

WARREN COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF SCHOOL DIRECTORS
MEETING MINUTES
MONDAY, MARCH 13, 2023

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, President, at 6:00 p.m. in the Central Office Boardroom and via Zoom meeting.

1.2 Pledge of Allegiance

Mr. Mangione led the Pledge of Allegiance.

1.3 Roll Call

Present:

Mr. Cody Brown	Mrs. Marcy Morgan (arrived at 6:27 p.m. via Zoom)
Mr. Joseph Colosimo	Mrs. Mary Passinger
Mr. Jeffery Dougherty	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 Mead, 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; Mrs. Taylor Trisket, Assistant Board Secretary; Mr. Rick Gignac, Supervisor of District-wide Athletics & Co-Curricular Activities; Mr. Michael Kiehl, Transportation and Purchasing Manager; Mr. Matt Jones, Coordinator of Grants and Foundation Development; Mrs. Jennifer Dilks, Coordinator of Technology; Mr. David Undercoffer, Operations Manager; Leslie Bloomgren, Administrative Supervisor; Mr. Brandon Deppen, Safety & Security Coordinator; Mr. Brian Ferry, WTO; Mr. Brian Hagberg, *Your Daily Local*; and approximately 60 members of the public in attendance.

1.4 Reading of the Mission Statement - Mr. Cody Brown

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. Kevin Lindvay

Pennsylvania school boards are committed to providing every student the opportunity to grow and achieve. Our actions, as elected and appointed board members, ultimately have both short- and long-term impact in the classroom. Therefore, we pledge that we will...

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Evaluate Continuously

- *By making data-informed decisions*
- *By evaluating the superintendent annually*
- *By conducting a board self-assessment on a recurring basis*
- *By focusing on student growth and achievement*
- *By reviewing effectiveness of all comprehensive and strategic plans*

1.6 Recognitions & Presentations

- Mr. Gary Weber introduced Ms. Courtney Brinker and Mr. Dane Renwick, the District's athletic trainers who help to keep the District's athletes safe. During March athletic trainers across the country are recognized for their commitment to helping people prevent injuries and staying healthy. As healthcare professionals they are highly trained and dedicated to the job at hand. Both regularly attend District athletic events, evaluating and treating injuries and communicating with parents and athletes; and working with administration to ensure safety is a top priority. We are incredibly fortunate to have these individuals working for the Warren County School District. Mr. Gignac share statistics for the work they do.
- Mrs. Stewart shared she will be recognizing Mrs. Chris Haslett, who coordinates the 21st Century Program, next month because she could not be present this evening.
- Mrs. Stewart shared that Mr. Bob Smith was recently nominated for a recognition for the work he does with TANF and co-op students at the WCCC. He goes out into the community working with employers to place students at business to get experience and be paid. He will be recognized at an upcoming board meeting as well.

1.7 Public Comment

Kelly Sullivan	Youngsville	Ms. Sullivan thanked the Board for holding the public engagement session and allowing them to voice their concerns and to bring reasonable and logical solutions. She was not satisfied with Strategy Solutions facilitation at the meeting and thought they were pushing for decisions without the proper data. She applauded the Board for taking a step back and halting the voting. She will be emailing the Board with additional questions regarding data, costs, etc. Please slow down and get all the necessary data. There is no transparency, please be transparent or the distrust will continue. Enlist steering committees made up of community members and hold meetings in the communities. We all have an end goal, its what is best for the kids. Let's demonstrate and show these young people how we can all work together.
Carl Lewis	Youngsville	Mr. Lewis stated he is here to bring awareness to the public. There are many Warren County residence who believe the reconfiguration is needed because the District has hired a consultant to push an agenda. Here are the facts: a board member has stated they are not closing buildings, just moving 9-12 graders to other schools, so the result would be further under-utilized buildings. The school district is telling the public that this is to provide a better education to students. The students are not leaving the school district just leaving their community schools. Mr. Lewis quoted rankings for the high schools according to <i>US News and World Report</i> . Warren Area High School is ranked 442 in the state in 2022. If we wanted a better education for these students, we would send Youngsville students to Corry High School where they rank 332 nd . This is

