

**MINUTES
REGULAR BOARD MEETING
BOARD OF EDUCATION
WARREN WOODS PUBLIC SCHOOLS
OCTOBER 14, 2024**

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by President Schulte at 6:00 p.m. in the Board Room of the Administrative Service Center, 12900 Frazho Road, Warren, MI.

Roll Call

Members present: Walsh, Fitzpatrick, Hiller, Garcia, Nitz and Schulte. Absent with notice: Zannetti. Also present were Superintendent Stacey Denewith-Fici, Deputy Superintendent Neil Cassabon, Curriculum Director Michelle Voelker, Director of Facilities and Transportation Don Ball, Special Services Director Stacie Sward, Technology Director Kevin Hustek, WWT Principal Ian Fredlund, and Executive Assistant Jackie Miracle.

Pledge of Allegiance

Agenda Approval

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

Minutes

It was moved by Fitzpatrick supported by Nitz to approve the Minutes of the Special Meeting of September 23, 2024 as presented. The motion carried 6 – 0.

It was moved by Fitzpatrick supported by Nitz to approve the Minutes of the Closed Session of September 23, 2024 as presented. The motion carried 6 – 0.

Correspondence

None

Payment of the Bills

It was moved by Walsh, supported by Zannetti to pay the following bills as presented:

General Fund	\$	1,196,691.94
Center Programs		7,607.72
Food Service Fund		136,388.77
Child Care Fund		5,704.95
Campus Corner		6,948.45
Building & Site		10,290.00
2020 Bond Series I		44,106.57

Payment of the Bills (continued)

The motion carried 6 – 0.

Trustee Garcia inquired about a General Fund payment for Mystery Science and asked if they were individual licenses for each of the elementary schools. Deputy Superintendent Cassabon replied it was. In addition, Trustee Garcia asked for clarification for Registration Gateway; Mr. Cassabon detailed that is the software used for the online registration portal. Next, he asked about a purchase to Subject Technologies and Superintendent Denewith-Fici stated that was the curriculum that was proposed and passed at the September 23, 2024 Board Meeting.

Old Business

None.

New Business

Reports

Student Representatives

Superintendent Denewith-Fici introduced newly appointed Student Representatives Nataly Chang and Valorie Lee and stated both students were Juniors at WWT. She welcomed both students and invited them to report on activities at WWT.

Valorie introduced herself and thanked the Board for their vote of confidence. She began by expressing her appreciation to the Board and Administration for their support during the recent Homecoming activities. Next, she shared news regarding AP Scholar awards resulting in 43 students receiving scores high enough for them to earn college credits. Valorie stated Campus Corner recently opened for sales during lunch periods with StuCo busily preparing HoCo Spirit Packages to be sold, she also shared that Marketing students are excited to be partnering with local store Beyond Home this year for assistance with visual merchandising and other techniques. Finally, Valorie stated that the MSU Future DOcs Program is providing WWT students enrolled in any medical classes with an interest in Osteopathic Medicine with new opportunities to job share and learn clinical skills.

Nataly introduced herself, noting she was the social media manager for StuCo, and thanked the Board for the opportunity to represent the WWT students. She stated that the past month was very busy with Homecoming activities and provided a recap of the highlights. This year's HoCo theme was cereal box mascots with Freshmen coming in first in all award categories and the annual Pep Rally was a hit with the Seniors coming out on top. Finally, the Titans beat Fraser Saturday afternoon with a score of 60-7 for a Homecoming victory.

Student Achievement

Curriculum Director Michelle Voelker provided a draft outline of the upcoming November 5, 2024 Professional Development sessions in which staff will be participating. Kagan Training will continue for the K-5 Elementary Cohort and the Middle School Math Team will receive Day 2 of Envision Math Training. The Secondary Cohort, along with other key identified personnel, will participate in training sessions through Michigan Virtual University, in addition to a session on Alignment, Engagement and Assessment lead by Ms. Voelker and District Instructional and Technology Coaches. Medical training will also be offered by the WWPS Nursing Staff, in addition to Engagement Structure Calibration for Kagan Coaches and Hatching Results for Secondary Counselors.

