

WARREN COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF SCHOOL DIRECTORS
MEETING MINUTES
MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 13, 2021

1. Opening Activities

1.1 Call to Order

The regular meeting of the Warren County School District Board of School Directors was called to order by Mr. Mangione, Vice President, at 7:00 p.m. via Zoom meeting.

1.2 Pledge of Allegiance

Mr. Mangione led the Pledge of Allegiance.

1.3 Roll Call

Present:

Mr. Joseph Colosimo	Mrs. Marcy Morgan
Mrs. Elizabeth Huffman	Mrs. Mary Passinger
Mr. Jeffrey Labesky	Mr. Arthur Stewart
Mr. Kevin Lindvay	Mrs. Donna Zariczny
Mr. Paul Mangione	

Others Present:

Mrs. Amy Stewart, Superintendent; Mr. Gary Weber, Director of Administrative Support Services; Dr. Patricia Hawley, Director of Pupil Services; Mr. James Grosch, Director of Business Services; Mr. Eric Mineweaser, Director of Curriculum, Instruction and Assessment; Mrs. Lynn Shultz, Supervisor of Elementary Education; Mr. Chris Byham, Solicitor; Mrs. Ruth Huck, Board Secretary; Mr. Rick Gignac, Supervisor of District-wide Athletics & Co-Curricular Activities; Mrs. Jennifer Dilks, Coordinator of Technology; Brian Ferry, Times Observer; and approximately 163 members of the public in attendance.

1.4 Reading of the Mission Statement - Mr. Kevin Lindvay

The mission of the Warren County school District is to support the personal and intellectual success and wellness of every student, every day.

1.5 Reading of the WCSD/PSBA Principles of Governance & Leadership - Mr. Arthur Stewart

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...

Advocate Earnestly by

- Promoting public education as the keystone of democracy
- Engaging the community by seeking input, building support networks, and generating action

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.

- Championing public education by engaging members of local, state and federal legislative bodies

1.6 Public Comment

Bridget Schwab	Ms. Schwab stated she sent a letter to the editor, but it has not yet appeared in the newspaper. She said the District stated last week it was simply following the order, but she contends the District passed a policy to make masks optional. The DOH Order does not state parents must provide certified medical documentation for the exemption. Many other districts are allowing parents to claim the mask exemption without a medical expert's sign off. The District is adding burdens to the actual order. She questioned why the district is making the educational process more difficult than it needs to be, and what are the long term consequences of stripping away parental input?
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1.7 Agenda Adoption

Agenda Adoption
Approved
9-0-0

MOTION: That the Board of School Directors adopts the agenda dated September 13, 2021, with the exception that items 8.16 and 8.17 be reversed so that 8.16 is last on the agenda.

Motion by Arthur Stewart, second by Joseph Colosimo.

Final Resolution: Motion Passed

Yes: Joseph Colosimo, Elizabeth Huffman, Jeffrey Labesky, Paul Mangione, Marcy Morgan, Mary Passinger, Arthur Stewart, Donna Zariczny, Kevin Lindvay

1.8 Approval of Minutes - August 9, 2021

August 9, 2021,
Minutes
Approved
9-0-0

MOTION: That the Board of School Directors approves the regular meeting minutes dated August 9, 2021.

Motion by Marcy Morgan, second by Mary Passinger.

Final Resolution: Motion Passed

Yes: Joseph Colosimo, Elizabeth Huffman, Jeffrey Labesky, Paul Mangione, Marcy Morgan, Mary Passinger, Arthur Stewart, Donna Zariczny, Kevin Lindvay

1.9 Approval of Special Meeting Minutes - August 30, 2021

August 30, 2021,
Special Meeting
Minutes
Approved
9-0-0

MOTION: That the Board of School Directors approves the special meeting minutes dated August 30, 2021, as presented.

Motion by Mary Passinger, second by Marcy Morgan.

Final Resolution: Motion Passed

Yes: Joseph Colosimo, Elizabeth Huffman, Jeffrey Labesky, Paul Mangione, Marcy Morgan, Mary Passinger, Arthur Stewart, Donna Zariczny, Kevin Lindvay

1.10 Approval of the Emergency Special Meeting Minutes - September 2, 2021

September 2, 2021,
Emergency Special
Meeting Minutes
Approved
9-0-0

MOTION: That the Board of School Directors approves the Emergency Special Meeting minutes dated September 2, 2021, as presented.

Motion by Mary Passinger, second by Elizabeth Huffman.