		<p>110 spots high than Warren County. Sheffield students would be sent to Bradford HS ranked 132nd, 340 spots higher than Warren County, or maybe they should be sent to Tidioute Charter School where they rank 413 in the state, 24 spots higher than Warren County. All the schools mentioned are community schools. And by no means is this a dig at teachers, rather the management of the district. Where is the district's evidence that moving students will provide a better education. A study conducted by Community Works Institute found that smaller schools outperformed larger schools in areas of safety, teaching conditions and academic performance. The study also stated historic rationale for consolidating or reconfiguration were based on three factors: 1) economies of scale; 2) social equality; 3) increased program offerings. The district uses two of these factors as their rationale. However, the study found in all three of these factors questionable or outright false. Why is the public not being provided data about safety? Smaller schools are safer than larger ones. At the last committee meeting the Warren County Sheriff attended to ask for another school resource officer because the two we have are busy and stretched thin. How would combining schools make them safer? Incidents will increase, go undetected, or unreported. The district is pushing its own agenda by hiring consultants to push the agenda. If this is about students, major work needs done on the students' behalf.</p>
Melanie Lewis	Youngsville	<p>Mrs. Lewis stated that the only two options printed and distributed by the district at last week's public engagement session were for closing Sheffield and Youngsville 9-12 grades. Many had already seen these options and they are confounded by the assertion that there are no options on the table. In regard to reconfiguration, it has been said repeatedly that the financial aspect is not being considered and why not? In regard to the building utilization study there were several prior data runs. Class utilization dropped from one study to the other. Why was the central office not studied or the other empty schools and Anderson building? Were the virtual students and teachers counted and their needs assessed? Was there a utilization study on the Career Center? If we are talking high schoolers, then the Career Center should be a focus. Are programs under or over utilized? What about the suggestion of community career centers? We do not know what the needs are if there has not been input from the teachers, students, or community. Were transportation needs discussed? How does anyone think a one-hour bus ride is acceptable? How does ten hours on a bus enrich education and quality of life for a student? The one-hour ride is in good weather not poor weather conditions. She asked the Board to slow the process, take time to consider all of the points the public is bringing and dig into other options presented. Under valuing other options is a disservice. Any closure should only be pursued where there is objective data demonstrating benefits to the students, teachers, communities, and taxpayers.</p>

Dr. Danielle Cook	Warren	<p>Dr. Cook stated she is a resident in the City of Warren, and she has spent all of her professional life researching and practicing in school systems. Her expertise is in organizational leadership, and she has studied small rural schools and has personally experienced the process of school consolidation and feasibility studies leading to those decisions. She works as a superintendent in the New York State public school systems and her most important job is being the mother of three children. She thanked the Board and Superintendent Stewart for their courage, engaging in difficult dialogue about the school community. A question posed during public comment at the February 27th meeting was, "What are the criteria for making decisions about school configurations?" As a resident who wishes to have her children, third generation Warren County graduates, she felt a civic duty to answer the question. To answer, what you as a Board of Education, with the authority vested in you by the Warren County voters, is to make decisions about where children attend school is quite simple, equitable education opportunities. This aligns with your mission statement, "...to support the personal and intellectual success and wellness of every student, every day." I first ask you to consider qualitative and quantitative data which can be used to make the most sound decision to make sure that our students are prepared to live a prosperous life after high school. She hopes to see criterion for configuration that will afford students choice in electives, career and technical education, and advanced course offerings. Dr. Cook wishes to see a configuration that affords students learning opportunities through choice and extra-curricular and athletic activities and ensures that all students have access to qualified educators and related service providers prepared to implement a rigorous and supportive educational experience to all K-12 students in the Warren County School District and all students have equitable access to education and we as a school community support decisions that positively impact learning above all else.</p>
Kelly Kibbey	Spring Creek	<p>Ms. Kibbey thanked the board members for their service to the Warren County School District. She made three points to the board. 1) First, economically disadvantaged students at Sheffield and Youngsville exceed 51% of these populations. Class sizes would more than likely increase with the combining of schools. Increase in class sizes would be harmful to these populations. There is research on the National Education Policy Center website. 2) Maslow's Hierarchy of Needs - the need for water, food, shelter, sleep, clothing, etc. is the lowest level followed by safety needs, personal security, employment and health. We focus on those concerns until we have satisfied them. The third level - love and belonging defined as friendship, family and a sense of connection, belonging - it is at this level people have opinions and voiced comments. They are afraid of their students losing their sense of belonging to a small school that is woven into the community. The students have expressed their thoughts on losing their identity in a larger school and their mental wellbeing. Survey results from board and staff members indicated a concern for the sense of</p>

		belonging to the communities and school. 3) A look at the key data on the ESSER report card, linked on the district website, Youngsville, Sheffield, Eisenhower met college and career ready status and graduation rates.
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1.8 Agenda Adoption

MOTION: That the Board of School Directors adopts the agenda dated March 3, 2023.

Motion by Joseph Colosimo, second by Donna Zariczny.

Final Resolution: Motion Passed

Yes: Cody Brown, Joseph Colosimo, Jeffery Dougherty, Kevin Lindvay, Paul Mangione, Mary Passinger, Arthur Stewart, Donna Zariczny

Not Present at Vote: Marcy Morgan

Agenda Adoption
Approved
8-0-0

1.9 Approval of Minutes – February 13, 2023

MOTION: That the Board of School Directors approves the regular meeting minutes dated February 13, 2023.

Motion by Jeffery Dougherty, second by Cody Brown.

