

**MINUTES
SPECIAL BOARD MEETING
BOARD OF EDUCATION
WARREN WOODS PUBLIC SCHOOLS
FEBRUARY 13, 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, Warren, MI 48089.

Roll Call

Members present: Green, Schulte, Walsh, Zannetti, Fitzpatrick, Hiller and Garcia. Also present were Superintendent Stacey Denewith-Fici, Deputy Superintendent Neil Cassabon, Technology Director Kevin Hustek, Student Representatives Natalya Bonkowski and Isabella Burke, CTE Director Steven Kay, WWT Foods and Hospitality Teachers Suzanne Murray and Jon Grommons, and Executive Assistant Jackie Miracle.

Pledge of Allegiance

Agenda Approval

It was moved by Zannetti, supported by Schulte to approve the Agenda as amended with the following change: Delete **Item 11: Student Discipline**. The motion carried 7 – 0.

Minutes

It was moved by Walsh supported by Hiller to approve the Minutes of the Special Meeting of January 23, 2023 as presented. The motion carried 6 – 0 – 1 with Schulte abstaining due to absence.

Correspondence

Superintendent Denewith-Fici presented two items of correspondence for Board review. The first item was an email from a Warren Woods resident regarding Homeschool options and the second item was an email from a district parent regarding busing for MMSTC. It was moved by Schulte supported by Fitzpatrick to receive and file the correspondence as presented. The motion carried 7 – 0.

Payment of the Bills

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

General Fund	\$ 1,292,116.22
Center Programs	4,741.89
Food Service Fund	187,098.81
Child Care Fund	39,768.78
Campus Corner	2,802.40
Building & Site	24,500.00

Payment of the Bills (continued)

Bond 2018	42,719.49
Bond 2020 Series I	25,683.89

The motion carried 7 – 0.

Vice President Schulte inquired about a payment on page 1 for pool repairs. Deputy Superintendent Cassabon replied it was for repairs to existing equipment, not for any equipment that was recently purchased. He noted another payment for pool repairs on page 5 which covered preventative monthly maintenance for the dehumidification unit.

Trustee Garcia inquired about three General fund payments to the ISD and asked for clarification. Mr. Cassabon explained the first is an instructional service fee, the second payment covers Human Resources software and the student information system, and the third payment is for Bilingual Consortium tutoring services. Mr. Garcia asked if they were annual fees and Mr. Cassabon replied yes, they were annual fees.

Old Business

None

New Business

Reports

Student Representatives

Superintendent Denewith-Fici introduced Student Representatives Natalya and Isabella and asked for an update on activities at WWT.

Natalya began by stating WWT was currently celebrating Black History Month. Mr. Dougherty's Leadership Class created slides with fun facts to be broadcast on the digital displays throughout the building, in addition to posting interviews highlighting various students and staff.

Isabella shared information about the Winter Drive where students are collecting hats, gloves, scarfs and blankets to donate to a local homeless shelter. Students are also celebrating March is Reading Month by volunteering as guest readers at the elementary schools and WWMS. Students are celebrating "Get to Know WWT" this week with various clubs, classes, sports and activities being highlighted and Campus Corner selling valentines tomorrow. Bella added it's been a great week in sports with the WWT Cheer Team winning MAC gold, and finally, "Newsies", the musical, will take place March 24, 25 and 26.

Ms. Walsh asked how long the Winter Drive was going on and where she could drop off items and Natalya stated it would be going on for one month and there are boxes for collection at both WWMS and WWT.

In conclusion, Natalya shared that she was looking forward to representing WWT at the Student Diversity Summit tomorrow at the MISD.

New Business

Reports (continued)

Career and Technical Education Month

Superintendent Denewith Fici introduced Steven Kay, CTE Director, who was here this evening in celebration of February being CTE Month.

Mr. Kay thanked the Board for inviting him to present this evening and for their ongoing support, in addition to support from administration. He gave a brief summary of the CTE Program explaining it allows students a hands-on experience that is rigorous and relevant, with CTE pathways and instructors guiding them along the way. The program fosters employability skills with class offerings such as Culinary Arts and Hospitality Management which has over 300 students, the highest enrollment of any SMTEC class. He introduced Suzanne Murray and Jon Grommons who teach the Culinary Arts and Hospitality Management classes at WWT and thanked them for being here and for providing tonight's refreshments.

Ms. Murray began with an overview of the structure of the program which includes and requires the Foods I Food Service Management Class; Foods II, which operates Titan Terrace; and finally, Foods III, Baking and Pastry. The program also offers a class co-taught with Special Education Teacher Rachel Buza, allowing special education students the opportunity to participate in CTE.

Next, Mr. Grommons introduced several students who shared what skills they have learned and some of their favorite recipes.

In conclusion, Ms. Murray reminded everyone that the Titan Terrace was open on Thursdays and Fridays from 10:55 AM – 12:30 PM and invited everyone to come for a visit.

President Green thanked Mr. Kay, Ms. Murray, Mr. Grommins and all the students for coming this evening and for their delicious treats. He stated the students were well-spoken and is proud of the representation of WWT and the teaching staff.