Final Resolution: Motion Passed

Yes: Joseph Colosimo, Elizabeth Huffman, Jeffrey Labesky, Paul Mangione, Marcy Morgan, Mary Passinger, Arthur Stewart, Donna Zariczny, Kevin Lindvay

1.11 Financial Reports

MOTION: That the Board of School Directors approves the Financial Reports and authorizes the release of funds in payment of the listing of bills; further, that a copy as presented be submitted for audit.

Financial Reports
Approved
9-0-0

Motion by Arthur Stewart, second by Marcy Morgan.

Final Resolution: Motion Passed

Yes: Joseph Colosimo, Elizabeth Huffman, Jeffrey Labesky, Paul Mangione, Marcy Morgan, Mary Passinger, Arthur Stewart, Donna Zariczny, Kevin Lindvay

2. President's Statement

2.1 Reports & Information

1. IU5 - Mr. Paul Mangione

Mr. Mangione reported the IU is very busy with the start of school and dealing with open positions and everything else that is going on in education.

2. PSBA Liaison - Mrs. Marcy Morgan

Mrs. Morgan stated the biggest issue is the mask mandate, and it continues to be an ongoing concern.

3. Career Center Advisory - Mrs. Elizabeth Huffman

Mrs. Huffman reported there will be an Open House at the Warren County Career Center on September 15, 2021, from 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. She encouraged everyone to stop by; it is an outstanding facility.

2.2 Important Dates

BOARD/COMMITTEE MEETING DATES				
1.	September 15, 2021	5:30-7:30 p.m.	WCCC Open House	WCCC
2.	September 27, 2021	6:00 p.m.	Curriculum, Instruction, & Technology Committee Physical Plant & Facilities Committee Finance Committee Personnel/Athletics & Co-Curricular Activities Committee	Zoom Meeting
3.	October 11, 2021	6:00 p.m.	Regular Board Meeting	Zoom Meeting

2.3 PSBA Slate of Candidates – 2022

PSBA Slate of
Candidates – 2022
Approved
9-0-0

MOTION: That the Board of School Directors adopts the slate of PSBA officer candidates as listed and authorizes the Board Secretary to cast its votes as follows:

President Elect: Sabrina Backer, Franklin Area School District

Vice President: Allison Mathis, North Hills School District

PSBA Insurance Trust Trustees: Richard Frerichs, William LaCoff, Nathan Mains

Motion by Arthur Stewart, second by Marcy Morgan.

Final Resolution: Motion Passed

Yes: Joseph Colosimo, Elizabeth Huffman, Jeffrey Labesky, Paul Mangione, Marcy Morgan, Mary Passinger, Arthur Stewart, Donna Zariczny, Kevin Lindvay

2.4 Announcements

Mr. Mangione announced the Board met in executive session starting at 4:30 p.m. prior to the meeting to receive legal advice from legal counsel on legal matters.

2.5 Other

3. Superintendent's Reports and Recommendations

3.1 General Comments - Mrs. Amy Stewart

- Mrs. Stewart stated the administration is working with Chris Darling to set up a booster clinic for the staff. The dates are October 7 and October 15. The District is not mandating vaccines but is making it available if employees so choose.
- Mrs. Stewart updated numbers for COVID cases. There have been 106 circumstances involving COVID in the nine days school has been open. The pace is a lot different than last year and is moving fast.
- Currently there are 35 positives cases impacting the school district which are spread out across the attendance areas and another 349 who have been denied entry because of close contact with a positive case. She is hoping the 'denied entry' will slow down the spread with the masks in place.
- She has had a lot of questions about closures. This year districts have not been given any closure guidance for the health and safety plan, but they are more focused on the spread. Mrs. Stewart said she would keep the Board updated on a daily basis to see the trend, so that if she has to do a closure, they will be ready. Another reason she may consider closing is if the team cannot keep up with the contact tracing. She continues to add people to the team, and it is a large task.
- There is also concerned about not having enough adults to keep schools open which is being tracked on a daily basis. In addition, the busing companies are seeing a lack of drivers to cover all runs. If there were not enough drivers on a given day, administration will have to look at different ways to help and direct them in what we need to do to get students to school and home again.

3.2 Committee Reports

Committee Reports
Accepted
9-0-0

MOTION: It was moved by Mary Passinger and seconded by Elizabeth Huffman to accept the committee meeting minutes as presented.

Final Resolution: Motion Passed

Yes: Joseph Colosimo, Elizabeth Huffman, Jeffrey Labesky, Paul Mangione, Marcy Morgan, Mary Passinger, Arthur Stewart, Kevin Lindvay

3.3 Other

4. New Business - Consent Agenda

4.1 Consent Agenda

MOTION: That the Board of School Directors approves the consent agenda, as presented.

