

WARREN COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF SCHOOL DIRECTORS
SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES
FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 28, 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 7:23 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

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

Absent:

Mr. John Anderson

Others Present:

Dr. William Clark, Superintendent; Mrs. Amy Stewart, Executive Director; Dr. Norbert Kennerknecht, Director of Buildings & Grounds Services; Mr. Gary Weber, Director of Curriculum, Instruction and Assessment; Mr. James Grosch, Director of Business Services; Ms. Patricia Hawley, Director of Pupil Services; Mrs. Rhonda Decker, Supervisor of Elementary Education; Mr. Chris Byham, Solicitor; Mrs. Ruth Huck, Board Secretary; Mr. Brian Ferry, Times Observer; Mr. Michael Kiehl, Transportation/Purchasing Manager; Mr. Brian Collopy, Technology Coordinator; Mr. Richard Gignac, Supervisor of District-wide Athletics & Co-Curricular Activities; Mrs. Sue Turner, Supervisor of Human Resources, Mrs. Liz Kent, Assistant Principal; Mr. Brian Reynolds, Assistant Principal; Mrs. Louise Tharp, WCEA President; and approximately three members of the public in the audience.

1.04 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.

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 - Ms. Mary Anne Paris

TO PROMOTE STUDENT GROWTH AND ACHIEVEMENT, AN EFFECTIVE SCHOOL BOARD... COMMUNICATES WITH AND ENGAGES THE COMMUNITY BY:

a) distributing relevant information about the district; b) Providing methods of communication to the board and appropriate staff; c) seeking input through a variety of methods; d) including stakeholders in all communications.

- 1.06 Public Comment

There was no public comment.

2. New Business

- 2.01 Comprehensive Plan - Advertisement/Public Review

Advertisement
of
Comprehensive
Plan 28-day
Review
Approved
8-0-0

MOTION: That the Board of School Directors authorizes administration to advertise the Comprehensive Plan for a 28 day review period prior to final approval and submission to PDE.

Motion by Arthur Stewart, second by Marcy Morgan.

Final Resolution: Motion Passed

Yes: Thomas Knapp, Paul Mangione, Marcy Morgan, Mary Anne Paris, Arthur Stewart, John Werner, Michael Zamborik, Donna Zariczny

- 2.02 WCSD - Fund Balance Resolution

Fund Balance
Resolution
Approved
8-0-0

MOTION: That the Board of School Directors approves the Fund Balance Resolution, as presented.

Motion by Mary Anne Paris, second by Thomas Knapp.

AMENDED MOTION: That the Board of School Directors approves the Fund Balance Resolution, as presented keeping a 2.5 million dollar reserve in the fund balance.

Amended Motion by Mary Anne Paris, second by Thomas Knapp.

Final Resolution: Motion Passed

Yes: Thomas Knapp, Paul Mangione, Marcy Morgan, Mary Anne Paris, Arthur Stewart, John Werner, Michael Zamborik, Donna Zariczny

- 2.03 Certificated Personnel Report

There was no motion offered at this time. Administration requested that any new hires be provisionally approved by the superintendent and brought to the Board on October 12, 2015, for final approval.

- 2.04 Language Arts - Purchase of Novels from Perma-Bound

Purchase of
Novels
Approved
8-0-0

MOTION: That the Board of School Directors approves the attached quote to purchase novels that will be taught in conjunction with the approved Language Arts Planned Instruction. Purchase is not to exceed \$38,000.

Motion by Mary Anne Paris, second by Michael Zamborik.

Final Resolution: Motion Passed

Yes: Thomas Knapp, Paul Mangione, Marcy Morgan, Mary Anne Paris, Arthur Stewart, John Werner, Michael Zamborik, Donna Zariczny

2.05 PlanCon I for Eisenhower

MOTION: That the Board of School Directors certifies that the attached materials were approved for submission to the Pennsylvania Department of Education prior to entering into contract for the attached change order(s)/supplemental contract(s) by board action.

Submission of
PlanCon I for
Eisenhower
Change Order
Approved
8-0-0

Motion by Arthur Stewart, second by Mary Anne Paris.

Final Resolution: Motion Passed

Yes: Thomas Knapp, Paul Mangione, Marcy Morgan, Mary Anne Paris, Arthur Stewart, John Werner, Michael Zamborik, Donna Zariczny

Mr. Stewart requested that Roberts Rules of Order be suspended to hear from Mr. Byham regarding school district payments to charter schools during the budget impasse.

Mr. Byham stated that it would be fair to withhold only the portion of the charter school payments based on the percentage of state and federal subsidies not being received.

Roberts Rules were reinstated.

2.06 Charter School Payments

MOTION: That the Board of School Directors directs, with regard to the payment of charter school payments, that the District pays only the percentage of tuition payments which reflects the portion of total revenues derived from local sources and delays the payments of the portion derived from state and federal subsidies.

Withholding
Charter School
Tuition Payments
Approved
8-0-0

Motion by Arthur Stewart, second by Thomas Knapp.

Public Comment:

Brian Ferry – WTO – Mr. Ferry asked why both state and federal subsidies were included in the motion.

Mr. Byham stated it is because federal funds flow through the state.

Final Resolution: Motion Passed

Yes: Thomas Knapp, Paul Mangione, Marcy Morgan, Mary Anne Paris, Arthur Stewart, John Werner, Michael Zamborik, Donna Zariczny

Mr. Knapp requested to see a chart showing how many students are enrolled in the Warren County School District, and how many students would attend if not for cyber charter schools, regular charter schools, and home schooling. He would like a snapshot for the either the 2014-2015 or 2015-2016 school years, whichever one is most appropriate.

Mr. Stewart requested that Roberts Rules of Order be suspended to discuss sending a letter to the governor encouraging him to act responsibly and sign the stop gap measure to provide funding for school districts. The stop gap measure would fund schooling for students from July 1 through October 31, 2015.

Mr. Mangione read a PSBA letter and offered it as an option for sending to the governor using the District's information.

MOTION: That the Board of School Directors directs that a letter be sent to the Governor requesting that he sign the stop gap legislation to provide funding for school districts as provided in SB 1000, SB 1001, and HB 224.

Motion by Arthur Stewart, second by Mary Anne Paris.

Letter to the
Governor to Sign
Stop Gap
Legislation
7-1-0

Public Comment

There was no public comment.

Final Resolution: Motion Passed

Yes: Paul Mangione, Marcy Morgan, Mary Anne Paris, Arthur Stewart, John Werner,
Michael Zamborik, Donna Zariczny

No: Thomas Knapp

Mrs. Zariczny brought before the Board the legislative alert regarding of SB 909 which would require a referendum on any and all property tax increases. This would eliminate the referendum exceptions from Act 1 with regard to federal and state mandates. She encouraged Board members to take the PSBA alert seriously and get a letter off to the Senate.

3. Closing Activities

3.01 Adjournment

MOTION: It was moved by Mary Anne Paris and seconded by Marcy Morgan that the meeting be adjourned.

The meeting adjourned at 7:53 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Ruth A. Huck, Board Secretary