

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

MONDAY, JULY 25, 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 Mr. Stewart, President, at 7:30 p.m. in the Board Room of the Warren County Career Center, 347 East Fifth Avenue, Warren, Pennsylvania.

1.2 Pledge of Allegiance

Mr. Stewart led the Pledge of Allegiance to the American flag.

1.3 Roll Call

Present:

Mrs. Kimberly Angove (via conference call)	Mr. Arthur Stewart
Mr. John Grant	Mr. John Werner
Mr. Thomas Knapp	Dr. Paul Yourchisin
Ms. Mary Anne Paris	Mrs. Donna Zariczny

Absent: Mr. Jeff Lockett

Others Present:

Dr. Robert Terrill, Superintendent; 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. Chris Byham, Solicitor; Mrs. Suzanne Turner, Assistant Board Secretary; Ms. Brian Ferry, Times Observer; Mr. Michael Kiehl, Transportation/Purchasing Manager; Mr. Brian Collopy, Technology Coordinator; Mr. James Miller, Supervisor of District-wide Athletics & Co-Curricular Activities; and approximately 15 unidentified members of the audience.

1.4 Reading of the Mission Statement - Ms. Paris

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 - Mrs. Angove

To promote student growth and achievement, an effective school Board . . .

Advocates for a thorough and efficient system of public education by maintaining legislative awareness and communicates with members of local, state, and federal legislative bodies.

1.6 Public Comment

Cris Beuger	Warren, PA	Ms. Beuger commented on what the qualifications should be for a person being hired as a superintendent. She stated the person should provide strong leadership, financial expertise, and experience with running a school district.
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2.0 New Business

2.1 Certificated Personnel Report

Tabled Until
After
Executive
Session

MOTION: It was moved by Mr. Knapp and seconded by Mr. Werner that the Board of School Directors approves the Certificated Personnel Report.

Mr. Knapp and Mr. Werner agreed to withdraw this motion until after executive session.

2.2 Support Personnel Report

Support
Personnel
Report
Approved
8-0-0

MOTION: It was moved by Mrs. Zariczny and seconded by Ms. Paris that the Board of School Directors approves the Support Personnel Report.

Roll Call Vote:

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

The result of the vote: passed unanimously.

2.3 Joint Purchasing Bid

Joint
Purchasing
Bid
Approved
8-0-0

MOTION: It was moved by Mrs. Zariczny and seconded by Mr. Knapp that the Warren County Board of School Directors approve the purchase of supplies and copy paper from the IU5 as presented for the 2011-2012 school year.

Roll Call Vote:

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

The result of the vote: passed unanimously.

2.4 PSBA 2011 Legislative Policy Council Voting Delegates

MOTION: That the Board of School Directors appoints _____ and _____ to serve as voting delegates to the 2011 PSBA Legislative Policy Council meeting to be held during the School Leadership Conference.

(No motion was brought forward.)

2.5 Restoration of Elementary Positions

MOTION: It was moved by Mrs. Zariczny and seconded by Mr. Werner that the Warren County School District Board of School Directors approves the creation of four elementary instructor positions.

Restoration of
Elementary
Positions
Approved
8-0-0

Roll Call Vote:

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

The result of the vote: passed unanimously.

2.6 Restoration of Special Education positions

MOTION: It was moved by Mrs. Zariczny and seconded by Mr. Knapp that the Warren County School District Board of School Directors approves the creation of three special education positions.

Restoration of
Special
Education
Positions
5-3-0

Roll Call Vote:

Voting Yes: Mr. Stewart, Mr. Werner, Dr. Yourchisin, Mrs. Zariczny, Mrs. Angove

Voting No: Ms. Paris, Mr. Grant, Mr. Knapp

The result of the vote: passed.

2.7 Restoration of Guidance Counseling Positions

MOTION: It was moved by Mrs. Zariczny and seconded by Mr. Werner that the Warren County School District Board of School Directors approves the creation of three guidance counselor positions.

Restoration of
Guidance
Counseling
Positions
Approved
8-0-0

Roll Call Vote:

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

The result of the vote: passed unanimously.