Motion by Joseph Colosimo, second by Arthur Stewart.

Final Resolution: Motion Passed

Yes: Joseph Colosimo, Elizabeth Huffman, Jeffrey Labesky, Paul Mangione, Marcy Morgan, Mary Passinger, Arthur Stewart, Donna Zariczny, Kevin Lindvay

Consent Agenda
Approved
9-0-0

4.2 Usherwood Sales / Service Agreement

MOTION: That the Board of School Directors approves the attached sales / service quote in the amount of \$9948.00 from Usherwood, as presented.

Motion by Joseph Colosimo, second by Arthur Stewart.

Final Resolution: Motion Passed

Yes: Joseph Colosimo, Elizabeth Huffman, Jeffrey Labesky, Paul Mangione, Marcy Morgan, Mary Passinger, Arthur Stewart, Donna Zariczny, Kevin Lindvay

Usherwood Sales
/ Service
Agreement
Approved
9-0-0

4.3 Co-Curricular Supplemental Contracts - PACCA - Mr. Paul Mangione

MOTION: That the Board of School Directors approves the Co-Curricular Supplemental Contracts, as presented.

Motion by Joseph Colosimo, second by Arthur Stewart.

Final Resolution: Motion Passed

Yes: Joseph Colosimo, Elizabeth Huffman, Jeffrey Labesky, Paul Mangione, Marcy Morgan, Mary Passinger, Arthur Stewart, Donna Zariczny, Kevin Lindvay

Co-Curricular
Supplemental
Contracts
Approved
9-0-0

4.4 Athletic Supplemental Contracts & Resignations - PACCA - Mr. Paul Mangione

MOTION: That the Board of School Directors approves the Athletic Supplemental Contracts & Resignations, as presented.

Motion by Joseph Colosimo, second by Arthur Stewart.

Final Resolution: Motion Passed

Yes: Joseph Colosimo, Elizabeth Huffman, Jeffrey Labesky, Paul Mangione, Marcy Morgan, Mary Passinger, Arthur Stewart, Donna Zariczny, Kevin Lindvay

Athletic
Supplemental
Contracts &
Resignations
Approved
9-0-0

4.5 Graduating Class of 2021 - CIT - Mr. Joseph Colosimo

MOTION: That the Board of School Directors approves the Graduating Class of 2021, as presented.

Motion by Joseph Colosimo, second by Arthur Stewart.

Final Resolution: Motion Passed

Yes: Joseph Colosimo, Elizabeth Huffman, Jeffrey Labesky, Paul Mangione, Marcy Morgan, Mary Passinger, Arthur Stewart, Donna Zariczny, Kevin Lindvay

Graduating Class
of 2021
Approved
9-0-0

5. Items Removed for Separate Action

6. Future Business for Committee Review

There was no business for committee review.

7. Other

7.1 Policy Number 9737 - Graduation Requirements – Graduating Class of 2022 and Beyond - First Reading

Policy Number
9737 -
Graduation
Requirements –
Graduating
Class of 2022
and Beyond -
First Reading
Approved
9-0-0

MOTION: That the Board of School Directors approves on first reading changes to Policy Number 9734, titled - Graduation Requirements – Graduating Class of 2022 and Beyond , as presented.

Motion by Marcy Morgan, second by Mary Passinger.

Final Resolution: Motion Passed

Yes: Joseph Colosimo, Elizabeth Huffman, Jeffrey Labesky, Paul Mangione, Marcy Morgan, Mary Passinger, Arthur Stewart, Donna Zariczny, Kevin Lindvay

7.2 Policy Number 9734, titled - Graduation Requirements - Graduating Class of 2019 and Beyond - Rescission

Policy Number
9734, titled -
Graduation
Requirements -
Graduating Class
of 2019 and
Beyond –
Rescission
Approved
9-0-0

MOTION: That the Board of School Directors, at the adoption of Policy Number 9737, titled Graduation Requirement - Graduating Class of 2022 and Beyond, rescinds Policy 9734, titled - Graduation Requirements - Graduating Class of 2019 and Beyond, as presented.

Motion by Arthur Stewart, second by Marcy Morgan.

Final Resolution: Motion Passed

Yes: Joseph Colosimo, Elizabeth Huffman, Jeffrey Labesky, Paul Mangione, Marcy Morgan, Mary Passinger, Arthur Stewart, Donna Zariczny, Kevin Lindvay

7.3 Policy Number 2310, titled - Meeting Notice, Posting of Meeting Agenda, & Official Action on Additions Made to the Meeting Agenda After it is Posted - Second Reading

Policy Number
2310, titled -
Meeting Notice,
Posting of
Meeting Agenda,
& Official Action
on Additions
Made to the
Meeting Agenda
After it is Posted -
Second Reading
Approved
9-0-0

MOTION: That the Board of School Directors approves changes on second reading to Policy Number 2310, titled - Meeting Notice, as presented.

