

**MINUTES
REGULAR BOARD MEETING
BOARD OF EDUCATION
WARREN WOODS PUBLIC SCHOOLS
MARCH 11, 2024**

Appoint Acting Secretary

It was moved by Nitz supported by Zannetti to appoint Mike Fitzpatrick as Acting Secretary. The motion carried 6 – 0.

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by President Schulte at 6:01 p.m. in the Board Room of the Administrative Service Center, 12900 Frazho Road, Warren, MI.

Roll Call

Members present: Fitzpatrick, Hiller, Garcia, Zannetti, Nitz and Schulte. Absent with notice: Walsh. Also present were Superintendent Stacey Denewith-Fici, Deputy Superintendent Neil Cassabon, Curriculum Director Kara Beal, Special Services Director Stacie Sward, SMTEC Director Steven Kay and Student Representatives Isabella Burke and Natalya Bonkowski.

Pledge of Allegiance

Agenda Approval

It was moved by Zannetti supported by Hiller to approve the Agenda as presented. The motion carried 6 – 0.

Minutes

It was moved by Fitzpatrick supported by Hiller to approve the Minutes of the Special Meeting of February with the following correction: **Call to Order** change Vice-President Schulte to President Schulte. The motion carried 6 – 0.

Correspondence

Payment of the Bills

It was moved by Fitzpatrick, supported by Schulte to pay the following bills as presented:

General Fund	\$	1,044,410.47
Center Programs		4,267.22
Food Service Fund		114,767.72
Childcare Fund		1,617.50
Campus Corner		5,296.66
Bond 2020 Series I		9,950.22
2023 Energy Bond		420.98

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Payment of the Bills (continued)

The motion carried 6 – 0.

Mr. Hiller inquired about payments to Great Wolf Lodge and Curriculum Director Kara Beal stated it was for the Elementary Leadership Conference. Next, he asked about a payment to Miss Dig and Deputy Superintendent Cassabon replied that is the annual fee to be registered with Miss Dig, but we pay a different company to flag our fiber when a ticket is pulled.

Old Business

None

New Business

Reports

Student Representatives

Superintendent Denewith-Fici welcomed Student Representatives Isabella Burke and Natalya Bonkowski asked for an update on activities at WWT.

Natalya began with Sports News reporting that five WWT Wrestlers recently competed at the State Competition. Dominic Gumtow took second place, Amari Richardson took seventh and Josh Golding took eighth place. Next, she highlighted a hockey fundraising event that several people attended in honor of WWT student and member of the WWT Hockey Team Brian Dempsey. In Music News, WWT Band received all Division I ratings at the District XVI MSBOA Competition and WWT Choir received a perfect score at their MSVMA Competition. In other news, Natalya stated that HOSA is in the process of preparing for the upcoming State Competition in April, Skills USA is heading to Grand Rapids to film a TV commercial on site in the city and students are ready for Spring Break and Spirit Week.

Next, Bella reported that Parent/Teacher Conferences were scheduled for this week. She stated that 14 students from WWT will be participating in the DECA competition held in Detroit, and Mrs. Ghattas was busy helping them prepare. In addition, Mr. Dougherty's Leadership Class collected 60 books to donate for March is Reading Month, the WWT Mock Trial Team competed at the Macomb County Regionals, and NHS is providing tutoring support on Tuesdays and Thursdays. Bella added that students were looking forward to the Unified Basketball Game on March 22 and thanked the staff for their support and commitment. Finally, she stated that eight WWT students, four boys and four girls, were chosen by WWT staff and administration based on accomplishments, to participate in the Wesner Tuxedo Senior Show.

Student Achievement: CTE Month

Superintendent Denewith-Fici introduced SMTEC Director Steven Kay and stated he was here to present on the CTE Program in honor of February being designated Career and Technical Education Month.

Mr. Kay thanked the Board and Administration for the opportunity to present this evening and for their ongoing support of the CTE programs. He began by acknowledging outstanding CTE students Aidan Meyerhoff from Computer Programming and Chelsea Richter from Health Sciences who were recognized at the MCTEAA CTE Awards Ceremony. Mr. Kay stated tonight's presentation would highlight the WWT Digital Media Production Program. Mr. Kay noted that this program provides every student the opportunity to become certified in Adobe Premier Pro, a graphic design software application. He stated that over the last several years

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New Business

Reports

Student Achievement: CTE Month (continued)

the program has been updated with the latest technology, replicating the design of the WDIV Channel 4 digital studio. In addition, the lab has been completely updated with Apple-MAC Book Pro laptops, providing students with the opportunity to acquire technical, academic and employability skills.

