

**MINUTES
REGULAR BOARD MEETING
BOARD OF EDUCATION
WARREN WOODS PUBLIC SCHOOLS
JUNE 12, 2023**

Call to Order

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

Roll Call

Members present: Schulte, Walsh, Zannetti, Fitzpatrick, Hiller, Garcia and Green. Also present were Superintendent Stacey Denewith-Fici, Deputy Superintendent Neil Cassabon, Curriculum Director Kara Beal, Special Services Director Stacie Sward, Student Representatives to the Board Isabella Burke and Natalya Bonkowski and Executive Assistant Jackie Miracle.

Pledge of Allegiance

Agenda Approval

It was moved by Walsh, supported by Fitzpatrick to approve the Agenda as presented. The motion carried 7 – 0.

Minutes

Superintendent Denewith-Fici presented the Minutes from the May 22, 2023 – 6:05 PM Special Meeting. It was moved by Schulte supported by Zannetti to approve the Minutes of the May 22, 2023 – 6:05 PM Special Meeting 2023 as presented. The motion carried 7 – 0.

Correspondence

Payment of the Bills

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

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| General Fund | \$ | 1,053,039.80 |
| Center Programs | | 3,710.79 |
| Food Service Fund | | 203,418.90 |
| Child Care Fund | | 6,568.46 |
| Campus Corner | | 4,109.51 |
| 2020 Bond Series I | | 237,556.60 |

The motion carried 7 – 0.

Mr. Hiller inquired about a payment to DTE for LED conversion and Mr. Cassabon replied that the lights are expected to be swapped out soon by DTE, which will eliminate the expense.

Old Business

None

New Business

Reports

Student Recognition

Superintendent Denewith-Fici introduced WWT Bowling Coach Craig Geml and stated this was his last year as the WWT Bowling Coach as he is moving into retirement. She thanked him for his dedication throughout the years and for growing the program into what it has become. Ms. Denewith-Fici also acknowledged Coach Geml's wife Doreen, and thanked her for supporting him and the team for so many years.

Coach Geml acknowledged several students for individual and team accomplishments. Among others, Senior Kayla Tafanelli was recognized for being named Macomb County 2023 Ms. Bowling and Senior Aaron Price was awarded a USBC Scholarship in the amount of \$3,000. Mr. and Mrs. Geml thanked the Board and administration for their support throughout the years, and especially thanked Superintendent Denewith-Fici for always being there to support them.

President Green thanked Coach Geml on behalf of the Board for everything he has done for the program and the tradition he has established in the community.

Staff Recognition

Superintendent Denewith-Fici recognized WWPS retirees from 2022-23 stating their total combined years of service equaled 83.25 years. She presented a Certificate of Recognition to Mr. Ken Giorlando, WWT Special Education Parapro and expressed her gratitude on behalf of WWPS. Also recognized this evening but not present were Todd Barc – WWMS Teacher, Cindy Dembeck – WWT Special Ed Parapro and Colleen Eatmon – WWMS Parapro.

Student Representatives

Superintendent Denewith-Fici introduced Student Representatives Isabella Burke and Natalya Bonkowski invited them to provide an update on activities at WWT.

Bella reported it's been a busy last week with the Golf Team winning Regionals and elections for StuCo and class officers. Both Isabella and Natalya will be representing the Senior Class next year as Bella was elected President and Natalya chosen as StuCo

President. Natalya added NHS has been sponsoring "cram sessions" where they tutor students preparing for finals and, finally, students voted on a Homecoming theme for next year.

Superintendent Denewith-Fici congratulated the girls and thanked them for their report.

2023-2024 Budget Forecast Update

Deputy Superintendent Cassabon presented an update to the Board on the budget development process which included updated assumptions to the original forecast presented at the May 8, 2023 Regular Board Meeting.

He began with Revenue stating that the district will now be able to levy a full 18 mills of Non-Homestead tax levy due to the recent millage election and increased Commercial Personal property value. Next, he reviewed staff changes that would affect expenses, in addition to increases in dual enrollment tuition and insurance premiums.

New Business

2023-2024 Budget Forecast Update (continued)

In conclusion, Deputy Superintendent Cassabon stated the changes would be posted on the district website and ready for final approval at the June 26, 2023 Board Meeting.

Purchase: Westwood Furniture

Deputy Superintendent brought forth the recommendation to purchase new furniture at Westwood stating this would provide an update to the hallways, front office, computer lab and staff lounge. It was moved by Zannetti supported by Walsh to approve the **Purchase:** Westwood Furniture as presented. The motion carried 7 – 0.

Appointment: WWT Principal

Superintendent Denewith-Fici stated due to the resignation of WWT Principal Mike Mackenzie, she was recommending Ian Fredlund be appointed to the position of WWT Principal. She gave a brief overview of Mr. Fredlund's WWT career, beginning in 2012 when he was hired as a teacher at Enterprise High School, and expressed her confidence in his ability to be an exceptional educational leader.

It was moved by Schulte supported by Walsh to approve the **Appointment:** WWT Principal as presented. **ROLL CALL VOTE: Ayes:** Schulte, Walsh, Zannetti, Fitzpatrick, Hiller, Garcia, and Green. **Nays:** 0. The motion carried 7 – 0.

Vice President Schulte stated he has no doubt in the selection of Mr. Fredlund as WWT Principal and congratulated him on his appointment.

President Green congratulated Mr. Fredlund on his appointment and thanked him for his commitment to the entire school community.

Mr. Fredlund expressed his sincere appreciation to the Board and administration for the opportunity to lead the staff and students and to represent the district as WWT Principal.

Personnel Items

Leaves:

As presented.

It was moved by Fitzpatrick supported by Hiller to approve the **Leaves** as presented. The motion carried 7 – 0.

New Hires:

Michael Syrocki – Maintenance specialist – Facilities – Hire date 6/5/23.

Public Expression

WWMS Principal Donny Sikora expressed his support of Mr. Fredlund's appointment on behalf of the Administration Team.

Negotiations and Attorney/Client (Closed Session)

It was moved by Schulte, supported by Fitzpatrick, that the Board move to Closed Session for discussion of Negotiations. **ROLL CALL VOTE: Ayes:** Schulte, Walsh, Zannetti, Fitzpatrick, Hiller, Garcia, and Green. **Nays:** 0. The motion carried 7 – 0.

Recess began at 6:51 PM.

Recess ended at 6:56 PM.

The Board moved to closed Session at 6:57 PM.

The Board returned from Closed Session at 7:20 PM.

Adjournment

It was moved by Zannetti supported by Hiller to adjourn the meeting at 7:21 PM. The motion carried 7 – 0.

Respectfully submitted,

Kay F. Walsh, Secretary