

WARREN COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF SCHOOL DIRECTORS
SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES
MONDAY, MARCH 30, 2015

1. Opening Activities

1.01 Call to Order

The special meeting of the Warren County School District Board of School Directors was called to order by Mrs. Zariczny, President, at 8:29 p.m. in the Board Room of Central Office, 6820 Market Street, Russell, Pennsylvania.

1.02 Pledge of Allegiance

Mrs. Zariczny led the Pledge of Allegiance.

1.03 Roll Call

Present:

Mr. John Anderson

Mr. Thomas Knapp

Mr. Paul Mangione

Ms. Mary Anne Paris

Mr. Arthur Stewart

Mr. John Werner

Mrs. Donna Zariczny

Roll Call

Absent:

Mrs. Marcy Morgan

Mr. Michael Zamborik

Others Present:

Mrs. Amy Stewart, Director of Administrative Support Services; 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; Mr. Chris Byham, Solicitor; Mrs. Ruth Huck, Board Secretary; Mr. Josh Cotton, Times Observer; Mr. Michael Kiehl, Transportation/Purchasing Manager; Mr. Matt Jones, Coordinator of Grants & Foundation Development; Mr. Brian Collopy, Technology Coordinator; Mr. Paul Leach, Technology Specialist; Mr. Richard Gignac, Supervisor of District-wide Athletics & Co-Curricular Activities; Mrs. Suzanne Turner, Human Resource Supervisor; Mr. Jeffrey Flickner, Principal; Ms. Ann Ryan, Principal; Mrs. Misty Weber, Principal; Mrs. Marcia Madigan, Principal; Ms. Maryann Mead, Assistant Principal; Mrs. Amy Beers, Principal; Ms. Sandy Wilks, Special Education Supervisor; Mr. Thomas Fadale, Special Education Supervisor; Mrs. Louise Tharp, WCEA President; and approximately 15 members of the public in the audience.

1.04 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.

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 6820 Market Street, Russell, PA 16345 or (814) 723-6900.

- 1.05 Reading of the WCSD/PSBA Standards for Effective School Governance and Code of Conduct - Mr. Paul Mangione

TO PROMOTE STUDENT GROWTH AND ACHIEVEMENT, AN EFFECTIVE SCHOOL BOARD . . . ensures effective planning occurs by: Adopting and implementing a collaborative strategic planning process; setting annual goals that are aligned with the strategic plan; linking board actions to the strategic plan; adopting a financial plan that considers short-term and long-term needs; adopting professional development plans for board and staff; adopting a plan to ensure evaluation of student growth and achievement using relevant data; adopting a master facilities plan conducive to teaching and learning; and adopting a plan for curriculum review and development.

- 1.06 Public Comment

Sarah Korchak & Art Lane	Sheffield Band Boosters	Ms. Korchak and Mr. Lane asked for reconsideration of the use of district facilities for the DCI Band Corps event later this year, because the boosters are affiliated with the District and not an outside organization. Both assert this event would benefit students both financially and educationally.
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2. New Business

- 2.01 Bonaventure Dual Enrollment Transportation

St. Bonaventure
Dual Enrollment
Transportation
Costs Funded by
WCCBI
Approved
7-0-0

MOTION: It was moved by Mr. Stewart and seconded by Ms. Paris that the Board of School Directors approves the utilization of District busing contractors to provide transportation for the St. Bonaventure Dual Enrollment Program for the 2015/2016 school year, contingent upon the Warren County Chamber of Business and Industry (WCCBI) being financially responsible for 100% of the associated cost and paying the estimated cost to the District prior to the commencement of each semester, with a reconciliation to be performed at the conclusion of each semester. The Board further directs the Solicitor to prepare an agreement to this effect and authorizes the Board President and Secretary to execute the agreement upon Solicitor approval.

The result of the vote: passed unanimously.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Mrs. Zariczny announced there would be an executive session at 8:55 p.m. to discuss contractual, legal, and personnel items.

The meeting reconvened at 9:30 p.m.

- 2.02 Employment Agreement of the Superintendent – Amendment

Superintendent
Employment
Agreement
Amendment
Approved
7-0-0

MOTION: It was moved by Mr. Stewart and seconded by Mr. Knapp that the Board of School Directors approves the amended employment agreement with the Superintendent.

Public Comment

There was no public comment.

Roll Call Vote:

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

Voting No: none

Abstaining: none

Absent: Mrs. Morgan, Mr. Zamborik

The result of the vote: passed unanimously.

2.03 Appointment - Executive Director

MOTION: It was moved by Mr. Stewart and seconded by Ms. Paris that the Board of School Directors designates Amy Stewart as the "Executive Director" and to authorize, effective March 10, 2015, the payment of an additional stipend to her in the annual amount of \$20,000 to be paid in addition to her normal salary as dictated by the Act 93 Plan, in consideration of requiring her to perform certain additional Central Office duties. The stipend will be prorated and paid so long as the District desires and so long as she is performing the additional duties.

Appointment - Executive Director Approved 7-0-0

Public Comment

There was no public comment.

Roll Call Vote:

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

Voting No: none

Abstaining: none

Absent: Mrs. Morgan, Mr. Zamborik

The result of the vote: passed unanimously.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Mrs. Zariczny announced there would be an executive session following committee meetings to discuss personnel and legal matters with no action to follow.

3. Closing Activities

3.01 Adjournment

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

The meeting adjourned at 9:35 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Ruth A. Huck, Board Secretary