

**MINUTES  
SPECIAL BOARD MEETING  
BOARD OF EDUCATION  
WARREN WOODS PUBLIC SCHOOLS  
OCTOBER 23, 2023**

**Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order by Vice President Schulte at 6:01 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, and Garcia. Absent with notice: Green. Also present were Superintendent Stacey Denewith-Fici, Curriculum Director Kara Beal, Special Services Director Stacie Sward, Student Representatives Natalya Bonkowski and Isabella Burke, and Executive Assistant Jackie Miracle.

**Pledge of Allegiance**

**Agenda Approval**

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

**Minutes**

It was moved by Walsh supported by Fitzpatrick to approve the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of October 9, 2023 as presented. The motion carried 6 – 0.

**Correspondence**

Superintendent Denewith-Fici presented two items of Correspondence to the Board. First, was a letter from WWPS Board of Education President Jere Green stating that he will be resigning from the Board effective January 9, 2023. His last meeting will be January 8, 2024. The second item was an email from a WWT parent voicing concerns regarding the no backpack in classrooms policy and WWT Principal Ian Fredlund's response.

It was moved by Zannetti supported by Hiller to receive and file the Correspondence as presented. The motion carried 6 – 0.

**Treasurer's Report**

Deputy Superintendent Cassabon presented the September 2023 Treasurer's Report. He began with General Fund Local Revenue, the bulk of which came from the City of Warren tax collections, in addition to Adult Ed tuition, earnings on investments and athletic gate receipts. Next, he reviewed State Revenue which reflected carryover funds from GSRP which helped with start-up costs for this year, along with Critical Incident grant funding. Federal Revenue included reimbursement for ESSER III and American Rescue Plan 11T funds, and a review of Incoming Transfer funds included an Enhancement Millage payment. Food Service funds provided a first glimpse at revenue flow due to the free lunch program with Local Revenue reflecting earnings on investments and ala carte sales. Mr. Cassabon stated State Revenue is not typical for September noting the Michigan Universal Meals plan and added Federal Government is no longer providing supply chain assistance. Finally, Incoming Transfers reflected a prior period adjustment from the State and the Centers Program reflected no revenue, as we are waiting for first yearly payment from MISD, with additional expenses for the month of September, which is typical for the month of September.

**Payment of the Bills**

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

Bond 2020 Series I	\$ 24,274.94
2023 Energy Bond	137,648.17

The motion carried 6 – 0.

**Old Business**

None

**New Business**

**Reports**

**Student Representatives**

Superintendent Denewith-Fici welcomed Student Representatives Natalya Bonkowski and Isabella Burke and asked for an update on activities at WWT. Natalya began with sports news and stated the WWT Varsity Football Team lost their final game to Mott last week and added the season was fun with all the Blue Crew participation and students are looking forward to the winter sports season. Other news included Student Council meeting to plan fundraising efforts and HOSA students participating in the Be the Match Challenge with a Gift of Life presentation.

Isabella added that the WWT Dance and Cheer Teams are hosting a Haunted House for Halloween next week, and Peer2Peer was also celebrating with a party. She stated students are looking forward to Communication Camp next week and this is the last week of PSAT testing.

In conclusion, Natalya commented on the recent backpack policy changes and stated students are handling it well and she thanked Administration for working together with the students to find a solution.

**Student Achievement:**

Superintendent Denewith-Fici introduced Curriculum Director Kara Beal and stated that she would provide an overview of the Warren Woods Reproductive Health Curriculum.

Ms. Beal introduced Westwood teacher Al Gulick who has been working with her and district team members on updating the current curriculum, which was last adopted in 2014. The team currently consists of several Warren Woods teachers and Ms. Beal, with the intention of adding a parent representative and recruiting more staff to become certified. Mr. Gulick explained that the team is interested in comparing the current curriculum to others in the state and is currently collaborating with Chippewa Valley and the ISD, with the goal to adopt a new curriculum next year.

Mr. Zannetti asked what curriculum was currently being used at the elementary level and Ms. Beal responded Wonder Years was the curriculum being used.

**Personnel Items**

**Leaves**

As presented

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

**New Hires**

**Jacob Berkley** – Special Education Paraprofessional – Briarwood – Date of hire 10/09/23.

**Gwenyth Boggs** – GSRP Assistant – ECC – Date of hire 10/3/23.

**Ashley Haerens** – Lunch Supervisor – Pinewood – Date of hire 10/18/23.

**Heather Russell** - Special Education Paraprofessional – Westwood – Date of hire 10/16/23.

**Olha Sheremetova** – Lunch Supervisor – Briarwood – Date of hire 10/10/23.

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

**Public Expression**

**Adjournment**

It was moved by Zannetti supported by Hiller to adjourn the meeting at 6:25 PM. The motion carried 6 – 0.

Respectfully submitted,

Kay F. Walsh  
Secretary