

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

**MONDAY, APRIL 23, 2012**

**1. Opening Activities**

- 1.1 Call to Order
- 1.2 Pledge of Allegiance
- 1.3 Roll Call

Present:

Mr. John Grant	Mr. Jack Werner
Mr. Thomas Knapp	Dr. Paul Yourchisin
Ms. Mary Anne Paris	Mr. Michael Zamborik
Mr. Arthur Stewart	Mrs. Donna Zariczny

Present Via Conference Call:

Ms. Nancy McDanel

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, 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 - Mr. Jack Werner

*The mission of the Warren County School District is to educationally empower all students to think critically and solve problems through a rigorous curriculum that will provide them with the skills necessary to graduate and pursue a career of their interest.*

- 1.5 Reading of the WCSD/PSBA Standards for Effective School Governance and Code of Conduct - Dr. Paul Yourchisin

**TO PROMOTE STUDENT GROWTH AND ACHIEVEMENT, AN EFFECTIVE SCHOOL BOARD...**

*Ensures that effective planning occurs by: Adopting a financial plan that considers short-term and long-term needs, and adopting a plan for curriculum review and development.*

1.6 Public Comment

Randy Daugharthy	Sugar Grove, PA	Mr. Daugharthy stated that the Eisenhower Charter School Trustees and CSOI request that the Warren County School District Board of School Directors place on the ballot the question of whether QZAB debt should be used to renovate Eisenhower, and if the voters approve the referendum, Eisenhower Charter School Trustees will suspend the charter process with the knowledge that curriculum and teaching positions in the District will not be compromised at the expense of building renovations.
Nicole Peterson	Warren, PA	Mrs. Peterson remarked concerning the QZAB resolution and the Master Facilities plan that at some time the public needs to be advised on how it helps education and what the impact will be. Mrs. Peterson also urged the District to survey the citizens of the Northern Attendance Area to see if they do want the K-12 facility.
Betsy Sobkowski	Warren, PA	Ms. Sobkowski stated the Board voted on the Charter based on the information given by the CSOI. She also requested that the Board move forward and approve the QZAB funding.

2. New Business

2.1 BWMS Geothermal Test Well - PPF - Mrs. Donna Zariczny

**MOTION:** It was moved by Mrs. Zariczny and seconded by Ms. Paris that the Board of Directors approves a professional services contract to Urban Engineers, Inc. in the amount of \$17,800.00 for geothermal testing services for the project know as the Beaty Warren Middle School Renovations, PDE Project #3639, (WCSD Project #1103).

BWMS Geothermal Test Well Approved 9-2-0
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The result of the vote: passed with Mr. Zamborik and Mr. Knapp voting no.

Mr. Stewart requested that Robert's Rules be suspended to receive information regarding QZAB and information from Mr. Greg McClanahan of PFM.

Mr. Stewart reported that he, Mrs. Zariczny, and Mr. Hufnagel met with Senator Scarnati in Harrisburg earlier today to discuss the PlanCon cuts that appear in the Governor's budget. Senator Scarnati will schedule a meeting between with the Governor and the Warren County School District Superintendent and Board President and Vice President for them to articulate the concerns of the District.

Mr. McClanahan showed a comparison between tax exempt bond funding and QZAB bond funding and the cost savings to the District utilizing QZAB funding.

Mr. Stewart reinstated Robert's Rules of Order.

## 2.2 QZAB Resolution for EMHS Project

QZAB Resolution  
for EMHS Project  
Approved  
7-2-0

**MOTION:** It was moved by Mrs. Zariczny and seconded by Ms. Paris that the Board of School Directors approves Resolution #12-03-05 titled: Resolution Indicating the Warren County School District's Intent to Accept the Reallocation of Qualified Zone Academy Bond Funds for the Project Known as the Eisenhower Middle/High School Renovation.

The result of the vote: passed with Ms. McDanel and Mr. Knapp voting no.

Mr. Stewart asked that Robert's Rules be suspended, and the Board agreed by common consent. He thanked Mr. McClanahan for coming and making his presentation.

President Stewart asked the Board members for their input on the next steps for structuring the May agenda regarding the following:

1. Introduce school closing hearings for the five elementary schools involved and that they would be consolidated into one hearing. It was suggested that the Struthers Library Theater be used to accommodate a larger audience. The hearing would take place in late May or early June.
2. The educational specifications will need to be completed in a timely manner in order for construction to begin in 2012. The administration would have to be authorized to begin with design documents before the closure hearing so that the construction process is ready to go as soon as possible.
3. Conditions need to be set for the closures of the schools such as the closures would be contingent upon the completion of construction to house the students as intended in the K-12 facilities in the Northern and Eastern attendance areas. In the Central Attendance Area it would be contingent upon enrollment figures and being able to accommodate the incoming students.
4. Administration will have to prepare a master schedule for how the five-year plan will unfold showing how the closures coincide with the construction and the transition of students into the new facilities.

## 2.3 Certificated Personnel Report

Certificated Report  
Approved  
9-0-0

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

The result of the vote: passed unanimously.

Mr. Stewart announced an executive session at 8:45 p.m. to receive legal guidance on the denial letter.

The meeting reconvened at 9:05 p.m.

2.4 Charter School Denial Letter

**MOTION:** It was moved by Mrs. Zariczny and seconded by Ms. Paris that the Board of School Directors approves the Denial Letter relative to the charter school application submitted by the CSOI, authorizes the Board President to execute the Denial Letter, and directs that a copy of the Denial Letter be mailed to the CSOI, PDE, and the Charter School Appeal Board.

Charter Denial  
Letter  
Approved  
7-2-0

The result of the vote: passed with Mr. Knapp and Mr. Zamborik voting no.

2.5 Reinstate Design Work

**MOTION:** It was moved by Mrs. Zariczny and seconded by Mr. Grant that the Board of School Directors removes the suspension of design work on the project known as the Eisenhower Middle/High School renovations thereby authorizing the architectural firm WTW to proceed with design work, bid specifications, and PlanCon Parts E, F, and G per their contract effective April 24, 2012.

Reinstate  
Design Work  
for EMHS  
Renovations  
Project  
Approved  
9-0-0

**Public Comment**

Kimberly Angove	Russell, PA	Mrs. Angove asked how much additional architectural work will be needed on the project and if the work is just for the QZAB portion or all of it?
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Roll Call Vote:

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

The result of the vote: passed unanimously.

2.6 Eisenhower Closure

**MOTION:** It was moved by Ms. Paris and seconded by Mr. Knapp that the Board of School Directors not close Eisenhower Middle/High School.

Eisenhower  
Middle High  
School Not  
Closed  
Approved  
9-0-0

**Public Comment**

There was no public comment.

Roll Call Vote:

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

The result of the vote: passed unanimously.

### **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 9:15 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

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Ruth A. Huck, Board Secretary