Final Resolution: Motion Passed

Yes: Cody Brown, Joseph Colosimo, Jeffery Dougherty, Kevin Lindvay, Paul Mangione, Mary Passinger, Arthur Stewart, Donna Zariczny

Not Present at Vote: Marcy Morgan

February 13, 2023
Minutes
Approved
8-0-0

1.10 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.

Motion by Mary Passinger, second by Cody Brown.

Final Resolution: Motion Passed

Yes: Cody Brown, Joseph Colosimo, Jeffery Dougherty, Kevin Lindvay, Paul Mangione, Mary Passinger, Arthur Stewart, Donna Zariczny

Not Present at Vote: Marcy Morgan

Financial Reports
Approved
8-0-0

1.11 Hearing Officer Report

MOTION: That the Board of School Directors approves the Hearing Officer report, dated March 13, 2023, Case F, as presented.

Motion by Mary Passinger, second by Arthur Stewart.

Final Resolution: Motion Passed

Yes: Cody Brown, Joseph Colosimo, Jeffery Dougherty, Kevin Lindvay, Paul Mangione, Mary Passinger, Arthur Stewart, Donna Zariczny

Not Present at Vote: Marcy Morgan

Hearing Officer
Report
Approved
8-0-0

2. President's Statement

2.1 Reports & Information

1. IU5 - Mr. Paul Mangione

Mr. Mangione reported the IU5 budget is on the agenda for approval.

2. PSBA Liaison - Mrs. Marcy Morgan

3. Career Center Advisory - Mrs. Donna Zariczny

- Mrs. Zariczny reported fifteen students went to Hershey of the DECA competition. Although no students qualified for nationals, several students won medals. Sara Tome won all three possible medals in apparel and accessories marketing; Samuel Smith won all three possible medals in marketing communications; Nickolas Hamler won all three possible medals in retail merchandising; Addison Hannold won high marketing cluster exam in sports and entertainment marketing; Addison Hannold and Marissa Goerlich combined as a team to win high roleplay in sports and entertainment marketing team decision making; Bree Huntington won a medal for high written score in integrated marketing campaign event; Kendra Chase won a medal for high role play entrepreneurship series event; Paige Dexter won high entrepreneurship cluster exam and entrepreneurship team decision-making.
- SkillsUSA will send ten students to Hershey later this spring. Students will represent Power Equipment Technology; Media Marketing; and Connor Hussy will represent Automotive Technology, and he qualified for states by winning the district event in January.
- FBLA will send fifteen students to Hershey representing two different programs - Information Technology and Multimedia Marketing.
- Building Construction Occupations program completed the stage sets for the All-County Jr. Musical.
- TANF placed its first student, Samantha Beaty, with a local dentist, Dr. Hoffman's office. She is a student in health medical assisting with an interest in a dental career. There are currently 19 students on Co-op and 23 students participating in TANF, including three students from the Strive Program.

2.2 Important Dates

BOARD/COMMITTEE MEETING DATES				
1.	March 24, 2023	1:00 p.m. and 6:00 p.m.	Community Engagement/Outreach	Central Office
2.	March 27, 2023	6:00 p.m.	Finance Committee Personnel/ Athletics & Co-Curricular Activities Committee Curriculum, Instruction, & Technology Committee Physical Plant & Facilities Committee	Zoom Meeting Central Office
3.	April 10, 2023	6:00 p.m.	Board Meeting	Zoom Meeting Central Office
4.	April 18, 2023	6:00 p.m.	Public Engagement Session II - Options Analysis	Central Office
5.	April 24, 2023	6:00 p.m.	Personnel/ Athletics & Co-Curricular Activities Committee Curriculum, Instruction, & Technology Committee	Central Office

			Physical Plant & Facilities Committee Finance Committee	
6.	May 8, 2023	6:00 p.m.	Board Meeting	Zoom Meeting Central Office
7.	May 9, 2023	6:00 p.m.	Public Engagement Session III - Implementation Plan	Central Office

2.3 Announcements

Mr. Mangione announced the goal is to get through the business of the agenda, relax Roberts Rules, and have a full board discussion looking at the options and criteria for the MFP process.

Additionally, Mr. Mangione announced there will be an executive session at the conclusion of the meeting to discuss personnel issues and to receive legal advice from the solicitor.

2.4 Other

3. Superintendent's Reports and Recommendations

3.1 General Comments - Mrs. Amy Stewart

- Mrs. Stewart stated this is budget season, and there are timelines and scheduled meetings coming up where components of the budget will be presented. This is one of the more complex budgets because of the ESSER dollars. School year 2023-2024 will be the last year ESSER dollars can be used. Mr. Grosch will be bringing a timeline revision, and there will be a detailed discussion of staffing, if needed. If board members have 'adds' they want considered for the budget, such as the additional SRO, please contact Mrs. Stewart so she can plan accordingly for the preliminary budget.
- Each member has a copy of the Health and Safety Plan at their place. It is a requirement of the ESSER dollars to review the plan every six months. She asked board member to review it and if they have any changes to please let her know. The Board members did not have any changes for the plan.
- Mrs. Stewart attended the All-County Jr. Musical on Saturday afternoon, and reported it was very exciting and very well done. The kids had a great time. Congratulations to Kelsie Burkett and Jen Check and all those who helped them.
- The Board members were presented with a draft FAQ document, and they were asked for their input. It will be sent out tomorrow following discussion tonight.

