lunch Accounts

MOTION: It was moved by Mrs. Angove and seconded Ms. Paris that the Board of School Directors directs the solicitor and administration to work together to bring forth a recommended policy for the July 18th regular board meeting that will enable administration to begin collecting outstanding lunch accounts.

Public Comment

Jora Lyon	Youngsville, PA	Mrs. Lyon stated that cafeteria workers are not allowed to tell the students to tell their parents that their funds are low for purchasing food. Unless a parent calls, they may not be aware of the standing of the account. The parents only find out every nine weeks when the report cards come out what the balance is.
Dennis Bonace	Warren, PA	Mr. Bonace asked the Board to consider that students have a debit card and that funds be present in the account for purchase of food items.

Mrs. Angove withdrew her motion and Ms. Paris agreed because a policy is scheduled to be presented at the July 18th board meeting.

3. Closing Activities

3.1 Adjournment

It was moved by Mr. Lockett and seconded by Mrs. Angove to adjourn the meeting.
The meeting adjourned at 12:50 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Ruth A. Huck, Board Secretary