

WARREN COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF SCHOOL DIRECTORS
MEETING MINUTES
TUESDAY, MAY 29, 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 Mr. Stewart, President, at 7:00 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. John Grant

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

Roll Call

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. Melissa McLean, Secretary Pro Tem; Mr. Josh Cotton and Mr. Ben Klein, Times Observer; Mr. Michael Kiehl, Transportation/Purchasing Manager; Mr. Brian Collopy, Technology Coordinator; Mr. James Miller, Supervisor of District-wide Athletics & Co-Curricular Activities; Mr. Matt Jones, Coordinator of Grants & Foundation Development; Mr. Paul Leach; Mrs. Delores Berry, Principal; and approximately 25 unidentified members of the audience.

1.4 Reading of the Mission Statement - Mrs. Donna Zariczny

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 Code Standards for Effective School Governance and Code of Conduct - Ms. Nancy McDanel

TO PROMOTE STUDENT GROWTH AND ACHIEVEMENT, AN EFFECTIVE SCHOOL BOARD . . .Monitors results by 1) Using data appropriately to make informed decisions; 2) Ensuring effective practices for evaluation of staff, programs, plans and services; 3) Evaluating its own performance; 4)Assessing student growth and achievement; and 5) Evaluating the effectiveness of the strategic plan.

1.6 Appointment of Secretary Pro Tem

Appointment of
Secretary Pro
Tem
Approved
9-0-0

MOTION: It was moved by Mrs. Zariczny and seconded by Mr. Knapp that Mrs. Melissa McLean serves as the secretary pro tem for this meeting.

Public Comment

There was no public comment for this motion.

The result of the vote: passed unanimously.

1.7 Public Comment

There was no public comment.

2. New Business

2.1 Statement of Assurance - Special Education Services and Programs

Statement of
Assurance
Special
Education
Approved
9-0-0

MOTION: It was moved by Mr. Knapp and seconded by Ms. Paris that the Board of School Directors approves the Statement of Assurance as part of the Special Education "Bridge" Report for the Comprehensive Plan to be submitted no later than May 31, 2012.

The result of the vote: passed unanimously.

2.2 Teacher Negotiations

WCEA Contract
Extension
Agreement
Approved
9-0-0

MOTION: It was moved by Mrs. Zariczny and seconded by Mr. Knapp that the Board of School Directors approves the WCEA contract extension agreement.

Mr. Stewart noted there was a typographical error in the document under the medical component as pointed out by Ms. Solinko. The first category should read \$0-\$40,000 (information over the chart itself). Both Mrs. Zariczny and Mr. Knapp agreed to the change and Ms. Solinko sanctioned the change on behalf of the WCEA.

The result of the vote: passed unanimously.

Mr. Stewart expressed thanks to Mr. Knapp, Ms. McDanel, Mr. Hufnagel, and those representing WCEA for time spent working on this agreement. He also stated that a joint press release would be forwarded to the newspaper.

2.3 Proposed Final Budget

The following tax structure and resource allocation is presented for your consideration in support of the Proposed Final Budget for the 2012-13 school year with proposed expenditures of \$64,987,875.

1. A tax rate of 50.9658 Mills (\$5.09658 per hundred dollars) of assessed valuation on all real estate in the District.
2. Local Enabling Taxes under ACT 511:
 - A. A 1/2 of 1% Wage and Income Tax

- B. A 1% Real Estate Transfer Tax
- C. Local Services Tax of \$5.00.

MOTION: It was moved by Mrs. Zariczny and seconded by Mr. Grant that the Board of School Directors adopts the proposed final budget for the 2012-2013 fiscal year as presented; authorizes the proposed final budget to be made available for public inspection at each school within the District, at Central Office, and on the District's website; and authorizes the publication of the Board's intent to adopt the final budget at least 10 days prior to the adoption of the final budget.

Proposed Final Budget Approved 9-0-0

The result of the vote: passed unanimously.

2.6 Special Meeting - May 28, 2012

MOTION: It was moved by Mr. Knapp and seconded by Mr. Werner that the Board of School Directors schedules and authorizes the Board Secretary to advertise a special meeting for Thursday, June 28, 2012, at 7:00 p.m. to approve the final budget and any other items that may come before the Board.

Scheduling a Special Meeting June 28, 2012 Approved 9-0-0
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FRIENDLY AMENDMENT: It was moved by Mrs. Zariczny that the starting time be changed to 6:00 p.m. Both Mr. Knapp and Mr. Werner agreed.

The result of the vote: passed unanimously.

2.7 Other

There were no other items presented.

3. Closing Activities

3.1 Adjournment

MOTION: It was moved by Ms. Paris and seconded by Mr. Knapp that the meeting be adjourned. The meeting adjourned at 7:35 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Melissa McLean, Secretary Pro Tem