3.2 Committee Reports

3.3 Other

4. New Business - Consent Agenda

4.1 Consent Agenda

Mrs. Morgan entered the meeting at 6:27 p.m.

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

Motion by Joseph Colosimo, second by Donna Zariczny.

Final Resolution: Motion Passed

Yes: Cody Brown, Joseph Colosimo, Jeffery Dougherty, Kevin Lindvay, Paul Mangione, Marcy Morgan, Mary Passinger, Arthur Stewart, Donna Zariczny

Consent Agenda
Approved
9-0-0

4.2 Warren County Career Center PlanCon J - Additional Materials and Information for PDE - PPF - Ms. Donna Zariczny

Warren County
Career Center
PlanCon J -
Additional
Materials and
Information for
PDE
Approved
9-0-0

MOTION: That the Board of School Directors certifies that the attached PlanCon J additional materials/information are approved for submission to the Pennsylvania Department of Education for the project known as the Warren County Career Center Alterations & Additions (WCSD Project #1801, PDE Project #3908).

Motion by Joseph Colosimo, second by Donna Zariczny.

Final Resolution: Motion Passed

Yes: Cody Brown, Joseph Colosimo, Jeffery Dougherty, Kevin Lindvay, Paul Mangione, Marcy Morgan, Mary Passinger, Arthur Stewart, Donna Zariczny

4.3 Preliminary 2023-2024 Northwest Tri-County Intermediate Unit Budget - FIN - Mr. Arthur Stewart

Preliminary 2023-
2024 Northwest
Tri-County
Intermediate Unit
Budget
Approved
9-0-0

MOTION: That the Board of School Directors approves the preliminary 2023-2024 Northwest Tri-County Intermediate Unit Budget, as presented.

Motion by Joseph Colosimo, second by Donna Zariczny.

Final Resolution: Motion Passed

Yes: Cody Brown, Joseph Colosimo, Jeffery Dougherty, Kevin Lindvay, Paul Mangione, Marcy Morgan, Mary Passinger, Arthur Stewart, Donna Zariczny

4.4 Certificated Personnel Report - PACCA - Mr. Kevin Lindvay

Certificated
Personnel Report
Approved
9-0-0

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

Motion by Joseph Colosimo, second by Donna Zariczny.

Final Resolution: Motion Passed

Yes: Cody Brown, Joseph Colosimo, Jeffery Dougherty, Kevin Lindvay, Paul Mangione, Marcy Morgan, Mary Passinger, Arthur Stewart, Donna Zariczny

4.5 Support Personnel Report - PACCA - Mr. Kevin Lindvay

Support Personnel
Report
Approved
9-0-0

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

Motion by Joseph Colosimo, second by Donna Zariczny.

Final Resolution: Motion Passed

Yes: Cody Brown, Joseph Colosimo, Jeffery Dougherty, Kevin Lindvay, Paul Mangione, Marcy Morgan, Mary Passinger, Arthur Stewart, Donna Zariczny

4.6 Volunteer Report - PACCA - Mr. Kevin Lindvay

Volunteer Report
Approved
9-0-0

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

Motion by Joseph Colosimo, second by Donna Zariczny.

Final Resolution: Motion Passed

Yes: Cody Brown, Joseph Colosimo, Jeffery Dougherty, Kevin Lindvay, Paul Mangione, Marcy Morgan, Mary Passinger, Arthur Stewart, Donna Zariczny

4.7 New Bus Drivers - PACCA - Mr. Kevin Lindvay

MOTION: That the Board of School Directors approves the list of new bus drivers, as presented.

Motion by Joseph Colosimo, second by Donna Zariczny.

Final Resolution: Motion Passed

Yes: Cody Brown, Joseph Colosimo, Jeffery Dougherty, Kevin Lindvay, Paul Mangione, Marcy Morgan, Mary Passinger, Arthur Stewart, Donna Zariczny

New Bus Drivers
Approved
9-0-0

4.8 Unique Need Tuition Reimbursement - Lisa Franklin - PACCA - Mr. Kevin Lindvay

MOTION: That the Board of School Directors approves unique need tuition reimbursement for Lisa Franklin, as presented.

Motion by Joseph Colosimo, second by Donna Zariczny.

