

**WARREN COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT**  
**BOARD OF SCHOOL DIRECTORS**  
**SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES**  
**MONDAY, DECEMBER 19, 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 8:05 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:

Mr. Thomas Knapp  
Ms. Nancy McDanel  
Ms. Mary Anne Paris  
Mr. Arthur Stewart

Mr. Jack Werner  
Dr. Paul Yourchisin  
Mr. Michael Zamborik  
Mrs. Donna Zariczny

Absent:

Mr. John Grant

Others Present:

Mr. Brandon Hufnagel, Superintendent; Mrs. Amy Stewart, Director of Instructional Technology/Communications; Mrs. Amanda Hetrick, Director of Secondary Education; Dr. Norbert Kennerknecht, Director of Buildings & Grounds Services; Mrs. Diane Martin, Director of Special Education; Mr. Chris Byham, Solicitor; Mrs. Ruth Huck, Board Secretary; Mr. Eric Tichy and Brian Ferry, Times Observer; Mr. Michael Kiehl, Transportation/Purchasing Manager; Mr. James Miller, Supervisor of District-wide Athletics & Co-Curricular Activities; Mr. Paul Leach, Data Systems Specialist; and approximately 25 unidentified members of the audience.

1.4 Mission Statement - Ms. McDanel

*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 - Ms. Mary Anne Paris

*We, as members of our local board of education, representing all the residents of our school district believe that:*

*The future welfare of this community, commonwealth and nation depends upon the quality of education we provide in the public schools.*

*Accordingly,*

*Devoting time, thought and study to our duties and responsibilities as school board members is critical for rendering effective and credible service.*

1.6 Public Comment

Paul Boger	Warren, PA	Dr. Boger requested that the Board not set a date for a closing hearing for closing Eisenhower High School. He does not feel the Board can make a fair assessment until a charter school hearing is held and what the impact will be to the district.
Dennis Bonace	Warren, PA	Mr. Bonace wanted to confirm that the Board received an email he sent to them. He asked that it be acknowledged in the minutes. Mr. Bonace states in his email he has concerns regarding the Eisenhower Closing Hearing. There is no documentation in the application that indicates the Eisenhower students are receiving an inadequate education. He is also concerned it may increase expenses to the District. He does not understand how the Board can make a decision on closing a school without a Master Facilities Plan.

**2. New Business**

2.1 Scheduling a Hearing for School Closure

**MOTION:** It was moved by Mr. Knapp and seconded by Ms. Paris that the Board of School Directors authorizes and directs the Board Secretary and the Superintendent to legally advertise and conduct the following meetings at Eisenhower Middle/High School:

1. A hearing on the potential closure of the Eisenhower Middle/High School on January 9, 2012, at 6:00 p.m.;
2. A hearing on the charter school application for the proposed Eisenhower Charter School on January 25, 2012, at 6:00 p.m.; and

The Board further directs the Superintendent to collaboratively plan and develop the format for the Charter Application Hearing with a representative from the CSOI.

Roll Call Vote:

Voting Yes: Mr. Knapp, Ms. McDanel, Ms. Paris, Mr. Werner, Mr. Zamborik

Voting No: Mrs. Zariczny, Mr. Stewart, Dr. Yourchisin

The result of the vote: passed.

Date for School Closing Hearing Approved 5-3-0
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2.2 Memorandum of Agreement

**MOTION:** It was moved Ms. Paris and seconded by Ms. McDanel that the Board of School Directors approves revisions to the memorandum of agreement approved on December 5, 2011, to change the date of public hearing for the charter school to January 25, 2012, and to begin the calculation of the 45 to 75 day decision timeframe and all of the deadlines from the January 25, 2012, public hearing date. If the CSOI does not agree and execute the memorandum of agreement, the charter school hearing will be held on December 28, 2011.

**Public Comment:**

David Bauer	Sugar Grove, PA	Mr. Bauer pointed out that the CSOI group wanted the hearings in this order to prevent a potential problem of voting on the charter application, where if the Board votes yes it could be deemed a vote for school closure without having gone through the full consideration of a time as prescribed by statute. It also provides adequate time for the CSOI to plan for the location of the charter school.
Darlene Albaugh		She stated she has never heard administration say they want to close Eisenhower.

Roll Call Vote:

Voting Yes: Mr. Zamborik, Mr. Knapp, Ms. McDanel, Ms. Paris,  
Mr. Stewart, Mr. Werner, Dr. Yourchisin

Voting No: Mrs. Zariczny

Changes to Memorandum of Agreement Approved 7-1-0
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2.3 Other

3. Closing Activities

3.1 Adjournment

**MOTION:** It was moved by Mrs. Zariczny and seconded by Dr. Yourchisin that the meeting be adjourned.

The meeting adjourned at 8:58 p.m.

The result of the vote: passed.

Respectfully Submitted,

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Ruth A. Huck, Board Secretary