2.8 Restoration of German and French Positions

MOTION: It was moved by Mr. Knapp and seconded by Mrs. Zariczny that the Warren County School District Board of School Directors approves the creation of one French and one German position.

Restoration of
a German &
French
Position
Approved
8-0-0

Roll Call Vote:

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

The result of the vote: passed unanimously.

2.9 Informational Items

2.10 Moving 6th Grade to Eisenhower

MOTION: It was moved by Mr. Grant and seconded by Dr. Yourchisin that the Board of School Directors rejects CIT item 3.3 on consolidating 6th grade at Eisenhower Middle/High School.

Mr. Grant withdrew his motion and Dr. Yourchisin agreed.

MOTION: It was moved by Mr. Grant and seconded by Mrs. Zariczny that the Board of School Directors approves the reconfiguration of the Northern Attendance Area to include sixth grade students at Eisenhower Middle High School effective in the 2011-2012 school year.

Public Comment

Claudia Solinko	WCEA President	Ms. Solinko asked that the Board vote this motion down and consider it for the 2012-2013 school year. She is concerned that the Board has not had the input from the professional staff and the parents.
Mike Maxwell	Clarendon, PA	Mr. Maxwell stated that Sheffield Area Middle School has the same configuration 6-12 grade, how much thought was put into that decision?
Steve Younger	Sugar Grove, PA	Mr. Younger agrees that there are too many decisions being made without public input. He has a son who is in 5 th grade at Sugar Grove. He asked that the students be kept in mind as this decision is made.
David Bauer	Sugar Grove, PA	Mr. Bauer stated that when you do things in haste, you do not get good results. He said this affects peoples' lives and it should not be done last minute and most people do not even know this discussion is occurring tonight.
Dennis Bonace	Warren, PA	Mr. Bonace stated there is not enough time to properly do this.

Roll Call Vote:

Voting Yes: Mrs. Zariczny, Mr. Knapp, Ms. Paris, Mr. Stewart, Dr. Yourchisin

Voting No: Mrs. Angove, Mr. Grant, Mr. Werner

The result of the vote: passed.

Eisenhower
Reconfiguration
to Include Sixth
Grade
Approved
5-3-0

2.11 Co-Curricular Supplemental Contracts

MOTION: It was moved by Mrs. Zariczny and seconded by Mr. Grant that the Board of School Directors approves the Co-Curricular Supplemental Contracts including the Marching Band Director at Warren Area High School.

Co-Curricular
Supplemental
Contracts
Approved
8-0-0

Public Comment

There was no public comment.

Roll Call Vote:

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

The result of the vote: passed unanimously.

Mr. Stewart announced a break at 8:35 p.m. and an executive session would convene at 8:40 p.m. to receive legal advice from the solicitor.

The meeting reconvened at 9:07 p.m.

Mr. James Miller gave a report on athletic transportation stating that the district assumes no liability if parents and students drive participants to extra-curricular activities. He recommended that this be pursued further and that the district does permit students and parents to drive participants to extra-curricular activities. Some restrictions would need to be in place and parental forms will need to be developed.

A revised policy will be placed on the August 8, 2011, board agenda addressing these issues.

2.12 Certificated Personnel Report

MOTION: It was moved by Mrs. Zariczny and seconded by Mr. Knapp that the Board of School Directors approves the Certificated Personnel Report with the exception of the salary for Erik Leamon to be \$67,077.00, pro-rated for the 2011-2012 school year.

Certificated
Personnel
Report
Approved
7-1-0

Roll Call Vote:

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

Voting No: Mrs. Angove

The result of the vote: passed.

Mr. Miller addressed a question regarding students receiving outside funds in order to play sports from a booster group or any other outside group. Presently board action has the funds coming to the students. There are other options that could be instituted and the Board should look at payments going directly to the school district.

The solicitor will research this issue and report back to the Board.

3. Closing Activities

3.1 Adjournment

It was moved by Mr. Werner and seconded by Mr. Knapp that the meeting be adjourned. The meeting adjourned at 9:14 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Suzanne Turner, Assistant Board Secretary