Final Resolution: Motion Passed

Yes: Cody Brown, Joseph Colosimo, Jeffery Dougherty, Kevin Lindvay, Paul Mangione, Marcy Morgan, Mary Passinger, Arthur Stewart, Donna Zariczny

Unique Need
Tuition
Reimbursement
Approved
9-0-0

4.9 Athletic Supplemental Contracts and Resignations - PACCA - Mr. Kevin Lindvay

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

Motion by Joseph Colosimo, second by Donna Zariczny.

Final Resolution: Motion Passed

Yes: Cody Brown, Joseph Colosimo, Jeffery Dougherty, Kevin Lindvay, Paul Mangione, Marcy Morgan, Mary Passinger, Arthur Stewart, Donna Zariczny

Athletic
Supplemental
Contracts and
Resignations
Approved
9-0-0

4.10 Co-Curricular Supplemental Contracts and Resignations - PACCA - Mr. Kevin Lindvay

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

Motion by Joseph Colosimo, second by Donna Zariczny.

Final Resolution: Motion Passed

Yes: Cody Brown, Joseph Colosimo, Jeffery Dougherty, Kevin Lindvay, Paul Mangione, Marcy Morgan, Mary Passinger, Arthur Stewart, Donna Zariczny

Co-Curricular
Supplemental
Contracts and
Resignations
Approved
9-0-0

4.11 ClassLink Renewal Licenses - Invoice e-113494 - CIT - Mr. Joseph Colosimo

MOTION: That the Board of School Directors approves the ClassLink renewal license and ClassLink Rosters Hosting renewal license from May 1, 2023, to April 30, 2024, in the amount of \$15,628.88, as presented.

Motion by Joseph Colosimo, second by Donna Zariczny.

Final Resolution: Motion Passed

Yes: Cody Brown, Joseph Colosimo, Jeffery Dougherty, Kevin Lindvay, Paul Mangione, Marcy Morgan, Mary Passinger, Arthur Stewart, Donna Zariczny

ClassLink
Renewal Licenses
- Invoice e-
113494
Approved
9-0-0

4.12 SchoolInfoApp, LLC Contract Termination Request June 30, 2023 - CIT - Mr. Joseph Colosimo

SchoolInfoApp,
LLC Contract
Termination
Request June 30,
2023
Approved
9-0-0

MOTION: That the Board of School Directors approves the request of termination on June 30, 2023, with SchoolInfoApp, LLC, as presented.

Motion by Joseph Colosimo, second by Donna Zariczny.

Final Resolution: Motion Passed

Yes: Cody Brown, Joseph Colosimo, Jeffery Dougherty, Kevin Lindvay, Paul Mangione, Marcy Morgan, Mary Passinger, Arthur Stewart, Donna Zariczny

4.13 Dual Enrollment Agreement with Pennsylvania Western University - CIT - Mr. Joseph Colosimo

Dual Enrollment
Agreement with
Pennsylvania
Western
University
Approved
9-0-0

MOTION: That the Board of School Directors approves the Dual Enrollment Agreement with Pennsylvania Western University, as presented.

Motion by Joseph Colosimo, second by Donna Zariczny.

Final Resolution: Motion Passed

Yes: Cody Brown, Joseph Colosimo, Jeffery Dougherty, Kevin Lindvay, Paul Mangione, Marcy Morgan, Mary Passinger, Arthur Stewart, Donna Zariczny

4.14 Early Childhood Education Agreement with Northern Pennsylvania Regional College - CIT - Mr. Joseph Colosimo

Early Childhood
Education
Agreement with
Northern
Pennsylvania
Regional College
Approved
9-0-0

MOTION: That the Board of School Directors approves the Early Childhood Education Agreement with Northern Pennsylvania Regional College, as presented.

Motion by Joseph Colosimo, second by Donna Zariczny.

Final Resolution: Motion Passed

Yes: Cody Brown, Joseph Colosimo, Jeffery Dougherty, Kevin Lindvay, Paul Mangione, Marcy Morgan, Mary Passinger, Arthur Stewart, Donna Zariczny

4.15 2023 Handle With Care Agreement & Purchase - CIT - Mr. Joseph Colosimo

2023 Handle With
Care Agreement &
Purchase
Approved
9-0-0

MOTION: That the Board of School Directors approves the 2023 Handle With Care Agreement and purchase in the amount of \$4,000.00, as presented.

Motion by Joseph Colosimo, second by Donna Zariczny.

Final Resolution: Motion Passed

Yes: Cody Brown, Joseph Colosimo, Jeffery Dougherty, Kevin Lindvay, Paul Mangione, Marcy Morgan, Mary Passinger, Arthur Stewart, Donna Zariczny

4.16 2023-2025 The Meadows Psychiatric Center Agreement - CIT - Mr. Joseph Colosimo

2023-2025 The
Meadows
Psychiatric Center
Agreement
Approved
9-0-0

MOTION: That the Board of School Directors approves the 2023-2025 The Meadows Psychiatric Center Agreement, as presented.

