

WARREN CONSOLIDATED SCHOOLS
WARREN, MICHIGAN
MINUTES OF THE
REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION
WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 16, 2024

The Regular Meeting of the Board of Education was held at the Warren Consolidated Schools Administration Building, 31300 Anita Drive, Warren, Michigan.

I. CALL TO ORDER BY PRESIDENT TROMBLEY

President Trombley called the meeting to order at 7:33 p.m. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Ms. Kattula followed by the reading of the District's Mission Statement.

Members Present: Johnson, Kattula, Rudd, Trombley, Weckerle, White

Members Absent: Berdy

Others Present: Bernia, Elenbaas, Meengs, Pellerito, Tremmel, and District Legal Counsel Donald DeNault from O'Reilly Rancilio P.C.

II. ACCEPTANCE OF AGENDA

A motion was made by Mr. Weckerle, supported by Mr. Johnson, that the Board of Education accept the agenda of the Regular Board of Education Meeting of Wednesday, October 16, 2024.

Yes: All

No: None

Motion Carried: 6-0

III. STUDENT, STAFF AND ALUMNI AWARDS AND RECOGNITIONS

Dr. John C. Bernia, Jr., Superintendent, requested a moment of silence for a Warren Mott High School staff member.

A. The Board of Education recognized the donation from Burlington Stores - AdoptAClassroom®.

B. The Board of Education recognized the donation from Jatin Bedi Charitable Society.

C. Warren Consolidated Schools recognized October 2024 as Principals/Directors Month.

IV. PRESENTATIONS

A. Dr. John C. Bernia, Jr., Superintendent, introduced Lt. John Gajewski from the Warren Police Department (WPD), who discussed the longstanding partnership the department has with WCS and provided some insight into how WCS and WPD work together during an emergency or crisis.

Mr. David Meengs, Chief Academic Officer, introduced Mr. Eric Kausch, Principal of Carleton Middle School along with Danielle Marchel, Sheltered EL Teacher, and together they presented highlights of a program at Carleton Middle School as listed in Addendum No. 2.

V. CORRESPONDENCE/AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION

A. Correspondence/Bid Openings

- There was one correspondence.
- There were 3 bids scheduled to be opened on or before October 16, 2024.
 - Elementary (TK-5) English Language Arts
 - Date Posted September 19, 2024
 - Bid Opening: October 3, 2024 @ 2:00 p.m.
 - Middle School English Language Arts
 - Date Posted September 19, 2024
 - Bid Opening: October 3, 2024 @ 2:00 p.m.
 - High School English Language Arts
 - Date Posted September 19, 2024
 - Bid Opening: October 3, 2024 @ 2:00 p.m.
- There were no bids scheduled to be opened after October 16, 2024.

- B. Audience Participation
There was no audience participation.

VI. CONSENT AGENDA

- A. Approval of the minutes from the Special and Regular Board of Education meetings of October 2, 2024.
- B. Approval of the hiring of the Warren Education Association (WEA) employees as listed in Addendum No. 3.
- C. Approval of the hiring of the Local Union 1346 employees as listed in Addendum No. 4.
- D. Approval of the hiring of the Local Union 1815 employees as listed in Addendum No. 5.
- E. Approval of the hiring of the Non-Union employees as listed in Addendum No. 6.
- F. Acceptance of the Resignation/Retirement notifications of the Warren Consolidated Schools employees as listed in Addendum No. 7.
- G. Affirmation of the reinstatement of a Cousino High School student and a Warren Mott High School Student as listed in Addendum No. 8.
- H. Resolution to accept a donation from Burlington Stores - AdoptAClassroom® as listed in Addendum No. 9.
- I. Resolution to accept a donation from Jatin Bedi Charitable Society as listed in Addendum No. 10.
- J. Adoption of Resolution Recognizing October 2024 as Principals/Directors Month as listed in Addendum No. 11.
- K. Approval of Resolution - Formation and Support of New Cooperative Athletic Program as listed in Addendum No. 12.

A motion was made by Ms. Kattula, supported by Mr. Johnson, that the Board of Education accept the recommendation of the Superintendent and approve the items on the Consent Agenda.

Yes: All
No: None
Motion Carried: 6-0

VII. ACTION ITEMS

A. RESOLUTION – AMEND THE OPERATING MILLAGE TAX RATES FOR THE 2024-2025 SCHOOL YEAR

A motion was made by Mr. Weckerle, supported by Ms. Kattula, that the Board of Education accept the recommendation of the Superintendent and approve the amendment of the Operating Millage Tax Rates for the 2024-2025 school year as listed in Addendum No. 13.

Yes: All
No: None
Motion Carried: 6-0

B. APPROVAL OF PURCHASE - STUDENT LAPTOPS

A motion was made by Mr. Weckerle, supported by Ms. Kattula, that the Board of Education accept the recommendation of the Superintendent and approve the purchase of 1000 Dell Latitude 2450 laptops from People Driving Technology Inc. as listed in Addendum No. 14.

Yes: All
No: None
Motion Carried: 6-0

C. AWARD OF CONTRACT - BID PACK 7 ROOFING

A motion was made by Mr. Weckerle, supported by Ms. Rudd, that the Board of Education accept the recommendation of the Superintendent and award a contract to Clark Construction Company for Bond Bid Pack 7 – Roofing as listed in Addendum No. 15.

Yes: All

No: None

Motion Carried: 6-0

VIII. TABLED and/or POSTPONED ITEMS

There were no tabled and/or postponed items.

IX. QUESTIONS and/or COMMENTS

Dr. John C. Bernia, Jr., reminded the community that Tuesday, November 5, 2024 is Election Day and encouraged the community read up on Warren Consolidated Schools Non-Homestead Millage Proposal at www.wcskids.net/District/Renewal. Dr. Bernia also wished the WCS Board of Education a Happy Bosses Day.

X. ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Mr. Johnson, supported by Ms. Kattula, to adjourn the meeting at 8:09 p.m.

Yes: All

No: None

Motion Carried: 6-0

Submitted by,



Carl Weckerle,
Vice President

In the Absence of Secretary Leah A. Berdy