# WARREN COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD OF SCHOOL DIRECTORS ORGANIZATION MEETING MINUTES MONDAY, DECEMBER 4, 2023

# 1. Opening Activities

1.01 Call to Order – Sr. Holdover Member (Mr. Paul Mangione)

The organization 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, 6820 Market Street, Russell, PA and via Zoom meeting.

1.02 Pledge of Allegiance - Sr. Holdover Member (Mr. Paul Mangione)

Mr. Mangione led the Pledge of Allegiance.

1.03 Introduction of Holdover Board Members, Superintendent, Solicitor, Board Secretary, and Treasurer – Sr. Holdover Member (Mr. Paul Mangione)

Mr. Cody Brown	Mr. Jim Grosch, Treasurer
Mrs. Mary Passinger	Mrs. Ruth Huck, Board Secretary
Mrs. Amy Stewart, Superintendent	Mrs. Taylor Trisket, Assistant Board Secretary
Mr. Chris Byham, Solicitor	

- 1.04 Elect Temporary President
  - MOTION I: I nominate Paul Mangione as the temporary president.

Motion by Cody Brown and seconded by Mary Passinger

**MOTION II:** I move that the nominations be closed.

Motion by Cody Brown and seconded by Mary Passinger

Motion I and Motion II were voted on simultaneously.

Final Resolution: Motion Passed

- Yes: Cody Brown, Paul Mangione, Mary Passinger
- 1.05 Oath of Office
  - Mrs. Trisket read the certification of elections from Krystal Ransom, Director of Elections of Warren County.
  - Mr. Mangione administered the oath of office to the newly elected directors.
  - Oaths were signed and presented to the board secretary.
  - New members were seated at the board table.
- 1.06 Roll Call

Present:

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Elect Temporary President Approved 3-0-0

Mr. Cody Brown	Mrs. Mary Passinger
Ms. Savanna Cochran	Mrs. Stephanie Snell
Mrs. Tammi Holden	Mr. Daniel Sullivan
Mr. Kevin Lindvay	Mr. John Wortman
Mr. Paul Mangione	

#### Others Present:

Mrs. Amy Stewart, Superintendent; Dr. Patricia Mead, Director of Pupil Services; Mr. James Grosch, Director of Business Services; Mr. Eric Mineweaser, Director of Curriculum, Instruction and Assessment; Mr. Gary Weber, Director of Administrative Support Services; Mr. Chris Byham, Solicitor; Mrs. Ruth Huck, Board Secretary; Mrs. Taylor Trisket, Assistant Board Secretary; Mr. Brian Ferry; Mr. Rick Gignac, Supervisor of District-wide Athletics & Co-Curricular Activities; Mr. Mike Kiehl, Transportation Manager and Purchasing; Mrs. Jennifer Dilks, Coordinator of Technology; Mr. Brandon Deppen, Safety and Security Coordinator; Mr. David Undercoffer, Operations Manager; Ms. Nova Holeva, Assistant Principal; Mr. Joshua Vincent. Principal; Mr. Adam VanOrd, Special Education Supervisor; Ms. Lisa Smith, Special Education Supervisor; Ms. Lynette Swab, Special Education Supervisor; Mr. Jacob Perryman, Times Observer, Brian Hagberg, Your Daily Local; and approximately 7 members of the public in attendance.

1.07 Public Comment

There was no public comment.

#### 2. New Business

2.01 Election of President

MOTION I: I nominate Paul Mangione as the president.

Motion by Kevin Lindvay, second by Mary Passinger

MOTION II: I move that the nominations be closed.

Motion by John Wortman, second by Kevin Lindvay

Motion I and Motion II were voted on simultaneously.

Final Resolution: Motion Passed

- Yes: Cody Brown, Savanna Cochran, Tammi Holden, Kevin Lindvay, Paul Mangione, Mary Passinger, Stephanie Snell, Daniel Sullivan, John Wortman
- 2.02 Newly Elected President Takes Seat and Presides Over Meeting
- 2.03 Election of Vice President

MOTION I: I nominate Cody Brown as the vice president.

Motion by Mary Passinger and second by Kevin Lindvay

MOTION II: I move that the nominations be closed.

Motion by John Wortman, second by Kevin Lindvay

Motion I and Motion II were voted on simultaneously.

Final Resolution: Motion Passed

Yes: Cody Brown, Savanna Cochran, Tammi Holden, Kevin Lindvay, Paul Mangione, Mary Passinger, Stephanie Snell, Daniel Sullivan, John Wortman

2.04 Reaffirmation of the PSBA Principles of Governance & Leadership

Election President Approved 9-0-0

Election Vice President Approved 9-0-0 **MOTION:** That the Board of School Directors does hereby reaffirm its adoption of the resolution and commitment to the Pennsylvania School Boards Association's Principles of Governance & Leadership for members of Pennsylvania School Boards, attached hereto as the standards and expectations for the conduct of the business and fulfillment of the public responsibilities of this Board of School Directors, effective immediately.