Motion by Joseph Colosimo, second by Donna Zariczny.

Final Resolution: Motion Passed

Yes: Cody Brown, Joseph Colosimo, Jeffery Dougherty, Kevin Lindvay, Paul Mangione, Marcy Morgan, Mary Passinger, Arthur Stewart, Donna Zariczny

4.17 Renaissance myON Purchase - CIT - Mr. Joseph Colosimo

MOTION: That the Board of School Directors approves the Renaissance myON purchase in the amount of \$11,167.50, as presented.

Motion by Joseph Colosimo, second by Donna Zariczny.

Final Resolution: Motion Passed

Yes: Cody Brown, Joseph Colosimo, Jeffery Dougherty, Kevin Lindvay, Paul Mangione, Marcy Morgan, Mary Passinger, Arthur Stewart, Donna Zariczny

Renaissance myON
Purchase
Approved
9-0-0

4.18 Vision Screener Instrument Purchase - CIT - Mr. Joseph Colosimo

MOTION: That the Board of School Directors approves the Vision Screener Instrument Purchase in the amount of \$29,329.93, as presented.

Motion by Joseph Colosimo, second by Donna Zariczny.

Final Resolution: Motion Passed

Yes: Cody Brown, Joseph Colosimo, Jeffery Dougherty, Kevin Lindvay, Paul Mangione, Marcy Morgan, Mary Passinger, Arthur Stewart, Donna Zariczny

Vision Screener
Instrument Purchase
Approved
9-0-0

4.19 GRANT: Dual Credit Grant 2022-24 - CIT - Mr. Joseph Colosimo

MOTION: That the Board of School Directors instructs the administration to develop and submit an application to the Dual Credit Grant program on behalf of either or both the Warren County School District and Warren County Career Center to create or expand equitable and innovative dual credit opportunities for students.

Motion by Joseph Colosimo, second by Donna Zariczny.

Final Resolution: Motion Passed

Yes: Cody Brown, Joseph Colosimo, Jeffery Dougherty, Kevin Lindvay, Paul Mangione, Marcy Morgan, Mary Passinger, Arthur Stewart, Donna Zariczny

GRANT: Dual
Credit Grant 2022-24
Approved
9-0-0

4.20 GRANT: 2023-24 Highmark Foundation School Grants and Awards Program - CIT - Mr. Joseph Colosimo

MOTION: That the Board of School Directors instructs the administration to work with interested staff and buildings to write and submit applications to the Highmark Foundation School Grants and Awards program for eligible programs.

Motion by Joseph Colosimo, second by Donna Zariczny.

Final Resolution: Motion Passed

Yes: Cody Brown, Joseph Colosimo, Jeffery Dougherty, Kevin Lindvay, Paul Mangione, Marcy Morgan, Mary Passinger, Arthur Stewart, Donna Zariczny

GRANT: 2023-24
Highmark
Foundation School
Grants and Awards
Program
Approved
9-0-0

5. Items Removed for Separate Action

6. Future Business for Committee Review

There was no future business for committee review.

7. Other

7.1 Juul Settlement

Juul Settlement
Approved
9-0-0

MOTION: That the Board of School Directors accepts the Settlement Offer for Government Entity Claims against Juul Labs, Inc. as outlined by Dillon, McCandless, King, Coulter & Graham LLP, as presented.

Motion by Arthur Stewart, second by Donna Zariczny.

Final Resolution: Motion Passed

Yes: Cody Brown, Joseph Colosimo, Jeffery Dougherty, Kevin Lindvay, Paul Mangione, Marcy Morgan, Mary Passinger, Arthur Stewart, Donna Zariczny

7.2 Memorandum of Understanding Between Career & Technical Education Centers and The Bureau of Career & Technical Education for Participation in BCTE Technical Assistance Program

MOU Between
Career &
Technical
Education
Centers and The
Bureau of Career
& Technical
Education for
Participation in
BCTE Technical
Assistance
Program
Approved
9-0-0

MOTION: That the Board of School Directors approves the Memorandum of Understanding Between Career & Technical Education Centers and The Bureau of Career & Technical Education for Participation in the BCTE Technical Assistance Program, as presented.

Motion by Kevin Lindvay, second by Cody Brown.

Final Resolution: Motion Passed

Yes: Cody Brown, Joseph Colosimo, Jeffery Dougherty, Kevin Lindvay, Paul Mangione, Marcy Morgan, Mary Passinger, Arthur Stewart, Donna Zariczny

7.3 Welders Supply Quote

Welders Supply
Quote
Approved
9-0-0

MOTION: That the Board of School Directors approves the Welders Supply Quote in the amount of \$45,000.00, as presented.

Motion by Donna Zariczny, second by Arthur Stewart.