Review Continuity of Instruction Plan

Superintendent Denewith-Fici stated that tonight's report is being reviewed as required to remain in compliance with Federal regulations. She stated there have been no changes made and the plan in it's entirety is available on the transparency page of the district website.

Mr. Zannetti asked how fast the district could pivot to remote learning if we were forced to and Superintendent Denewith-Fici replied we could respond very quickly. She stated that the staff is still using Schoology and all the technology is in place. Technology Director Kevin Hustek added that the technology team is ready and a procedure is in place.

K-12 Educational Goals Progress Update

Curriculum Director Kara Beal stated tonight's Mid-Year Goal Update was required by the State to review the requirements, goals progress, and response efforts of the district to date. She outlined the requirements and commented on the success of the district in getting all students tested last fall and sharing the results, including parents receiving reports electronically. Ms. Beal noted the winter testing window remains open through February 17 with the results forthcoming.

Next, Ms. Beal addressed data analysis including a new NWEA Linking Study which allows teachers a deeper dive into individual student data.

In conclusion, Ms. Beal shared the agenda for the upcoming two-hour District PLC and stated she looked forward to seeing the outcome of that meeting.

New Business

Adoption: Music Play Online

Curriculum Director Kara Beal introduced Elementary Music Teachers Meg Satawa and Rachel Coy who were here tonight to give an overview of a new, online music resource being recommended for adoption.

Ms. Satawa began the presentation by stating that this resource is an online tool to encourage active music making for all students in grades kindergarten through eighth grade. Music Play Online allows for consistency and provides an adaptable and diverse array of music for students both as musicians and learners.

Next, Ms. Coy provided cost information stating the program offers a very high value for the dollar and cited cost comparisons. She provided examples of how the program could support the music curriculum such as use with recorders as she uses in her classroom, and with bucket drumming as Ms. Satawa uses in her classroom.

In conclusion, both Ms. Satawa and Ms. Coy were very excited about the possibilities this online resource would provide and highly recommended it for adoption.

It was moved by Hiller, supported by Garcia, to approve the **Adoption: Music Play Online** as presented.

ROLL CALL VOTE: Ayes: Schulte, Walsh, Zannetti, Fitzpatrick, Hiller, Garcia and Green. **Nays:** 0. The motion carried 7 – 0.

Superintendent Evaluation

President Green stated each board member completed an individual evaluation of Superintendent Denewith-Fici for 2021-2022 which were compiled in one final document and presented to the board for review. It is recommended the Board approve the final rating of "Highly Effective" for the **Superintendent Evaluation**. It was moved by Fitzpatrick supported by Walsh to approve the **Superintendent Evaluation** as presented. **ROLL CALL VOTE: Ayes:** Schulte, Walsh, Zannetti, Fitzpatrick, Hiller, Garcia and Green. **Nays:** 0. The motion carried 7 – 0.

Superintendent Denewith-Fici thanked the Board on behalf of her and the entire Administrative Team for their support and trust.

Personnel Items

Leaves:

As Presented

New Hires:

Jessica Hall – Special Education Paraprofessional - VI – Warren Woods Tower High School – Hire Date 02/13/23.

Christine Tabor – Food Service Kitchen Helper – Warren Woods Tower High School – Hire Date 01/30/23.

Melissa Simpson – CI Teacher – Briarwood Elementary – Hire Date 1/26/23.

Personnel Items

New Hires (continued)

Nicole Szymberski – English Teacher – Enterprise High School – Hire Date 02/06/23.

Rebecca Wisbiski – Musical Advisor – Warren Woods Tower High School – Hire Date 01/01/2022.

Public Expression

Megan Hohensee, district paraprofessional, commented on behalf of Ms. Satawa, stating she assists in Ms. Satawa's classroom and she is amazing, keeps the kids engaged and they love her.

Mr. Fitzpatrick thanked Ms. Satawa and Ms. Coy for tonight's presentation and stated that their passion is evident.

Ms. Satawa stated another advantage of Music Play is that the program allows copyright permissions.

Mr. Schulte commented on the recent CTE MCTEAA Breakfast he and Mr. Garcia recently attended and said what a great experience it was. There was discussion about how one student brought his peer mentor along and another student was one of only three who received a \$500 scholarship.

Student Rep Natalya announced that the Peer to Peer program is working with Special Olympics on creating a unified sports team with surrounding school districts.

Technology Director Kevin Hustek thanked the Board on behalf of district parents for using funds from the Childcare Stabilization Grant to offset daycare expenses for families. Also, thanks to the recent technology upgrades to the Early Childhood Center, it now mirrors the same systems in place in grades K-12.

Mr. Schulte asked what was being accepted at the Clothing Drive and Bella and Natalya answered new and gently used scarfs, hats, gloves and blankets.

Adjournment

It was moved by Fitzpatrick supported by Zannetti to adjourn the meeting at 7:11 PM. The motion carried 6 – 0.

Respectfully submitted,

Kay F. Walsh, Secretary