Motion by Elizabeth Huffman, second by Mary Passinger.

Final Resolution: Motion Passed

Yes: Joseph Colosimo, Elizabeth Huffman, Jeffrey Labesky, Paul Mangione, Marcy Morgan, Mary Passinger, Arthur Stewart, Donna Zariczny, Kevin Lindvay

7.4 Policy Number 2345, titled - Minutes and Records - Second Reading

Policy Number
2345, titled -
Minutes and
Records - Second
Reading
Approved
9-0-0

MOTION: That the Board of School Directors approves changes on second reading to Policy Number 2345, titled - Minutes and Records, as presented.

Motion by Mary Passinger, second by Elizabeth Huffman.

Final Resolution: Motion Passed

Yes: Joseph Colosimo, Elizabeth Huffman, Jeffrey Labesky, Paul Mangione, Marcy Morgan, Mary Passinger, Arthur Stewart, Donna Zariczny, Kevin Lindvay

7.5 Policy Number 2347, titled - Electronic Information Dissemination - Second Reading

MOTION: That the Board of School Directors approves changes on second reading to Policy Number 2347, titled - Electronic Information Dissemination, as presented.

Motion by Arthur Stewart, second by Mary Passinger.

Final Resolution: Motion Passed

Yes: Joseph Colosimo, Elizabeth Huffman, Jeffrey Labesky, Paul Mangione, Marcy Morgan, Mary Passinger, Arthur Stewart, Donna Zariczny, Kevin Lindvay

Policy Number
2347, titled -
Electronic
Information
Dissemination -
Second Reading
Approved
9-0-0

7.6 2021 Affordable Care Act Employer Reporting

MOTION: That the Board of School Directors approves the 2021 Affordable Care Act Reporting Agreement with Reschini, as presented.

Motion by Marcy Morgan, second by Mary Passinger.

Final Resolution: Motion Passed

Yes: Joseph Colosimo, Elizabeth Huffman, Jeffrey Labesky, Paul Mangione, Marcy Morgan, Mary Passinger, Arthur Stewart, Donna Zariczny, Kevin Lindvay

2021 Affordable
Care Act
Employer
Reporting
Approved
9-0-0

7.7 Repository Sales - Mr. Arthur Stewart

MOTION: That the Board of School Directors approves the Repository Sales, as presented.

Motion by Arthur Stewart, second by Kevin Lindvay.

Final Resolution: Motion Passed

Yes: Joseph Colosimo, Elizabeth Huffman, Jeffrey Labesky, Paul Mangione, Marcy Morgan, Mary Passinger, Arthur Stewart, Donna Zariczny, Kevin Lindvay

Repository Sales
Approved
9-0-0

7.8 Certificated Personnel Report - PACCA - Mr. Paul Mangione

MOTION: That the Board of School Directors approves the Certificated Personnel Report as presented.

Motion by Mary Passinger, second by Marcy Morgan.

Final Resolution: Motion Passed

Yes: Joseph Colosimo, Elizabeth Huffman, Jeffrey Labesky, Paul Mangione, Marcy Morgan, Mary Passinger, Arthur Stewart, Donna Zariczny, Kevin Lindvay

Certificated
Personnel Report
Approved
9-0-0

7.9 Support Personnel Report - PACCA - Mr. Paul Mangione

MOTION: That the Board of School Directors approves the Support Personnel Report as presented.

Motion by Arthur Stewart, second by Mary Passinger.

Final Resolution: Motion Passed

Yes: Joseph Colosimo, Elizabeth Huffman, Jeffrey Labesky, Paul Mangione, Marcy Morgan, Mary Passinger, Arthur Stewart, Donna Zariczny, Kevin Lindvay

Support Personnel
Report
Approved
9-0-0

7.10 Informational Report - PACCA - Mr. Paul Mangione

Informational
Report
Approved
9-0-0

MOTION: That the Board of School Directors approves the Informational Report as presented.

Motion by Mary Passinger, second by Kevin Lindvay.

Final Resolution: Motion Passed

Yes: Joseph Colosimo, Elizabeth Huffman, Jeffrey Labesky, Paul Mangione, Marcy Morgan, Mary Passinger, Arthur Stewart, Donna Zariczny, Kevin Lindvay

7.11 Volunteer Report - PACCA - Mr. Paul Mangione

Volunteer Report
Approved
9-0-0

MOTION: That the Board of School Directors approves the Volunteer Report as presented.