Final Resolution: Motion Passed

Yes: Cody Brown, Joseph Colosimo, Jeffery Dougherty, Kevin Lindvay, Paul Mangione, Marcy Morgan, Mary Passinger, Arthur Stewart, Donna Zariczny

7.4 Warren County Education Association Memorandum of Understanding

Warren County
Education
Association
Memorandum of
Understanding
Approved
9-0-0

MOTION: That the Board of School Directors approves the Warren County Education Association Memorandum of Understanding, as presented.

Motion by Donna Zariczny, second by Arthur Stewart.

Final Resolution: Motion Passed

Yes: Cody Brown, Joseph Colosimo, Jeffery Dougherty, Kevin Lindvay, Paul Mangione, Marcy Morgan, Mary Passinger, Arthur Stewart, Donna Zariczny

7.5 Other Post Benefits Valuation Report

Other Post Benefits
Valuation Report
Approved
9-0-0

MOTION: That the Board of School Directors approves Mockenhaupt Benefits Group to calculate the Post Employment Benefits Liability per the Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) 75 requirements with a valuation report date as of July 1, 2022.

Motion by Jeffery Dougherty, second by Mary Passinger.

Final Resolution: Motion Passed

Yes: Cody Brown, Joseph Colosimo, Jeffery Dougherty, Kevin Lindvay, Paul Mangione, Marcy Morgan, Mary Passinger, Arthur Stewart, Donna Zariczny

Mr. Mangione asked that Roberts Rules be relaxed so that the board members could discuss criteria and options from the precious public engagement session.

Mrs. Stewart provided the ending point from the public engagement session when board members stated they were not comfortable deciding on the options and criteria that evening.

The first task is to get a list of criteria and the second task is to look at options and decide if there are things the board is not willing to look.

- Mrs. Zariczny would like to include the impact on student well-being to the criteria. The board members agreed.
- Bus rides should be kept at one hour or less.
- Use current class size procedure to evaluate options.

After discussion the Board ranked the criteria as follows:

1. Bus rides kept to one hour or less
2. Current class size procedure.
3. Access/impact to special education and pupil services
4. Impact on student's well-being
5. Implementation Costs
6. Ability to positively and support teachers
7. Value of schools to community
8. Learning environment (building configuration to support learning and make more courses/curriculum available) – multiple levels of courses & curriculum.
9. Ability to bring other services through community schools through repurposing/improve local supports for kids.
10. Population projections

Options Discussed and:

1. Remove J - one high school option.
2. Remove H and I - the two and four magnet school options.
3. Remove Warren Area Elementary Center K-3.
4. Remove K - Middle School reconfiguration.
5. Remove C – Youngsville 9-12 to Eisenhower.
6. Remove L – close central office; sell Pleasant; sell Sugar Grove; Sell Anderson; move Beaty to Warren; Close Virtual Academy to free up teachers.
7. Remove F – 9-12 at Warren and Eisenhower.

The List of Options for Consideration:

1. Sheffield 9-12 to Warren High (A)
2. Youngsville 9-12 split between Warren High and Eisenhower (B)
3. K-12 at Youngsville (D)
4. 9-12 at Warren and Youngsville (E)
5. Keep all four high schools open/no change to any schools (M)
6. Autonomous schools within attendance areas (different school boards for each school) (O)

7. Redistribute students from Warren to other schools (evaluate the attendance area boundaries and rebalance) (P)

Mrs. Stewart asked the board:

1. Would you like to have a work session between now and March 24th.
2. What do you want to get out of the Community Engagement on March 24th?
 - a. Warren County School District is not the economic arm of the community; it is the Commissioners and locally elected officials. The District's job is to educate the students in those communities, so what are the short and long-term plans from the communities to increase K-12 populations and their long-range plans?
 - b. Would like more background on Northwest Bank's move out of the Sheffield community.

Mrs. Stewart said she will get these questions to the community leaders.

Mrs. Stewart stated that administration may not be able to get numbers to the board between now and March 24th, so there may not be a need to schedule a work session until administration can get some meaningful numbers together.

The meeting recessed at 8:06 p.m. for a break and reconvened at 8:12 p.m.

8. Closing Activities

8.1 Public Comment

Carl Lewis	Youngsville	<p>Mr. Lewis presented a petition from the Sheffield and Youngsville communities to Mr. Mangione to request to have the next public engagement sessions in Youngsville and Sheffield.</p> <p>He also talked about classes not being offered at the smaller schools. He stated it is not a new problem, it has been there since the '90's and probably before.</p>
Kelly Sullivan	Youngsville	<p>Ms. Sullivan stated there is a list of things that has not been discussed:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• No one has gotten back to her about moving the meetings to the communities.• The reason 'N' was not on the list is because it was put in with one of the other options. It was to sell Central Office and put it into one of the underutilized buildings.• Concerning the Vo-Tech it should be included in one of the options.• Who is interested in buying Youngsville? She knows it is on the table, and what is going on there. Closing one of the Youngsville Schools and combining K-12 should be an option.• The Master Facilities Plan from 2011 was well put together with numbers and options, finances, cost savings. The school district should continue to monitor the finances of the school district and consider closing Warren Area High School if

