

WARREN COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF SCHOOL DIRECTORS
SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 25, 2012

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 5:40 p.m. in the auditorium of Eisenhower Middle/High School, 3700 Route 957, Russell, Pennsylvania.

1.2 Pledge of Allegiance

Mrs. Zariczny led the Pledge of Allegiance.

1.3 Roll Call

Roll Call

Present:

Mr. John Grant

Mr. Jack Werner

Mr. Thomas Knapp

Dr. Paul Yourchisin

Ms. Nancy McDanel

Mr. Michael Zamborik

Ms. Mary Anne Paris

Mrs. Donna Zariczny

Absent:

Mr. Arthur Stewart

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. James Grosch, Director of Business Services; Mr. Chris Byham, Solicitor; Mrs. Ruth Huck, Board Secretary; Mr. Josh Cotton and Mr. Eric Tichy, Times Observer; Mr. Michael Kiehl, Transportation/Purchasing Manager; Mr. Brian Collopy, Technology Coordinator; Mr. Matt Jones, Coordinator of Grants & Foundation Development; and approximately 60 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 - Ms. McDanel

To promote student growth and achievement, an effective school board models responsible governance and leadership by staying current with changing needs and requirements by reviewing educational literature, attending professional development opportunities prior to board service and continuously during board

service; and preparing to make informed decisions and interacting with school officials in other districts and using resources provided by organizations and agencies committed to effective governance and management of public schools.

1.6 Public Comment

Ann Farrell	Russell, PA	Mrs. Farrell read comments from Stacy Daugherty regarding Mr. Hufnagel's proposed long-range plan calling it a sprinkling of "fairy dust;" a plan that is too little too late and not fiscally responsible.
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2. New Business

2.1 Preliminary Budget Adoption

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Budget Adoption
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MOTION: It was moved by Mr. Knapp and seconded by Ms. Paris that the Board of School Directors approves the preliminary budget as presented; authorizes the administration to submit the preliminary budget and proposed tax rate increases to PDE on or before January 30, 2012; and authorizes the administration to publish the required notice of intent to file for referendum exceptions on or before February 2, 2012. The administration is directed not to apply through PDE for any referendum exceptions until the administration receives further direction from the Board following the special meeting to be held on February 8, 2012.

The result of the vote: passed unanimously.

2.2 Negotiations Committee

MOTION: It was moved by Mr. Knapp and seconded by Ms. Paris that the Board of School Directors directs its Superintendent's Special Negotiations Committee and the Meet & Discuss Committee to begin the process of meeting with the labor groups to discuss salary freezes for the 2012-2013 budget year.

FRIENDLY AMENDMENT: Mr. Werner moved that the benefits packages be added to the discussion with the labor groups. Both Mr. Knapp and Ms. Paris agreed.

FRIENDLY AMENDMENT: Mr. Grant moved that the motion read "to begin the process of meeting with the labor groups to discuss adjustments to the labor contracts for the 2012-2013 budget year." Mr. Werner, Mr. Knapp and Ms. Paris agreed.

The result of the vote: passed unanimously.

Mrs. Zariczny stated that she would be appointing Mrs. Nancy McDanel to the Superintendent's Special Negotiations Committee.

Negotiation
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Ms. McDanel
was appointed to
the
Superintendent's
Special
Negotiations
Committee

2.3 Other

There were no other items.

3. Closing Activities

3.1 Adjournment

It was moved by Ms. Paris and seconded by Mr. Knapp that the meeting be adjourned. The meeting adjourned at 6:10 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Ruth A. Huck, Board Secretary