

WARREN COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF SCHOOL DIRECTORS
SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES
MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 29, 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 8:20 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.

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. Matt Jones, Coordinator of Grants & Foundation Development; Mrs. Amy Beers, Principal; Ms. Kimberly Yourchisin, Principal; Mr. Jeffrey Flickner, Principal; Mr. Kelly Martin, Principal; Mr. James Evers, Assistant Principal; Mrs. Liz Kent, Assistant Principal; Mrs. Louise Tharp, WCEA President, and approximately 3 members of the public in the audience.

1.4 Reading of the Mission Statement - Mrs. Marcy Morgan

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. Thomas Knapp

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TO PROMOTE STUDENT GROWTH AND ACHIEVEMENT, AN EFFECTIVE SCHOOL BOARD...

Monitors results by: (a) using data appropriately to make informed decisions; (b) ensuring effective practices for evaluation of staff, programs, plans and services; (c) evaluating its own performance; (d) assessing student growth and achievement; and (e) evaluating the effectiveness of the strategic plan.

1.6 Public Comment

Nicole Peterson	Warren, PA	Mrs. Peterson questioned at what point the Board will realize the ship is sinking with the declining enrollment problem and why is the Board considering QZAB funding for additional renovations. She also questioned at what point will the Board realize the loans are not free money and have to be paid back and that puts the taxpayers in debt. There are classes with fewer than 12 – what does the future look like? She questioned how the district will survive if hold harmless disappears. There is a huge push for a new funding formula, and it is not in the district's favor. The Board members' responsibility is not to regional politics but to the children of the district.
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2.0 New Business

2.1 Resolution Indicating WCSD's Intent to Accept QZAB Funds for WAHS - PPF - Mrs. Donna Zariczny

Resolution to
Accept QZAB
Funds for WAHS
Renovation
Approved
8-0-0

MOTION: It was moved by Ms. Paris and seconded by Mrs. Zariczny that the Board of School Directors approves the Resolution indicating the Warren County School District's intent to accept the Qualified Zone Academy Bond Funds for the Warren Area High School Renovations Project, as presented.

Solicitor Byham requested a modification to the resolution that the school district has a contract with a third party instead of National Education Foundation to spend down 10 percent of the bond proceeds."

MODIFIED MOTION: Ms. Paris and Mrs. Zariczny agreed to modify the motion as follows: that the Board of School Directors approves the Resolution indicating the Warren County School District's intent to accept the Qualified Zone Academy Bond Funds for the Warren Area High School Renovations Project, with a modification to the resolution item 2, "that the school district has a contract with a third party to spend down 10 percent of the bond proceeds."

Roll Call Vote:

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

Voting No: None

Abstaining: None

Absent: Mr. Anderson

The result of the vote: passed unanimously.

2.2 Educational Specifications for Warren County Career Center

MOTION: It was moved by Mrs. Zariczny and seconded by Ms. Paris that the Board of School Directors enters into a contract with Thomas & Williamson Program Management, LLC to write Educational Specifications for the Warren County Career Center.

Contract for
Educational
Specifications for
WCCC with
Thomas &
Williamson
Approved
8-0-0

Roll Call Vote:

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

Voting No: None

Abstaining: None

Absent: Mr. Anderson

The result of the vote: passed unanimously.

2.3 State of the District – Dr. William A. Clark

Mr. Stewart stated that as part of the superintendent's evaluation and as required under state law, the evaluation has to touch upon certain benchmarks. Our old policy touched upon most of those benchmarks. In the past the Superintendent reported his accomplishments for the board president and vice president and this year for added transparency, the Superintendent will give a State of the District address to the full Board. The steps will include the evaluation form which will be distributed to Board members to complete. At the next meeting, the Board will discuss the evaluations, and Mr. Stewart and Mrs. Zariczny will take the information and collate it. It will then be reviewed with the Superintendent.

Dr. Clark showed a PowerPoint presentation regarding the State of the District.

2.4 Other

3.0 Closing Activities

3.1 Executive Session

Mr. Stewart announced there would be an executive session following the Finance Committee meeting to discuss personnel matters, litigation, and to receive legal advice from the solicitor. (The executive session began at 9:45 p.m.)

3.2 Adjournment

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

The meeting adjourned at 9:05 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Ruth A. Huck, Board Secretary