

**MINUTES
SPECIAL BOARD MEETING
BOARD OF EDUCATION
WARREN WOODS PUBLIC SCHOOLS
MAY 22, 2023 6:00 PM**

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by President Green at 6:00 p.m. in

Roll Call

Members present: Walsh, Schulte, Fitzpatrick, Zannetti, Hiller, Garcia and Green. Also present were Superintendent Stacey Denewith-Fici, Deputy Superintendent Neil Cassabon, Special Education Director Stacie Sward, Student Representative Natalya Bonkowski and Executive Assistant Jackie Miracle.

Pledge of Allegiance

Agenda Approval

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

New Business

Resolution: To Consider Designation of Electoral Representative for the June 5, 2023 MISD Biennial Election Meeting

Superintendent Denewith-Fici presented the Resolution and stated it was required by the MISD that this “Resolution to Consider Designation of Electoral Representative” be approved in a separate meeting from the “Resolution Designating the Electoral Representative.

It was moved by Zannetti supported by Walsh to approve the **Resolution:** To Consider Designation of Electoral Representative for the June 5, 2023 MISD Biennial Meeting and consider Schulte as Designee and Fitzpatrick as the alternate as presented. **ROLL CALL VOTE: Ayes:** Walsh, Schulte, Zannetti, Fitzpatrick, Hiller, Garcia and Green. **Nays:** 0. The motion carried 7 – 0.

Public Expression

Adjournment

It was moved by Schulte supported by Fitzpatrick to adjourn the meeting at 6:04 PM. The motion carried 7 – 0.

Respectfully submitted,

Kay Walsh, Secretary

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MAY 22, 2023 – 6:05 PM**

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by President Green at 6:05 p.m. in the Board Room of the Administrative Service Center, 12900 Frazho Road, Warren, MI.

Roll Call

Members present: Walsh, Schulte, Fitzpatrick, Zannetti, Hiller, Garcia and Green. Also present were Superintendent Stacey Denewith-Fici, Deputy Superintendent Neil Cassabon, Special Education Director Stacie Sward, Student Representative Natalya Bonkowski and Executive Assistant Jackie Miracle.

Pledge of Allegiance

Agenda Approval

It was moved by Schulte, supported by Zannetti to approve the Agenda as amended with the following change: Switch **Item 10. Personnel Items** with **Item 9e. Resolution:** Designation of Electoral Representative for the June 5, 2023 MISD Biennial Election Meeting. The motion carried 7 – 0.

Minutes

It was moved by Schulte supported by Hiller to approve the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of May 8, 2023 and the Closed Session Minutes of May 8, 2023 as presented. The motion carried 6 – 0 – 1 with President Green abstaining due to absence.

It was moved by Schulte supported by Hiller to approve the Minutes of the Special Meeting of May 22, 2023. The motion carried 7 – 0.

Correspondence

Treasurer’s Report

Deputy Superintendent Cassabon presented the Treasurer’s Report for April 2023. He began with General Fund Local Revenue, the majority consisting of local tax collections in addition to Adult Ed tuition, investment earnings and grant reimbursements. Next, Mr. Cassabon reviewed Food Service Local Revenue which included interest on investment earnings and WWT food sales, which are mainly from a la cart sales, in addition to State Aid, while Federal Revenue reflected Free and Reduced breakfast and lunch claims. Lastly, Mr. Cassabon reviewed the ISD Centers program which reflected payment from the MISD.

Trustee Garcia commented that the close numbers show how well the budget process works.

Payment of the Bills

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

Building & Site	\$	1,250.00
2020 Bond Series I		177,050.04

Payment of the Bills (continued)

The motion carried 7 – 0.

Old Business

None

New Business

Reports

Student Representatives

Natalya stated CTE certification testing was currently taking place at WWT and students who receive passing grades will have completed their certification process. Natalya also recently participated in Peer to Peer at the MISD where she was a presenter and is planning to start a crossover program working in conjunction with the Fraser Public Schools. She stated the Booster Club-sponsored Mayfair was a success, and she was pleased to announce that Mr. Martin has Titan Nation back up and running. Natalya reported that seniors recently celebrated “Skip Day” and Prom was a big success; and, finally, she shared her recent experience at the MiLead Conference at MSU where she participated as a counselor at Leadership Camp and looks forward to the next group of sophomores who will be attending in June.

