

WARREN COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF SCHOOL DIRECTORS
SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES
MONDAY, AUGUST 25, 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 8:18 p.m. in the Board Room of the Warren County Career Center, 347 East Fifth Avenue, Warren, Pennsylvania.

1.2 Pledge of Allegiance

1.3 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:

Mr. John Anderson

Others Present:

Dr. William Clark, Superintendent; Dr. Norbert Kennerknecht, Director of Buildings & Grounds; Mrs. Amy Stewart, Director of Administrative Support Services; Mr. James Grosch, Director of Business Services; Mr. Gary Weber, Director of Curriculum, Instruction and Assessment; Mrs. Ruth Nelson, Interim Director; 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; Mrs. Suzanne Turner, Human Resource Supervisor; Mr. Rick Gignac, Coordinator of District-wide Athletics & Co-Curricular Activities; Mrs. Marcia Madigan, Principal; Mrs. Louise Tharp, WCEA President, and approximately 15 members of the public in the audience.

1.4 Reading of the Mission Statement - Mr. John 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 - Mrs. Donna Zariczny

We as members of our local board of education, representing all the 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.

Striving toward ideal conditions for effective school board service to our community, in a spirit of teamwork and devotion to public education, is the greatest instrument for preservation and perpetuating our representative democracy. Accordingly, the community should be provided with information about its schools and be engaged by the board and staff to encourage input and support for the school system. Individuals have no legal authority outside the meetings of the board, and should conduct their relationships with all stakeholders and media on this basis. We will not use our positions as school directors to benefit ourselves or any individual or agency.

Mr. Stewart announced an executive session at 8:20 p.m. to discuss personnel issues and to consult with the solicitor on legal matters.

The meeting reconvened at 9:10 p.m., and Mr. Stewart announced that in addition to the items announced earlier, the Board also discussed matters concerning student information.

1.6 Public Comment

Kimberly Angove	Russell, PA	Mrs. Angove addressed her concerns regarding Policy 10102 since her family was affected by the change. She was surprised that she was not made aware of the proposed changes and felt that those affected should have been notified and allowed to speak to the Board before the change.
Scott Angove	Russell, PA	Mr. Angove stated the district has taken away parent choice by not allowing students to attend where they choose. It is forcing parents to make other choices in charter schools. Lack of customer satisfaction is causing students to leave, and the money goes with them.
David Brook	Scandia, PA	Dr. Brooks recounted the process his family has gone through to transfer his children to the Central Attendance Area. He is confused as to where his students are enrolled for the start of the school year and asked that someone contact him.

2.0 New Business

2.1 Master Facilities Plan Recertification

Master Facilities Plan
Recertification
Approved
8-0-0

MOTION: It was moved by Ms. Paris and seconded by Ms. Morgan that the Board of School Directors recertifies the Master Facilities Plan and addendum with a completion date of August 25, 2014.

The result of the vote: passed unanimously.

2.2 Approval of Warren Area High School Education Specifications

WAHS Education
Specifications
Approved
8-0-0

MOTION: It was moved by Ms. Paris and seconded by Mr. Zamborik that the Board of School Directors approves the Educational Specifications, for Warren Area High School, as submitted by Thomas & Williamson Program Management, and dated August 2014.

The result of the vote: passed unanimously.

2.3 PlanCon A - Warren Area High School Renovations (WCSD Project #1301)

MOTION: It as moved by Mr. Knapp and seconded by Ms. Paris that the Board of School Directors approves PlanCon Part A, for the project known as the Warren Area High School Renovations (WCSD Project #1301), for submission to the PA Department of Education. This action certifies that this proposed project is in conformance with the district/CTC's Strategic Plan and its amended Comprehensive Special Education Plan.

PlanCon A
WAHS
Renovations
Approved
8-0-0

The result of the vote: passed unanimously.

2.4 PlanCon B - Warren Area High School Renovations (WCSD Project #1301)

MOTION: It was moved by Mr. Knapp and seconded by Ms. Paris that the Board of School Directors approves PlanCon Part B, for the project known as the Warren Area High School Renovations (WCSD Project #1301), for submission to the PA Department of Education.

PlanCon B
WAHS
Renovations
Approved
8-0-0

The result of the vote: passed unanimously.

2.5 Certificated Personnel Report

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

Certificated
Personnel Report
Approved
8-0-0

The result of the vote: passed unanimously.

2.6 Support Personnel Report

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

Support
Personnel Report
Approved
8-0-0

The result of the vote: passed unanimously.

2.7 Athletic Supplemental Contracts

MOTION: It was moved by Ms. Paris and seconded by Mrs. Morgan that the Board of School Directors approves the Athletic Supplemental Contracts as presented.

Athletic
Supplemental
Contracts
Approved
7-1-0

The result of the vote: passed with Ms. Paris voting no.

2.8 Volunteer Report

MOTION: It was moved by Ms. Paris and seconded by Mr. Zamborik that the Board of School Directors approves the Volunteer Report.

Volunteer Report
Approved
8-0-0

The result of the vote: passed unanimously.

2.9 Informational Report

MOTION: It was moved by Mr. Werner and seconded by Mr. Zamborik that the Board of School Directors approves the Informational Report.

Informational
Report
Approved
8-0-0

The result of the vote: passed with Ms. Paris voting no.

2.10 New Position Request – Virtual Academy Instructor

MOTION: It was moved by Mr. Knapp and seconded by Ms. Paris that the Board of School Directors approves the position of Virtual Academy Instructor for the Warren County School District.

New Position –
Virtual Academy
Instructor
Approved
8-0-0

The result of the vote: passed unanimously.

2.11 Student Transfers

Student Transfers for
Medical Reasons
Approved
6-2-0

MOTION: It was moved by Ms. Paris and seconded by Mr. Zamborik that the Board of School Directors approves the Transfer Requests for medical reasons as presented (Transfers T1-T4).

FRIENDLY AMENDMENT: It was moved by Mrs. Zariczny that the motion include that these are one year transfers or until the medical reason expires whichever is less. Both Ms. Paris and Mr. Zamborik agreed to the amendment.

FINAL MOTION: It was moved by Ms. Paris and seconded by Mr. Zamborik that the Board of School Directors approves the Transfer Requests for medical reasons as presented and that these are one year transfers or until the medical reason expires whichever is less. (Transfers T1-T4).

Mr. Stewart stated he is not sure if the reports presented provided the quality information that the Board would like to see and requested that the minutes reflect that for future activity, the Board would like a more detailed report that covers the portion of the policy that says not only a medical excuse but also that this is the only viable means so that the medical explanation would provide greater detail. Currently, the inconsistencies do not provide the information needed to see the educational impact.

By common consent the Board agreed they would like to see what Mr. Stewart articulated, and agreed the format provided for this agenda is not the format that the Board ultimately desires.

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

Mrs. Zariczny asked that Roberts Rules of Order be suspended to have a discussion without a motion on the change in Policy 10102 and whether or not the decisions made would have been different if the policy had remained the same.

3.0 Closing Activities

3.1 Executive Session

Mr. Stewart announced an executive session would be held following the Finance Committee meeting to discuss personnel issues with no action to follow. (The executive session started at 11:10 p.m.)

3.2 Adjournment

MOTION: It was moved by Mr. Knapp and seconded by Ms. Paris that the meeting be adjourned.

The result of the vote: passed unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at 9:40 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Ruth A. Huck, Board Secretary