

WARREN CONSOLIDATED SCHOOLS
WARREN, MICHIGAN
MINUTES OF THE
REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION
WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 4, 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 7:39 p.m. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Superintendent Bernia followed by the reading of the District's Mission Statement.

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

Members Absent: None

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 Ms. Rudd, that the Board of Education accept the agenda of the Regular Board of Education Meeting of Wednesday, December 4, 2024.

Yes: All

No: None

Motion Carried: 7-0

III. STUDENT, STAFF AND ALUMNI AWARDS AND RECOGNITIONS

Dr. John C. Bernia, Jr., Superintendent, requested a moment of silence for a WCS Transportation Department staff member.

A. The Board of Education recognized Jennifer Kay-Rivera, Sterling Heights High School Art Educator. Ms. Kay-Rivera was named an ARTEFFECT Ambassador, a prestigious visual arts education online fellowship for educators working directly with students in grades 6-12, by the Lowell Milken Family Foundation.

IV. PRESENTATIONS

A. BUILDING SHOWCASE - GRISSOM MIDDLE SCHOOL

Mr. David Meengs, Chief Academic Officer, introduced Cathy West, Director of Community High School, and teachers Kristen Houbeck and Lashonda Glenn, who presented highlights of the programs at Community High School as listed in Addendum No. 2.

B. CURRICULUM UPDATES

Mr. David Meengs, Chief Academic Officer, along with Ms. Pam Fry, Executive Director of Curriculum and Ms. Emily Toy, ELA and Social Studies Curriculum and Instructional Technology Specialist, presented an overview of the curriculum revisions as listed in Addendum No. 3.

C. JUNE 30, 2024 AUDIT REPORT

Ms. Jennifer Chambers and Mr. Chris Kassab, Plante Moran, PPLC, Certified Public Accountants, presented an overview of the June 30, 2024, Audit Report as listed in Addendum No. 4.

V. CORRESPONDENCE/AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION

A. Correspondence/Bid Openings

- There was no correspondences.
- There were three bids scheduled to be opened on or before December 4, 2024
 - AP Biology
 - Date Posted: November 5, 2024
 - Bid Opening: November 19, 2024 @ 2:00 p.m.

V. CORRESPONDENCE/AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION (Cont'd)

- AP Psychology
 - Date Posted: November 5, 2024
 - Bid Opening: November 19, 2024 @ 2:00 p.m.
- AP Language and Composition
 - Date Posted: November 5, 2024
 - Bid Opening: November 19, 2024 @ 2:00 p.m.
- There were no bids scheduled to be opened after December 4, 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 November 6, 2024.
- B. Financial Report for October 2024
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| Accounts Payable for October 2024 | \$ 4,390,619.68 |
| Electronic Transactions for October 2024 | \$ 15,936,216.42 |
- B. Approval of the hiring of the Local Union 1346 employees as listed in Addendum No 5.
- D. Approval of the hiring of the Local Union 1815 employees as listed in Addendum No. 6.
- E. Approval of the hiring of the Non-Union employees listed in Addendum No. 7.
- F. Acceptance of the Resignation/Retirement Notifications of the Warren Consolidated Schools employees as listed in Addendum No. 8.
- G. Affirmation of the expulsion recommendations of two Carleton Middle School students, a Carter Middle School student, and a Grissom Middle School student as listed in Addendum No. 9.

A motion was made by Mr. White, supported by Ms. Kattula, 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: 7-0

VII. ACTION ITEMSA. APPROVAL OF THE ACCEPTANCE OF THE JUNE 30, 2024, AUDIT REPORT BY PLANTE MORAN, PLLC

A motion was made by Mr. White, supported by Mr. Johnson, that the Board of Education accept the recommendation of the Superintendent and approve the June 30, 2024 Audit Report by the independent accounting firm of Plante Moran, PLLC as listed in Addendum No. 10.

Yes: All

No: None

Motion Carried: 7-0

B. ACCEPTANCE OF THE JUNE 30, 2024, BOND AUDIT REPORT BY UHY LLP

A motion was made by Mr. White, supported by Mr. Weckerle, that the Board of Education accept the recommendation of the Superintendent and accept the annual Bond Audit Report for the 12-month period ending June 30, 2024, as presented by the independent accounting firm of UHY LLP and as listed in Addendum No. 11.

Yes: All

No: None

Motion Carried: 7-0

VII. ACTION ITEMS (Cont'd.)C. APPROVAL OF CONTRACT-BID PACK 7-ABATEMENT CONTRACTING SERVICES

A motion was made by Mr. White, supported by Mr. Weckerle, that the Board of Education accept the recommendation of the Superintendent and approve the contracts to BDS Environmental and Qualified Abatement Services, Inc., for abatement contracting services as needed in relation of construction Bid Pack 7, as listed in Addendum No. 12.

Yes: All

No: None

Motion Carried: 7-0

VIII. TABLED and/or POSTPONED ITEMS

There were no tabled and/or postponed items.

IX. QUESTIONS and/or COMMENTS

Superintendent, Dr. John C. Bernia Jr., congratulated Ms. Elenbaas and her team for all their hard work preparing for the Audit.

X. TO CONDUCT A PERIODIC EVALUATION OF THE SUPERINTENDENT

A motion was made by Mr. White, supported by Ms. Rudd, via roll call vote to allow the Board of Education to move into Closed Session at 8:37 p.m. to conduct a mid-year evaluation of the Superintendent.

Roll Call Vote:

Yes: Berdy, Johnson, Kattula, Rudd, Trombley, Weckerle, White

No: None

Motion Carried: 7-0

The Board returned to Open Session at 9:28 p.m.

XI. ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Mr. Johnson, supported by Mr. Weckerle, to adjourn the meeting at 9:29 p.m.

Yes: All

No: None

Motion Carried: 7-0

Submitted by,



Leah A. Berdy
Secretary