New Business

Reports

Student Achievement (continued)

Secretary Fitzpatrick asked if the M-STEP data that was presented at the 9/23/24 Board Meeting had been shared with staff yet. Ms. Voelker replied that it will be presented at DSAT on Thursday, October 24.

Superintendent Denewith-Fici noted that teachers have requested that professional development not be hosted at a polling site this year, so locations have changed to Briarwood and Westwood.

Pre-Labor Day Start

Superintendent Denewith-Fici stated that she would be hosting a Public Hearing with the MDE this Thursday, October 17 at 2:00 PM to explain the request for a pre-Labor Day start. Technically, there must be a reasonable requirement, which in this case is Early Middle College. If the request is granted, it will be for a three-year approval.

Resolution: Administrator and Superintendent Biennial Evaluation

Superintendent Denewith-Fici presented the recommended Resolution prepared by Collins and Blaha, attorneys for the school district, and stated pursuant to a recently revised School Code this would allow Superintendent Denewith-Fici to be evaluated on a biennial basis. In addition, the Resolution also delegates Superintendent Denewith-Fici the authority to evaluate select specific Administrators to be evaluated on a biennial basis. It was moved by Fitzpatrick supported by Garcia to approve the **Resolution: Administrator and Superintendent Biennial Evaluation. ROLL CALL VOTE: Ayes:** Walsh, Fitzpatrick, Hiller, Garcia, Nitz and Schulte. **Nays:** None. The motion carried 6 – 0.

Superintendent Denewith-Fici expressed her appreciation, as well as the appreciation of the Administrative Team, to the Board for this expression of confidence.

Change Order: WWMS Generator

Deputy Superintendent Cassabon presented the **Change Order** which would allow for the installation of a surge protector on the new generator panel as requested by the State. It was moved by Walsh supported by Nitz to approve the **Change Order: WWMS Generator** as presented. The motion carried 6 – 0.

Personnel Items

Leaves:

As presented

It was moved by Walsh supported by Hiller to approve the **Leaves** as presented. The motion carried 6 – 0.

New Hires:

Kacie Barrett - Childcare Assistant – ECC – date of hire 10/7/24.

Kylie Castle – Media Aide – Briarwood – date of hire 09/25/24.

Personnel Items

New Hires: (continued)

Thomas Ciluffo III – Afternoon Custodian – Pinewood – date of hire 09/26/24.

Lacinda David – Special Education Paraprofessional – VI – WWT- date of hire 10/14/24.

Lisa Flanigan– Substitute Teacher/Retired Teacher – date of rehire 10/7/24.

Jessica Goode – Clerk – WWMS – date of hire 09/23/24.

Roger Gulick – Substitute Teacher/Retired Teacher – date of rehire 10/1/24.

Deanna Krajenke – Resource Room/Teacher Consultant – Briarwood – date of hire 8/27/24. .

Melanie Lewis – Kindergarten Teacher – Westwood – date of hire 08/29/24.

Brooklynne Miller - Childcare Assistant – ECC – date of hire 09/25/24.

Benjamin Nelson – Social Worker – WWMS – date of hire 08/27/24.

William Simonson – Afternoon Custodian – WWMS – date of hire 09/16/24.

Adam Stuss – Maintenance Specialist – date of hire 09/23/24.

Katelyn Miller-Terrill – Lunch Supervisor – Briarwood- date of hire 09/25/24.

Tracy Tiller – Health Sciences Teacher – WWT – date of hire 09/30/24.

Eryn Victor – MSU College Advisor – WWT – start date 09/03/24.

Stephanie White – Special Education Paraprofessional – POHI+ - WWT – date of hire 09/12/24.

Tiffany Willis – Childcare Assistant – ECC – date of hire 09/25/24.

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

Public Expression

Trustee Hiller thanked the staff and administration for their support in ensuring the students had a successful Homecoming. He noted that he was able to catch up with former Student Representative Bella Burke, and she is thriving at the University of Michigan.

Adjournment

It was moved by Hiller supported by Fitzpatrick to adjourn the meeting at 6:24 PM. The motion carried 6 – 0.

Respectfully submitted,

Kay F. Walsh
Secretary