

**WARREN COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT**  
**BOARD OF SCHOOL DIRECTORS**  
**SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES**  
**WEDNESDAY, MAY 31, 2023**

**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 Mr. Mangione, President, at 6:00 p.m. in person at 6820 Market Street, Russell, PA and via Zoom meeting.

1.2 Pledge of Allegiance

Mr. Mangione led the Pledge of Allegiance.

1.3 Roll Call

Present:

Mr. Cody Brown

Mr. Paul Mangione

Mr. Joseph Colosimo (via Zoom)

Mrs. Marcy Morgan (via Zoom)

Mr. Jeffery Dougherty

Mrs. Mary Passinger

Mr. Kevin Lindvay (via Zoom)

Mrs. Donna Zariczny (via Zoom)

Absent:

Mr. Arthur Stewart

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; Mrs. Ruth Huck, Board Secretary; Mrs. Jennifer Dilks, Technology Coordinator; Mr. Brandon Deppen, Safety and Security Coordinator; Mr. Brian Ferry, Times Observer and approximately 36 members of the public in attendance.

1.4 Reading of the Mission Statement - Mrs. Mary Passinger

*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 and Leadership - Mr. Cody Brown

*Principles for Governance and Leadership*

*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...*

*Plan Thoughtfully*

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- *Implement a collaborative strategic planning process*
- *Set annual goals that are aligned with the comprehensive plans, recognizing the need to adapt as situations change*
- *Develop a comprehensive financial plan and master facilities plan that anticipates short- and long-term needs*
- *Allocate resources to effectively impact student success*

1.6 Public Comment

Peyton Bailey	Sheffield	<p>Ms. Bailey stated she is concerned for her safety and that of her fellow students if they attend Warren, even for a hybrid option. With the issues at Beaty, it is very concerning when middle school children cuss out teachers, throwing books at them and police being called for assaults at school. She cannot trust that this is not happening at the high school and some of those Beaty students could attend the high school next year. Consolidation will increase mental health issues which will increase drug and alcohol use, and vaping. There will be an academic decline. There has not been much thought to the hybrid option since it was just brought to the table a couple of weeks ago. Clubs will be lost with the move of core teachers to another school. Students want nothing to do with consolidation of any kind. They want all four high schools open. No one is interested in consolidation, or it would have been done already. Wait until the new board is settled in and they can find new and creative ways to solve all the problems in the school district.</p>
Dylan Hardwig	Sheffield	<p>Mr. Hardwig stated he sent in his statement a few weeks ago, but it was not read or addressed at a meeting. There was a statement at the April 24<sup>th</sup> meeting stating that if this move does not happen students will not be prepared for college. He questioned six former and current college students who graduated from Sheffield to get their perspective on their preparedness for college. They all had high grade point averages or were inducted in to honor societies or made the dean's list and they all felt the CP classes at Sheffield helped prepare them for college.</p> <p>He quoted the District's mission statement and stated that if the board wants to support students, look at these decisions from the students' perspective. There is a week and a half of school left and he still does not know where he is going to school next year. It is very stressful.</p>

## 2. New Business

### 2.1 Proposed 2023-2024 School Calendar Revisions

**MOTION:** That the Board of School Directors approves the proposed revisions to the 2023-2024 School Year Calendar, as presented.

Motion by Joseph Colosimo, second by Cody Brown.

Final Resolution: Motion Passed

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

Proposed 2023-  
2024 School  
Calendar  
Revisions  
Approved  
8-0-0

### 2.2 Letter of Engagement - Felix & Gloekler, P.C. - Single Audit for the year ended 2023 - FIN - Mr. Arthur Stewart

**MOTION:** That the Board of School Directors approves the fees and conditions for professional services as set forth in the Letter of Engagement from Felix & Gloekler, P.C. for the year end and single audit for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2023.

Motion by Mary Passinger, second by Joseph Colosimo.

