

WARREN COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF SCHOOL DIRECTORS
SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES
MONDAY, JUNE 24, 2013

1.0 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 8:30 a.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.

1.3 Roll Call

Roll Call

Present:

Mr. John Grant	Mr. John Werner
Mr. Thomas Knapp	Dr. Paul Yourchisin
Mrs. Marcy Morgan	Mr. Michael Zamborik
Ms. Mary Anne Paris (participated via conference call)	
Mr. Arthur Stewart	

Absent:

Mrs. Donna Zariczny

Others Present:

Mrs. Amy Stewart, Acting Superintendent/Director of Instructional Technology/Communications; Dr. Norbert Kennerknecht, Director of Buildings & Grounds Services; Mr. James Grosch, Director of Business Services; Mr. Gary Weber, Director of Curriculum, Instruction and Assessment; Mr. Chris Byham, Solicitor; Mrs. Ruth Huck, Board Secretary; Mr. Jacob Perryman, Times Observer; Mr. Brian Collopy, Technology Coordinator; Mr. James Miller, Supervisor of District-wide Athletics & Co-Curricular Activities; Mr. Philip Knapp, Principal; Mr. Paul Leach, Data Systems Specialist; Mr. Roger Tubbs, Maryann Mead, Assistant Principal; Ms. Claudia Solinko, WCEA President, and approximately two members of the public in the audience.

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1.4 Reading of the Mission Statement - Mr. John Grant

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

We, as members of our local board of education, representing all residents of our school district, believe that our fellow residents have entrusted us with the advocacy for and stewardship of the education of the youth of this community.

To promote student growth and achievement, an effective school board ensures strong management of the school system by hiring, setting goals with and evaluating the superintendent.

1.6 Public Comment

There was no public comment.

1.7 President's Statement

Mr. Stewart shared with the Board members some incidental items that Dr. Clark had discussed with Mr. Stewart. Mr. Stewart felt it was important to share the information prior to the vote on hiring the superintendent. The items included:

- Family vacation is scheduled starting July 30th
- July 4th holiday is scheduled for July 3rd & 4th, and Dr. Clark would like to work July 3rd and take July 4th and 5th as the holiday which would enable him to be home for the weekend.
- Dr. Clark is scheduled to present at the Pennsylvania Association of School Administrators Conference on July 18th and he would take it as a personal day.
- During the time Dr. Clark is here without his family, he would be working evenings as he is working on implementing his entry plan, and he would like to leave at noon on Fridays to join his family.

2.0 New Business

2.1 Superintendent Appointment

Superintendent
Appointment
Approved
7-1-0

MOTION: It was moved by Mr. Knapp and seconded by Mr. Grant that the Board of School Directors appoints Dr. William A. Clark as Superintendent of Schools for the Warren County School District effective July 1, 2013, and that he be hired pursuant to the terms and conditions of the Employment Agreement of the Superintendent dated June 24, 2013.

Mr. Grant stated that he disagrees that when the chief school administrator takes time off to present at a state conference that he takes a personal day. Mr. Grant stated it should be considered a work day. The fact that he offered to take it as a personal day is a credible statement, but the board should not accept it, and it should be considered a work day.

Voting Yes: Mr. Grant, Mr. Knapp, Mrs. Morgan, Mr. Stewart,
Mr. Werner, Dr. Yourchisin, Mr. Zamborik

Voting No: Ms. Paris

The result of the vote: passed

2.2 Certificated Personnel Report

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

Certificated Personnel Report Approved 8-0-0

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

The result of the vote: passed unanimously

2.3 Insurance Renewals

MOTION: It was moved by Mr. Grant and seconded by Mr. Zamborik that the Board of School Directors approves the attached insurance renewal coverage types, coverage limits, and premium amounts to be provided by Garrison-Simonsen, Inc. (Keystone Insurers Group) and Sundahl & Co., Inc., and authorizes the Board President, the Board Secretary, and the administration to execute the associated policies and any other documentation required to implement the policies.

Insurance Renewals Approved 8-0-0
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Voting Yes: Mr. Zamborik, Mr. Grant, Mr. Knapp, Mrs. Morgan, Ms. Paris, Mr. Stewart, Mr. Werner, Dr. Yourchisin,

The result of the vote: passed unanimously

2.4 Other

Dr. Kennerknecht announced that over the weekend the insurance company moved the district's insurance claim from one adjustor to a large claims adjustor. They approved ServPro as their contractor for the cleanup work at Youngsville High School and have been given authorization to proceed. The work will begin today.

Dr. Kennerknecht also announced that the district received PlanCon G approval from PDE for the Sheffield project. The contracts will be sent to the contractors and work will commence this week.

Mr. Werner thanked and commended Mrs. Amy Stewart, Acting Superintendent, for not only keeping the ship afloat, but for moving the district forward.

Mr. Knapp asked the Board to consider funding the increases that are taking place in athletic salaries, benefits, transportation costs, and other additional costs so the schools do not have to make up the extra monies. Mr. Stewart requested that this be sent to committee for study and discussion. Mr. Grant asked that administration delay any increases to the schools until the committee has had a chance to study it. Mr. Knapp asked that administration bring a dollar amount to the committee meeting scheduled for this evening. Administration agreed to bring an estimate.

3.0 Closing Activities

3.1 Adjournment

It was moved by Mr. Zamborik and seconded Mr. Knapp that the meeting be adjourned.

The meeting adjourned at 8:45 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Ruth A. Huck, Board Secretary