Motion by Arthur Stewart, second by Marcy Morgan.

Final Resolution: Motion Passed

Yes: Joseph Colosimo, Elizabeth Huffman, Jeffrey Labesky, Paul Mangione, Marcy Morgan, Mary Passinger, Arthur Stewart, Donna Zariczny, Kevin Lindvay

7.12 Affiliation Agreement - Fordham University

Affiliation
Agreement -
Fordham
University
Approved
9-0-0

MOTION: That the Board of School Directors approves the affiliation agreement between the Warren County School District and Fordham University, as presented.

Motion by Marcy Morgan, second by Mary Passinger.

Final Resolution: Motion Passed

Yes: Joseph Colosimo, Elizabeth Huffman, Jeffrey Labesky, Paul Mangione, Marcy Morgan, Mary Passinger, Arthur Stewart, Donna Zariczny, Kevin Lindvay

7.13 New Position – English Second Language & Special Education Teacher

New Position –
English Second
Language &
Special Education
Teacher
Approved
9-0-0

MOTION: That the Board of Directors approves the New Position - English Second Language & Special Education teacher, as presented.

Motion by Marcy Morgan, second by Mary Passinger.

Final Resolution: Motion Passed

Yes: Joseph Colosimo, Elizabeth Huffman, Jeffrey Labesky, Paul Mangione, Marcy Morgan, Mary Passinger, Arthur Stewart, Donna Zariczny, Kevin Lindvay

7.14 Brainfuse, Inc., Agreement

Brainfuse, Inc.,
Agreement
Approved
9-0-0

MOTION: That the Board of School Directors approves the agreement with Brainfuse, Inc., as presented.

Motion by Mary Passinger, second by Marcy Morgan.

Final Resolution: Motion Passed

Yes: Joseph Colosimo, Elizabeth Huffman, Jeffrey Labesky, Paul Mangione, Marcy Morgan, Mary Passinger, Arthur Stewart, Donna Zariczny, Kevin Lindvay

7.15 Resolution 21-09-01 - Order of PA Department of Health

MOTION: That the Board of School Directors adopts Arthur Stewart's recommended motion:

Mr. Arthur Stewart's recommended motion -

I move that the District comply with the Order of the Acting Secretary of the Pennsylvania Department of Health Directing Face Coverings in School Entities published August 31, 2021, and that to implement that Order the

District adopt and use the attached Letter to Parents and friends dated September 13, 2021, and the attached form titled Face Covering Exception Request Form, and further that the District's ARP ESSER Health and Safety Plan be amended to conform with the preceding provisions of this motion and the attachments.

Mr. Arthur
Stewart's
Recommended
Motion
Approved
6-3-0

Motion by Arthur Stewart, second by Joseph Colosimo.

After some discussion Mr. Labesky called the question. The Board agreed by common consent to vote on Mr. Stewart's recommended motion.

Final Resolution: Motion Passed

Yes: Joseph Colosimo, Elizabeth Huffman, Jeffrey Labesky, Paul Mangione, Arthur Stewart, Kevin Lindvay

No: Marcy Morgan, Mary Passinger, Donna Zariczny

7.16 Warren County School District/Community COVID Committee

MOTION: It was moved by Mr. Stewart and seconded by Elizabeth Huffman to table this item indefinitely.

Final Resolution: Motion Passed

Yes: Elizabeth Huffman, Jeffrey Labesky, Paul Mangione, Marcy Morgan, Mary Passinger, Arthur Stewart, Donna Zariczny, Kevin Lindvay

Not Present at Vote: Joseph Colosimo

7.17 Mr. Arthur Stewart's Recommended Action

This motion was acted upon under Item 7.15.

Warren County
School
District/Community
COVID Committee
Tabled
8-0-1

8. Closing Activities

8.1 Executive Session

Mrs. Stewart requested an executive session with the Board and solicitor to discuss the legal aspects of implementing Mr. Stewart's motion.

Mr. Mangione announced an executive session at 8:44 p.m. to get legal advice from the solicitor regarding implementation of Mr. Stewart's motion, and there would be no action to follow.

Brian Ferry of the Warren Times Observer questioned if this was executive session material, and he contended it should be discussed in public.

Solicitor Byham stated it is executive session compliant to give legal advice to the Board and administration as they have requested.

8.2 Adjournment

MOTION: It was moved by Elizabeth Huffman and seconded by Mr. Stewart to adjourn the meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Ruth A. Huck, Board Secretary