Mr. Zannetti suggested that Natalya reach out to the sophomores who attend the MiLead Conference and ask them to present at an upcoming Board meeting.

Recommendation: 2023-2024 Child Care Worker Pay Rates

Deputy Superintendent Cassabon presented the recommended 6% increase to pay rates and stated this was the eleventh consecutive year the district was able to increase the rates resulting in a 15% increase over the last five years.

It was moved by Walsh, supported by Fitzpatrick to approve the **Recommendation: 2023-2024 Child Care Worker Pay Rates** as presented. The motion carried 7 – 0.

Purchase: Briarwood Furniture

Deputy Superintendent Cassabon stated this would provide new common space furniture for the corridors, front office and computer lab.

It was moved by Walsh supported by Fitzpatrick to approve the **Purchase: Briarwood Furniture** as presented. The motion carried 7 – 0.

Mr. Fitzpatrick asked when the furniture was expected to be in and Mr. Cassabon replied delivery was expected over the summer and the furniture would be in place when school starts in September.

Mr. Zannetti asked for clarification regarding what items were included in the total. Mr. Cassabon clarified the items.

Bid: Food Service Equipment

Deputy Superintendent Cassabon presented the bid and stated this would provide equipment for WWMS, EHS and WWT and added it was part of the excess fund balance spend down plan.

It was moved by Fitzpatrick supported by Schulte to approve the **Bid: Food Service Equipment** as presented. The motion carried 7 – 0.

Personnel Items

Leaves:

None

New Hires:

Nina Awwad – Administrative Professional Assistant – Pinewood Elementary School – Hire date 5/17/23.

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

New Business (continued)

Resolution: Designation of Electoral Representative for the June 5, 2023 MISD Biennial Election Meeting

Superintendent Denewith-Fici presented the Resolution stating the purpose of this Resolution is to designate the electoral representative and alternate who will represent the District at the June 5, 2023 MISD Biennial Election Meeting, in addition to choosing the candidate the Board has chosen to cast their vote for. She added incumbents Brian White and Michael A. Schulte are the recommended candidates.

It was moved by Zannetti, supported by Fitzpatrick to approve the **Resolution:** Designation of Electoral Representative for the June 5, 2023 MISD Biennial Election designation Michael A. Schulte as representative and Michael Fitzpatrick as alternate. The designated representative is directed to cast a vote on behalf of this Board for recommended incumbents Brian White and Michael A. Schulte. **ROLL CALL VOTE: Ayes:** Schulte, Walsh, Zannetti, Fitzpatrick Hiller, Garcia and Green. **Nays:** 0. The motion carried 7 – 0.

Canvass of Votes

Superintendent Denewith-Fici presented the Cavass of Votes which contain the results of the May 2, 2023 Bond Election. It is recommended the Board receive and file as presented.

It was moved by Walsh, supported by Fitzpatrick to file and receive the Canvass of Votes as presented. **ROLL CALL VOTE: Ayes:** Schulte, Walsh, Zannetti, Fitzpatrick Hiller, Garcia and Green. **Nays:** 0. The motion carried 7 – 0.

Public Expression

Mr. Hiller commented on a very successful May Fair and thanked all the volunteers, teachers, coaches, parents and the Warren Police Department for their help in making it a success.

Mr. Garcia stated that he and Mr. Schulte recently attended the Make a Difference Awards in support of Lisa Grzywacz, Special Education Teacher at Pinewood, who was recognized for her efforts. He added it was a delight to meet Isabelle, the student who nominated Ms. Grzywacz. Mr. Garcia also thanked Ms. Beal for another productive year of work with DSAT.

Mr. Zannetti added he and Mr. Fitzpatrick had recently attended NHS Senior Night and what a positive event it was.

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Public Expression (continued)

Mr. Fitzpatrick expressed concern regarding the state of the grounds in and around many district buildings and more discussion followed. The Board requested Facilities and Transportation Director Matthew Dishman be made aware of their concerns and address them.

Adjournment

It was moved by Fitzpatrick supported by Schulte to adjourn the meeting at 6:28 PM. The motion carried 7 – 0.

Respectfully submitted,

Kay Walsh, Secretary