

**MINUTES
REGULAR BOARD MEETING
BOARD OF EDUCATION
WARREN WOODS PUBLIC SCHOOLS
OCTOBER 9, 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: Green, Walsh, Schulte, Zannetti, Fitzpatrick, Hiller, and Garcia. Also present were Superintendent Stacey Denewith-Fici, Curriculum Director Kara Beal, Special Services Director Stacie Sward, Student Representative Isabella Burke and Executive Assistant Jackie Miracle.

Pledge of Allegiance

Agenda Approval

Superintendent Denewith-Fici presented the Agenda and noted the following changes: change Item **4a.** from Special to **Regular** Meeting; and delete Item **5c. Art Show Invitation.**

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

Minutes

It was moved by Fitzpatrick supported by Walsh to approve the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of September 11, 2023 and the Closed Session Meeting of September 11, 2023 as presented. The motion carried 6 – 0 – 1 with Schulte abstaining due to absence.

Correspondence

Superintendent Denewith-Fici presented two items of Correspondence to the Board. First, was an email from a parent citing concerns regarding the parking lot at Warren Woods Tower. The second item was an email from a WWT parent voicing concerns regarding student safety at the high school.

It was moved by Hiller, supported by Schulte to receive and file the Correspondence as presented. The motion carried 7 – 0.

Treasurer's Report

Superintendent Denewith-Fici presented the combined Treasurer's Report for July/August 2023. She began with General Fund Local Revenue consisting mainly of local tax collections, in addition to some investment earnings and Adult Ed tuition. State Revenue included GSRP funding from the MISD along with MPSERS funding and additional School Safety and Mental Health funding. Incoming Transfers included Enhancement Millage payments in addition to receiving EPPS Reading Recovery Site fees, and an insurance surplus refund. Next, a review of Food Service Local Revenue reflects earnings on investments and catering revenue and Federal Revenue reflects summer food program reimbursement, while expenses include summer food service staff costs, start of the year food costs and new food service equipment. Finally, a review of the ISD Center Program reflects no revenue for July and August, which is typical as the district is awaiting the first State Aid payment of the year, in addition to expenditures related to 11 and 12 month employee staff costs.

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 | \$ | 910,888.47 |
| Center Programs | | 5,817.17 |
| Food Service Fund | | 125,841.96 |
| Childcare Fund | | 8,029.38 |
| Campus Corner | | 9,786.93 |
| Bond 2020 Series I | | 57,311.47 |
| 2023 Energy Bond | | 22,955.00 |

The motion carried 7 – 0.

Mr. Hiller inquired about a General Fund payment to West Michigan Glass Coating and asked if that was for safety coating film for all windows. Superintendent Denewith-Fici replied that it was for the windows at the Early Childhood Center.

Old Business

None

New Business

Reports

Student Representatives

Superintendent Denewith-Fici welcomed Student Representative Isabella Burke and asked for an update on activities at WWT. Bella began with a rundown of Homecoming Week activities, beginning with the mini pep rally and stated the parade was a huge success with students from elementary, middle and high school all participating. In other news, she stated Campus Corner was planning a Sweetest Day Sale, and, finally, Peer 2 Peer met for the first time last week. Bella also brought one of the new graduation gowns which has an added pop of color for the Board to preview.

Student Achievement: M-STEP Report

Superintendent Denewith-Fici stated tonight's update would be presented by Curriculum Director Kara Beal and would focus of M-STEP data.

Ms. Beal stated the purpose of tonight's presentation would be to provide a high level view of Spring 2023 data, which will be analyzed in detail at the next DSAT meeting, with action planning to follow soon. She began with a review of data highlights which indicated a high trajectory of growth in Math and the need for additional support in ELA. Ms. Beal outlined goals within the district improvement plan and the strategies being implemented to support them.

In conclusion, Ms. Beal reviewed interventions at the elementary and middle school level and detailed the established supports that are continuously implemented to remain focused on advancing progress.

New Business

Student Achievement: M-STEP Report (continued)

Mr. Zannetti asked what the repercussions were if the district does not meet State targets by 2026. Ms. Beal stated data would be analyzed and the goals would be reevaluated. Mr. Zannetti followed up and stated the necessity to move forward past the “COVID” shadow. Mr. Garcia commented on the Math growth data and expressed his satisfaction in seeing district efforts paying off.

Mr. Fitzpatrick stated he would be interested in the data by cohort and requested it be provided to the Board, if possible.

Principal’s Month Proclamation

In honor of Principals’ Month, Superintendent Denewith-Fici read a Proclamation from Governor Whitmer recognizing the leaders of our district for their commitment and dedication.

Purchase: WWT Math Furniture

Superintendent Denewith-Fici presented the recommendation to award School Speciality the bid to purchase furniture for three math classrooms at WWT.

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

2023-24 Offsite Board Meetings

Superintendent Denewith-Fici presented the following dates for the 2023-24 Offsite Board Meetings: February 12, 2024 at Westwood and April 22 at Briarwood.

It was moved by Schulte supported by Fitzpatrick to approve the **2023-24 Offsite Board Meetings** as presented. The motion carried 7 – 0.

Personnel Items

Leaves

As presented

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

New Hires

Brianna Dines – Occupational Therapist - WWMS – Date of hire 09/20/23

Jennifer Knost – Special Education Paraprofessional – Pinewood – Date of hire 09/25/23.

Christine Misch – Substitute Teacher – Date of hire 09/12/23.

Daneel Bailey – Substitute Teacher – Date of hire 09/12/23.

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

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Adjournment

It was moved by Zannetti supported by Walsh to adjourn the meeting at 6:44 PM. The motion carried 7 – 0.

Respectfully submitted,

Kay F. Walsh
Secretary