		<p>finances do not improve. You poured more money into Warren and the Career Center so that it was not possible to consider closing down the road.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Will the criteria and options appear on the FAQ? • Is there any reason you cannot add the redistribution of lines letter 'P' as a factor into some of the options that you have? • The DeJong study offered options in several different ways, why can't that be done now? What is so pressing that a decision has to be made by May? • She agreed with Arthur Stewart's point that she will have students in two different attendance areas with one in elementary and one in high school. • Do not rush the study and push out the timeline. Do you already have a decision made? That is what it feels like. • You said you are reaching out to community members and emailed the secretaries in each of the communities. What if some of these community members are not able to engage on March 24th? Are you going to send them a survey by email? If they are not able to be there, they will not be able to be heard. • Option O the autonomous schools, a lot of people are behind and support that option. Has anyone even tried to talk to Mr. Lindberg to see what that meant? You don't know if it is legal, maybe you should talk to him. • Her husband was on Zoom and texted her, if you close any of the schools the property taxes will go down, which means you will lose money, which means you will increase taxes even more. We know the reassessment is happening, so please keep that in mind. Inflation is going on right now, gas prices are high and remember that while you are doing this.
Stephanie Snell		<p>Ms. Snell quoted the Mission Statement concerning the intellectual wellbeing of each student asking, has anyone looked in the face of their child that is told at each sporting event and assembly, "Enjoy this, this is the last time doing this." Until you have you do not know the feeling. You don't understand what these kids are going through, and the anxiety. Twenty-five percent of the students are on anxiety medication because of this. It is not fair what is happening to our children. The seventh and eighth grade football team combined with Warren and there was a 'blue and white' game, so there were 13-</p>

		<p>and 14-year-old cheerleaders, and the kids were wonderful and accepted, but there were parents who stated they could not believe they paid \$3 to watch Sheffield. Grown women were hollering at Sheffield children because they are Wolverines and not Dragons, harassing 13- and 14-year-old children. How does that portray to these children that they belong? Many Sheffield students are financially disadvantaged and that is why we rely on our community. One hundred and twenty kids are going out for track. The track coaches put up their own money so all students can participate. They purchased seventy-five pairs of shoes. The wrestling coach bought a passenger van, so no kid is left behind. They have someone to support them. You have a great city, but you do not have a community if you did it may change your minds. Insinuating that Sheffield is underprivileged in the educational aspect she noted some of the graduates Sheffield has produced, they have a rocket scientist currently working at NASA, an obstetrician, a physician's assistant, a pharmacist, a physical therapist, many teachers, entrepreneurs, a detective, we are not underprivileged but are privileged by the education that is being received because there are teachers who care about their students.</p>
Wendy Doneyhue	Youngsville	<p>Ms. Doneyhue shared that she was curious about the magnet schools and agrees that it would be difficult to have enough students to provide such schools. She hopes the Board does not throw away the concept completely. She would like to see it implemented in some way in order to keep the community schools. They are trying to build their communities through Youngsville Heart & Soul looking at the community to see what they can do to increase property values, bring people to the community, tourism, etc. It is a process. When you take away schools and the value they bring to the community, property values go down and you cannot attract people and get more people into the community.</p> <p>She has friends who have students in Warren, and they are doing very well and others who have been very concerned about behavior issues, vandalism, smoking and drugs, but there are a couple of students who prefer the virtual academy, so they do not have to be around the peer pressure with drugs and other things they are not comfortable with. She is hoping there is a way to improve or draw students to the outlying areas if they would choose to go there.</p>
Kari Smith	Clarendon	<p>Ms. Smith stated there is a reason why there are not a lot of Sheffield people present and it is because of a track meeting tonight. She comes from a child welfare background, so she spoke about mental health and under privileged children. When talking about long bus rides, the Board needs to consider that some children eat</p>

		<p>breakfast at school, and you need to make sure there is enough time to get through the lines and sit down and eat. She was told that there was an issue at Warren where students were eating in different locations in the building, and it has possibly been remedied with a third lunch period. She just wants to make sure that is all being considered.</p> <p>Abraxas has helped make Sheffield a very diverse school, probably the most diverse in the District. The students from Abraxas are accepted and it does not matter what their background is, what the color of their skin is, or what their religion is, they are accepted in the community and the school. She is concerned about what will happen to them. Many of the students have been fostered in the Sheffield community and that needs to be considered.</p>
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8.2 Executive Session

8.3 Adjournment

MOTION: It was moved by Joseph Colosimo and seconded by Mary Passinger that the meeting be adjourned.

The meeting adjourned at 8:29 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Ruth A. Huck, Board Secretary