Final Resolution: Motion Passed

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

Letter of  
Engagement -  
Felix &  
Gloekler, P.C. -  
Single Audit  
for the year  
ended 2023  
Approved  
8-0-0

### 2.3 Letter of Engagement - Knox Law Firm - FIN - Mr. Arthur Stewart

**MOTION:** That the Board of School Directors approves the fees and conditions for professional services as set forth in the Letter of Engagement from Knox, McLaughlin, Gornall, & Sennett, P.C., as presented.

Motion by Mary Passinger, second by Cody Brown.

Final Resolution: Motion Passed

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

Letter of  
Engagement -  
Knox Law  
Firm  
Approved  
8-0-0

### 2.4 Letter of Engagement - Stapleford & Byham, LLC - FIN - Mr. Arthur Stewart

**MOTION:** That the Board of School Directors approves the fees and conditions for professional services as set forth in the Letter of Engagement from Stapleford & Byham, LLC.

Motion by Jeffery Dougherty, second by Cody Brown.

Final Resolution: Motion Passed

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

Letter of  
Engagement -  
Stapleford &  
Byham, LLC  
Approved  
8-0-0

### 2.5 Letter of Engagement - Fanelli & Willett Law Offices - FIN - Mr. Arthur Stewart

**MOTION:** That the Board of School Directors approves the fees and conditions for professional services as set forth in the Letter of Engagement from Fanelli Willett Law Offices, as presented.

Motion by Cody Brown, second by Mary Passinger.

Final Resolution: Motion Passed

Letter of  
Engagement -  
Fanelli &  
Willett Law  
Offices  
Approved  
7-1-0

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

No: Joseph Colosimo

2.6 Budget Transfer in Preparation of 2022-2023 Audit - FIN - Mr. Arthur Stewart

Budget Transfer in  
Preparation of  
2022-2023 Audit  
Approved  
8-0-0

**MOTION:** That the Board of School Directors directs and authorizes the Director of Business Services, after June 30, 2023, to make budget transfers applicable to the 2022-2023 fiscal year, as necessary, in preparation of the 2022-2023 annual audit, with the understanding that all such transfers shall be presented to the Board for approval/ratification at a subsequent meeting.

Motion by Mary Passinger, second by Cody Brown.

Final Resolution: Motion Passed

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

2.7 2023-2024 Learn Well Agreement

2023-2024 Learn  
Well Agreement  
Approved  
8-0-0

**MOTION:** That the Board of School Directors approves the 2023-2024 Learn Well Agreement, as presented.

Motion by Cody Brown, second by Mary Passinger.

Final Resolution: Motion Passed

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

2.8 WCEA Collective Bargaining Agreement

WCEA Collective  
Bargaining  
Agreement  
WCEA  
Memorandum of  
Agreement –  
05.31.23  
Approved  
7-0-1

**MOTION:** That the Board of School Directors approves the Warren County Education Association Collective Bargaining Agreement per the comprehensive tentative agreement, as presented.

Motion by Mary Passinger, second by Donna Zariczny.

Final Resolution: Motion Passed

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

Abstain: Joseph Colosimo

2.9 WCEA Memorandum of Agreement – 05.31.23

WCEA  
Memorandum of  
Agreement –  
05.31.23  
Approved  
8-0-0

**MOTION:** That the Board of School Directors approves the WCEA Memorandum of Agreement dated May 31, 2023, as presented.

Motion by Mary Passinger, second by Jeffery Dougherty.

**MOTION TO TABLE WCEA MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT:** It was moved by Jeffery Dougherty and seconded by Donna Zariczny to table item 2.9.

Final Resolution: Motion Passed

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

2.10 Other

**3. Closing Activities**

3.1 Adjournment

**MOTION**: It was moved by Joseph Colosimo and seconded by Mary Passinger to adjourn the meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 6:19 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

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Ruth A. Huck, Board Secretary