

WARREN COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF SCHOOL DIRECTORS
SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES
TUESDAY, MAY 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 Mrs. Zariczny, Vice President, at 7:20 p.m. in the Board Room of the Warren County Career Center, 347 East Fifth Avenue, Warren, Pennsylvania.

1.2 Pledge of Allegiance

Mrs. Zariczny led the Pledge of Allegiance.

1.3 Roll Call

Present:

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

Ms. Patricia Rosenstein
Mr. John Werner
Mr. Michael Zamborik
Mrs. Donna Zariczny

Roll Call

Absent:

Mr. Arthur Stewart

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. Brian Collopy, Technology Coordinator; Mrs. Suzanne Turner, Human Resource Supervisor; Mr. Matt Jones, Coordinator of Grants & Foundation Development; Ms. Ann Ryan, Principal; Mr. Kelly Martin, Principal; Mrs. Marcia Madigan, Principal; Mrs. Louise Tharp, WCEA President; and approximately 25 members of the public in the audience.

1.4 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.

1.5 Reading of the WCSD/PSBA Standards for Effective School Governance and Code of Conduct - Mr. Jack Werner

We, as members of our local board of education, representing all residents of our school district, believe that:

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.

The future welfare of this community, commonwealth and nation depends on the quality of education we provide in public schools.

Accordingly, to promote student growth and achievement, an effective school board stays 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.

1.6 Public Comment

Laura Demers	WCSD Teacher, Parent, Resident of North Warren	Mrs. Demers stated she was present to support the Highly Gifted Pilot Program that was presented at the CIT Committee Meeting.
Carol Stowe	WCSD Teacher in the NAA	Mrs. Stowe stated her concerns regarding the new elementary facility at Eisenhower. She would rate it a six on the scale of one to ten while the current Russell Elementary is a ten. Her concerns are not having a library, or computer labs. Will there be a play area for 150 students to play safely?
Heather Bunk	WCSD Teacher	Mrs. Bunk stated that she is aware of the difficult decisions the Board has to make, and she is concerned about teacher cuts and the impact on students with larger class sizes, common core implementation, and RTII implementation and having highly qualified teachers to implement the program. She asked that the Board give consideration to these areas before making further teacher cuts.

2.0 New Business

2.1 Proposed Final Budget

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MOTION: It was moved by Ms. Paris and seconded by Mr. Zamborik that the Board of School Directors adopts the proposed final budget for the 2014-2015 fiscal year as presented; directs 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 at least 20 days prior to the adoption of the final budget; and directs the publication of the Board's intent to adopt the final budget at least 10 days prior to the adoption of the final budget.

Roll Call Vote:

Voting Yes: Mrs. Zariczny, Mr. Knapp, Mr. Mangione, Mrs. Morgan,
Ms. Paris, Mrs. Rosenstein, Mr. Werner, Mr. Zamborik

2.2 Other

There were no other items discussed.

3.0 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 7:55 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Ruth A. Huck, Board Secretary