Next, Mr. Kay introduced WWT Digital Media Production Teacher Eric Martin who was here this evening to showcase the Digital Media Production Program.

Mr. Martin stated he was pleased to have the opportunity to present this evening and began by announcing that two WWT Digital Media students would be competing at the Skills USA State Conference to be held in Grand Rapids in April. He thanked the Board and Administration Team for the support of his program, especially the MAC Books that have been a “gamechanger” for his students. He showed the Board how to access the *TitanNation WWT* YouTube channel and introduced Noor and Natalya, two Digital Media students who highlighted their learning in the classroom and how it has helped them get real-world, work-based experiences.

Mr. Zannetti inquired as to how many students participated in the program and thanked Mr. Martin for his efforts.

Change of Meeting Dates

Superintendent Denewith-Fici stated that in order to accommodate the Memorial Day holiday and a change to this year’s Commencement date, it was necessary to reschedule two Board Meeting dates. She proposed a cancellation of the May 27 Special Meeting due to the scheduled holiday and a change from the June 10 Regular Meeting to June 3 as WWT Commencements are scheduled for June 10 at Macomb Community College Field House. It was moved by Zannetti supported by Fitzpatrick to approve the **Change of Meeting Dates** as presented. The motion carried 6 – 0.

Adoption: Nursing Textbook

Curriculum Director Kara Beal reviewed the recommendation and stated CTE Director Steven Kay and WWT teacher Stacy Servay presented the proposal at the January DSAT meeting where it was approved unanimously. Next, she introduced Ms. Servay and stated she would provide some background information on the recommended adoption.

Ms. Servay stated that there are currently 65 students participating in the CNA (Certified Nursing Assistants) Program. She stated that National Certification Tests will be administered on May 2 and students who attain certification are able to graduate high school with good paying jobs and real-world experience.

Next, she provided the Board with some background regarding the recommendation to adopt the Mosby’s Textbook for Nursing Assistants, Tenth Edition. She noted that this is a well-respected resource which provides up to date resources to assist with meeting today’s CNA standards.

It was moved by Zannetti, supported by Garcia to approve the **Adoption:** Nursing Textbook as presented. **ROLL CALL VOTE: Ayes:** Zannetti, Fitzpatrick, Hiller, Garcia, Nitz and Schulte. **Nays:** 0. The motion carried 6 – 0.

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Adoption: Nursing Textbook (continued)

Mr. Garcia noted that the proposal was vetted in detail by DSAT and appreciated the team's hard work. He inquired if the quote from October 2023 would still be honored. Steven Kay responded yes, but later clarified that he would double check to make sure it stayed within the approved budget.

Appointment: MISD Budget Delegate

Superintendent Denewith-Fici stated that traditionally, as treasurer, Mr. Zannetti represented the district at the MISD Budget Presentation. Since Mr. Fitzpatrick is now treasurer, it is recommended that Mr. Fitzpatrick be appointed as delegate, with Mr. Zannetti as the alternate.

It was moved by Hiller supported by Nitz to name Fitzpatrick as the MISD Budget Delegate and Zannetti as the Alternate. The motion carried 6 – 0.

Personnel Items

Superintendent Denewith-Fici presented the Personnel Items for Board Approval.

Leaves

As presented.

It was moved by Fitzpatrick, supported by Zannetti to approve the **Leaves** as presented. The motion carried 6 – 0.

New Hires

Hawe, Julia – CTE Business Office Intern – Date of hire 3/6/24

Jessica LaForest – Special Education Paraprofessional – WWT – Date of hire 3/7/24

It was moved by Fitzpatrick supported by Hiller to approve the **New Hires** as presented. The motion carried 6 – 0.

Public Expression

Mr. Hiller announced that the Drama Club would be performing *Shrek the Musical* April 11-14.

He also congratulated the WWT Choir for their perfect score in District 16 stating it was the first time for a perfect score at WWT and the only perfect score given out at the MSVMA District XVI event.

Negotiations (Closed Session)

It was moved by Fitzpatrick supported by Zannetti that the Board move to Closed Session for discussion of Negotiations. **ROLL CALL VOTE: Ayes:** Zannetti, Fitzpatrick, Hiller, Garcia, Nitz and Schulte. **Nays:** 0. The motion carried 6 – 0.

The Board moved to Closed Session at 6:45 PM.

The Board returned from Closed Session at 7:53 PM

Adjournment

It was moved by Hiller supported by Zannetti to adjourn the meeting at 7:53 PM. The motion carried 6 – 0.

Respectfully submitted,

Mike Fitzpatrick
Acting Secretary