Reaffirmation of the PSBA Principles of Governance & Leadership Approved 9-0-0

Motion by Kevin Lindvay, second by Mary Passinger.

Final Resolution: Motion Passed

Yes: Cody Brown, Savanna Cochran, Tammi Holden, Kevin Lindvay, Paul Mangione, Mary Passinger, Stephanie Snell, Daniel Sullivan, John Wortman

### 2.05 Committee of the Whole

**MOTION:** That the Board of School Directors elects to establish committees, per Policy 2201 - Board Governance and Operations, as the Committee of the Whole, effective December 4, 2023.

Motion by Mary Passinger, second by Cody Brown.

Final Resolution: Motion Passed

Yes: Cody Brown, Savanna Cochran, Tammi Holden, Kevin Lindvay, Paul Mangione, Mary Passinger, Stephanie Snell, Daniel Sullivan, John Wortman

2.06 Officers' Authorization - Payments

**MOTION:** That the Board of School Directors authorizes the officers of the board to draw orders for payrolls and for payment of bonds, interest, utilities, food services, athletics, and other pertinent bills as they come due.

Motion by Cody Brown, second by John Wortman.

Final Resolution: Motion Passed

Yes: Cody Brown, Savanna Cochran, Tammi Holden, Kevin Lindvay, Paul Mangione, Mary Passinger, Stephanie Snell, Daniel Sullivan, John Wortman

2.07 Dates and Place of Board Meetings

January 15, 2024	6:00 p.m.
February 12, 2024	6:00 p.m.
March 11, 2024	6:00 p.m.
April 8, 2024	6:00 p.m.
May 6, 2024	6:00 p.m.
June 10, 2024	6:00 p.m.

Officers' Authorization -Payments Approved 9-0-0

Committee of the

Whole Approved

9-0-0

July 15, 2024 (Tentative)	6:00 p.m.
August 12, 2024	6:00 p.m.
September 9, 2024	6:00 p.m.
October 7, 2024	6:00 p.m.
November 4, 2024	6:00 p.m.
December 5, 2024 (Organizational Meeting precedes regular meeting)	6:00 p.m.

**MOTION:** That all regular Board meetings be scheduled for 6:00 p.m. at the Warren County School District Central Administrative Office, 6820 Market Street, Russell, Pennsylvania, on the dates listed.

Motion by Kevin Lindvay, second by Cody Brown.

Final Resolution: Motion Passed

Yes: Cody Brown, Savanna Cochran, Tammi Holden, Kevin Lindvay, Paul Mangione, Mary Passinger, Stephanie Snell, Daniel Sullivan, John Wortman

2.08 Dates and Place of Committee Meetings

December 18, 2023	6:00 p.m.
January 29, 2024	6:00 p.m.
February 26, 2024	6:00 p.m.
March 25, 2024	6:00 p.m.
April 22, 2024	6:00 p.m.

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May 20, 2024	6:00 p.m.
June 24, 2024	6:00 p.m.
July 29, 2024	6:00 p.m.
August 26, 2024	6:00 p.m.
September 23, 2024	6:00 p.m.
October 21, 2024	6:00 p.m.
November 18, 2024	6:00 p.m.

**MOTION:** That all committee meetings be scheduled for 6:00 p.m. at the Warren County School District Central Administrative Office, 6820 Market Street, Russell, Pennsylvania, on the dates and times as listed and amend the motion to reflect that those meeting dates are for the committee of the whole, and not the individual committees.

Motion by John Wortman, second by Cody Brown.

Final Resolution: Motion Passed

Yes: Cody Brown, Savanna Cochran, Tammi Holden, Kevin Lindvay, Paul Mangione, Mary Passinger, Stephanie Snell, Daniel Sullivan, John Wortman

2.09 Tax Collection Committee Delegates

**MOTION:** That the Board of School Directors approves the Director of Business Services as the District's Act 32 Tax Collection Committee Primary Voting Delegate and Michael Kiehl as the Alternate Voting Delegate for the 2024 calendar year.

Motion by Cody Brown, second by John Wortman.

Final Resolution: Motion Passed

Yes: Cody Brown, Savanna Cochran, Tammi Holden, Kevin Lindvay, Paul Mangione, Mary Passinger, Stephanie Snell, Daniel Sullivan, John Wortman

## 3. Closing Activities

3.01 Adjournment

**MOTION:** It was moved by Mary Passinger and seconded by Kevin Lindvay.

The meeting adjourned at 6:19 p.m.

Dates and Place of Committee Meetings Approved 9-0-0

Tax Collection Committee Delegates Approved 9-0-0 Respectfully Submitted,

Taylor M. Trisket, Assistant Board Secretary