

**WARREN COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT**  
**BOARD OF SCHOOL DIRECTORS**  
**SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES**  
**MONDAY, JANUARY 27, 2014**

**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 7:18 p.m. in the Board Room of the Warren County Career Center, 347 East Fifth Avenue, Warren, Pennsylvania.

Mr. Stewart announced an executive session was held prior to the start of the meeting for the purpose of discussing personnel and negotiations.

**1.2 Roll Call**

Present:

Mr. Thomas Knapp  
Mr. Paul Mangione  
Mrs. Marcy Morgan  
Ms. Mary Anne Paris

Mr. Arthur Stewart  
Mr. John Werner  
Mr. Michael Zamborik  
Mrs. Donna Zariczny

Roll Call

Absent:

Ms. Patricia Rosenstein

Others Present:

Dr. William Clark, Superintendent; Mrs. Amy Stewart, 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; Mrs. Ruth Nelson, Interim Director; Mrs. Ruth Huck, Board Secretary; Mr. Josh Cotton, Times Observer; Mr. Michael Kiehl, Transportation/Purchasing Manager; Mr. Paul Leach, Technology Specialist; Mr. Philip Knapp, Supervisor of District-wide Athletics & Co-Curricular Activities; Mrs. Suzanne Turner, Human Resource Supervisor; Mr. Matt Jones, Coordinator of Grants & Foundation Development; Mrs. Melissa McLean, Administrative Assistant; Mrs. Chris Haslett, 21<sup>st</sup> Century Program Manager; Mrs. Louise Tharp, WCEA President; and approximately 5 members of the public in the audience.

The Warren County School District does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, disability or age in its programs, activities or employment practices and provides equal access to the Boy Scouts and other designated youth groups. Inquiries may be directed to Mrs. Amy Stewart, Title IX/Section 504 Coordinator at 589 Hospital Drive, Suite A, Warren, PA 16365 or (814) 723-6900.

1.3 Reading of the Mission Statement – Mr. Thomas Knapp

*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.*

1.4 Reading of the WCSD/PSBA Standards for Effective School Governance and Code of Conduct - Ms. Mary Anne Paris

**TO PROMOTE STUDENT GROWTH AND ACHIEVEMENT, AND 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.*

1.5 Public Comment

Pam Hahn	Warren, PA	Mrs. Hahn stated she is concerned about the situation at Youngsville Elementary/Middle School since placing autistic support and emotional support programs at YEMS. Her daughter is attending there this year. It was a difficult transition and now the disruptions in the classrooms are hindering her education. There have been transportation issues also. As a parent she feels she has made a mistake in sending her daughter to YEMS, and she seems to be regressing rather than progressing in her education.
Scott Nelson	Youngsville, PA	Mr. Nelson spoke on behalf of a group of parents from YEMS. They are proud of the teachers and administrators there. Their concern stems from the difficult environment that exists as a result of the changes at YEMS this year. There are daily disruptions, some of which require law enforcement to be called, and there have been assaults. He asked if it will take an injured student to make changes. Many are missing specials or have to be rerouted in hallways or are dismissed late. Students are being subjected to violence and foul language on a daily basis. Mr. Nelson quoted PA Code which sets the parameters for student behavior. The parents feel that students are being subjected to violations of their basic rights to an education. The group would like to sit down and have an open and honest dialog with the board and administration.

## 2.0 New Business

### 2.1 Professional Development Consultant Agreement - Mr. Jack Werner

**MOTION:** It was moved by Ms. Paris and seconded by Mr. Knapp that the Board of School Directors approves the Professional Development Consultant Agreement with Central Susquehanna Intermediate Unit/Center for Schools and Communities to provide a half-day Emergency Preparedness in-service for school staff on January 28, 2014.

Professional Development Consultant Agreement Approved 8-0-0
---

The result of the vote: passed unanimously.

### 2.2 Other

## 3.0 Closing Activities

### 3.1 Adjournment

It was moved by Ms. Paris and seconded by Mrs. Morgan that the meeting be adjourned.

The meeting adjourned at 7:40 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

---

Ruth A. Huck, Board Secretary