

WARREN COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF SCHOOL DIRECTORS
SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES
MONDAY, OCTOBER 24, 2016

Executive Session: Mrs. Zariczny announced there would be an executive session at 8:00 p.m. to consult with labor counsel.

1. 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, President, at 8:30 p.m. in the Board Room of Central Office, 6820 Market Street, Russell, Pennsylvania.

1.2 Pledge of Allegiance

Mrs. Zariczny led the Pledge of Allegiance.

1.3 Roll Call

Present:

Mr. John Anderson	Mr. Arthur Stewart
Mr. Joseph Colosimo (via phone)	Mr. John Werner
Mr. Thomas Knapp	Mr. Michael Zamborik
Mr. Paul Mangione	Mrs. Donna Zariczny
Mrs. Marcy Morgan	

Roll Call

Others Present:

Mrs. Amy Stewart, Superintendent; Mr. Gary Weber, Director of Administrative Support Services; Dr. Norbert Kennerknecht, Director of Buildings & Grounds Services; Mr. James Grosch, Director of Business Services; Mrs. Rhonda Decker, Director of Curriculum, Instruction and Assessment; Dr. Patricia Hawley, Director of Pupil Services; Mr. Eric Mineweaser, Supervisor of Elementary Education; Mrs. Ruth Huck, Board Secretary; Mr. Josh Cotton, Times Observer; Mr. Matt Jones, Coordinator of Grants and Foundation Development; Mr. Brian Collopy, Technology Coordinator; Mr. Richard Gignac, Supervisor of District-wide Athletics & Co-Curricular Activities; Mrs. Suzanne Turner, Human Resource Supervisor; Ms. Ann Ryan, Principal; Mrs. Amy Stimmell, Assistant Principal; Mrs. Louise Tharp, WCEA President; and approximately eight members of the public in the audience.

1.4 Reading of the Mission Statement - Mr. Paul Mangione

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 Mr. Gary Weber, Title IX/Section 504 Coordinator at 6820 Market Street, Russell, PA 16345 or (814) 723-6900.

- 1.5 Reading of the WCSD/PSBA Principles of Governance and Leadership - Mr. John Werner
Pennsylvania school boards are committed to providing every student the opportunity to grow and achieve. The actions taken by the Board ultimately have both short and long-term impact in the classroom. Therefore, school directors collectively and individually will...

Act Ethically

- *Never use the position for improper benefit to self or others*
- *Act to avoid actual or perceived conflicts of interest*
- *Recognize the absence of authority outside of the collective board*
- *Respect the role, authority and input of the superintendent*
- *Balance the responsibility to provide educational programs with being stewards of community resources*
- *Abide by the majority decision*

- 1.6 Public Comment

There was no public comment.

2. New Business

- 2.1 Warren County Education Association Collective Bargaining Agreement

MOTION: That the Board of School Directors approves the Collective Bargaining Agreement with the Warren County Education Association from 2014-15 to 2018-19, per the comprehensive tentative agreement as presented.

Motion by Arthur Stewart, second by Marcy Morgan.

Final Resolution: Motion Passed

Yes: John Anderson, Joseph Colosimo, Thomas Knapp, Paul Mangione, Marcy Morgan, Arthur Stewart, John Werner, Michael Zamborik, Donna Zariczny

- 2.2 Revised 2016-2017 School Calendar - Due to Strike

MOTION: That the Board of School Directors approves proposal 1 of the revised 2016-2017 school calendar as presented.

Motion by Arthur Stewart, second by Michael Zamborik.

Final Resolution: Motion Passed

Yes: Joseph Colosimo, Thomas Knapp, Paul Mangione, Marcy Morgan, Arthur Stewart, John Werner, Michael Zamborik, Donna Zariczny, John Anderson

- 2.3 House Bill 530 – Expansion of Charter School Rights

MOTION: That the Board of School Directors adopts a position in opposition to HB 530, the expansion of charter school rights.

Public Comment

There was no public comment.

Motion by Arthur Stewart, second by Marcy Morgan.

Final Resolution: Motion Passed

Yes: Thomas Knapp, Paul Mangione, Marcy Morgan, Arthur Stewart, John Werner, Michael Zamborik, Donna Zariczny, John Anderson, Joseph Colosimo

3. Closing Activities

3.1 Public Comment

Louise Tharp	WCEA President	Mrs. Tharp thanked the Board for settling the teachers' contract.
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Mrs. Zariczny stated the negotiations team was also pleased both sides were able to come to an agreement.

3.2 Adjournment

It was moved by Mrs. Morgan and seconded by Mr. Knapp that the meeting be adjourned.

The meeting adjourned at 8:40 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Ruth A. Huck, Board Secretary