

WARREN COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF SCHOOL DIRECTORS
SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES
MONDAY, JANUARY 27, 2025

1. Opening Activities

There was an executive session prior to the special meeting from 7:24 p.m. to 7:51 p.m. to receive Safety and Security information.

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 7:54 p.m. in the Central Office Boardroom, 6820 Market Street, Russell, PA 16345 and via Zoom meeting.

1.2 Pledge of Allegiance

Mr. Mangione led the Pledge of Allegiance.

1.3 Roll Call

Present:

Mrs. Tammi Holden	Mrs. Stephanie Snell
Mr. Kevin Lindvay	Mr. Daniel Sullivan
Mr. Paul Mangione	Mr. John Wortman
Mrs. Mary Passinger	

Absent:

Mr. Cody Brown
Ms. Savanna Cochran

Others Present:

Mr. Gary Weber, Superintendent; Mr. James Grosch, Director of Business Services; Mr. Mike Kiehl, Assistant Director of Business Services; Mr. Eric Mineweaser, Director of Administrative Support Services; Dr. Patricia Mead, Director of Pupil Services; Mrs. Lynn Shultz, Director of Curriculum Instruction & Assessment; Mrs. Taylor Trisket, Board Secretary; Ms. Liz Kent, Supervisor of Secondary Education; Mr. Rick Gignac, Supervisor of District-wide Athletics & Co-Curricular Activities; Mr. David Undercoffer, Operations Manager; Mrs. Jennifer Dilks, Coordinator of Technology; Ms. Kylie Harris, Principal; Mr. Joshua Vincent, Principal; Mr. Shawn Bedow, Principal; Ms. Shelly Wagner, Assistant Principal; Ms. Amy Stimmell, Principal; Mr. Adam VanOrd, Special Education Supervisor; Ms. Kim Yourchisin, Special Education Supervisor; Mr. Brian Hagberg, Your Daily Local; and approximately 83 members of the public in attendance.

1.4 Reading of the Mission Statement – Mr. Paul Mangione

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 - Mrs. Stephanie Snell

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...

Lead Responsibly

- *Prepare for, attend and actively participate in board meetings*
- *Work together with civility and cooperation, respecting that individuals hold differing opinions and ideas*
- *Participate in professional development, training and board retreats*
- *Collaborate with the Superintendent, acknowledging their role as the 10th member of the board and commissioned officer of the commonwealth*

1.6 Public Comment

Harold Dunkle	Pittsfield	Mr. Harold Dunkle criticized recent decisions for closing schools, stating they have been poorly planned and are causing significant harm. He highlighted the lack of clear answers, poor communication, and repeated mistakes, urging the district to pause, reconsider, and work collaboratively with the community to find better solutions. He warned that continuing with the current plan will lead to further damage and negatively affect the board members credibility and future reputations.
David Myers	Pittsfield	Mr. David Myers criticized the board's decision to consolidate schools, calling it poorly planned, financially unstable, and lacking transparency. He highlighted the ignored consultations, excessive transportation distances for students, and rushed timelines for decisions affecting athletes. He accused the board of disrupting students' lives and educational environments, noting the negative impact on extracurricular activities and his wrestling program. Mr. Myers urged the board to slow down, reconsider their actions, and prioritize the students' best interests, expressing disappointment with the lack of foresight and planning in their approach.
Elizabeth Feronti	Youngsville	* Ms. Feronti donated her 3 minutes of time to Mr. Myers.

2. New Business

2.1 Youngsville Middle/High School (grades 6-8) School Closure Public Hearing

MOTION: That the Board of School Directors, in accordance with Section 780 of the School Code, directs the administration to advertise a public hearing regarding the closure of the middle school portion (grades 6 through 8) of the Youngsville

Middle/High School due to factors including declining enrollment and budgetary constraints; with the impacted Youngsville students to be assigned to the Youngsville Elementary School to create the Youngsville Elementary/Middle School. The hearing shall be held on February 17, 2025, at 6:00 p.m. at Central Office and shall be advertised by the Board Secretary in the Warren Times Observer at least 15 days prior to the date of the hearing.

Youngsville
Middle/High School
(grades 6-8) School
Closure Public
Hearing
Approved
5-2-0

Motion by John Wortman, second by Mary Passinger.

Final Resolution: Motion Passed

Yes: Kevin Lindvay, Paul Mangione, Mary Passinger, John Wortman, Tammi Holden

No: Stephanie Snell, Daniel Sullivan

2.2 Felix & Gloekler, P.C. Audit Results - 2023-2024

MOTION: That the Board of School Directors accepts the Audit Report as submitted by Felix & Gloekler, P.C., for the year ended June 30, 2024, as presented.

Felix & Gloekler, P.C.
Audit Results -
2023-2024
Approved
7-0-0

Motion by Mary Passinger, second by John Wortman.

Final Resolution: Motion Passed

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

3. Closing Activities

3.1 Adjournment

MOTION: It was moved by Mary Passinger, and seconded by Kevin Lindvay, that the meeting be adjourned.

The meeting adjourned at 8:08 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Taylor M. Trisket, Board Secretary