

**North Warren Central School District  
Regular Meeting of the Board of Education  
January 10, 2022  
Remote/In Person Meeting**

Mrs. Swan called the meeting to order at 6:35 PM, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

School Board Members Present: Buckman, Erickson, Freebern, Hill (remote), LaGuerre, Maday (arrived 7:41 PM), Swan.

Also Present: Michele F. French, Superintendent, Judith G. McAvey, District Clerk; Christopher Lail, School Business Official; Margaret Kelly, PreK-6 Principal.

Agenda  
Changes  
Approved

Motion by Mr. Erickson, seconded by Mrs. LaGuerre to approve the agenda changes.  
Motion carried unanimously.

12/13/21  
Minutes  
Approved

Motion by Mr. Freebern, seconded by Mr. Erickson to approve the minutes of the December 13, 2021 Regular Meeting of the Board of Education.  
Motion carried unanimously.

Bonadio & Co LLP presented an overall summary of the independent audit findings. The audit was 100% remote, unreserved fund balance exceeds 4% and the extra classroom activity fund was also audited. Mr. Lail and the Business Office was thanked.

Warrants  
Approved

Motion by Mr. Erickson, seconded by Mr. Freebern to approve warrants 37, 38 and 40.  
Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Maday arrived at 6:41 PM.

Budget  
Status  
Report  
Approved

Motion by Mr. Buckman, seconded by Mr. Erickson to approve the Budget Status Report.  
Motion carried unanimously.

IEP's  
Approved

Motion by Mrs. LaGuerre, seconded by Mr. Erickson to approve the recommendations of the Committee on Special Education for students 7564, 7522, 7278.  
Motion carried unanimously.

Mrs. French reports it has been very busy with the many changes in the rules for quarantine. A note was sent to parents and staff with the updates. Currently quarantine is 5 days (see website). The district will keep parents updated on changes. As of January 3<sup>rd</sup>, 6 staff and 12 students have tested positive, so far this year we have had 16% positive since 9/1. Information about Quadrant testing is on the website, this will allow students to return usually within a couple of days. Warren County has not adopted Test to Stay for school districts. North Warren will be hosting a Pfizer Vaccination clinic on January 14 from 3 – 5 PM. This is for 1<sup>st</sup> shots and boosters, registration is required.

Mrs. French reports the district needs substitutes in all areas especially bus drivers and custodians. The Board Retreat will be rescheduled.

Mrs. Swan asked if a child has symptoms and the parent does not want to test do they come back after 5 days. Mrs. French reports they will have to stay out for 5 days if they are not symptomatic and will have to wear a mask at all times for 10 days.

Mr. Buckman asked about Test to Stay. Mrs. French reports we do not have Test to Stay options and people must be fully vaccinated to not have to quarantine if exposed.

Mr. Maday would like all new custodial hires to be bus drivers as well.

Motion by Mr. Erickson, seconded by Mrs. Swan to accept the 2020-2021 Independent Audit from Bonadio & Co LLP.

Independent  
Audit  
Approved

Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Mr. Erickson, seconded by Mr. Freebern to accept the Internal Claims Auditors quarterly report.

Internal Claims  
Auditor report  
approved

Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Mrs. LaGuerre, seconded by Mr. Freebern to authorize participation in the Cooperative Purchasing Program coordinated by Washington-Saratoga-Warren-Hamilton-Essex BOCES for bids awarded in 2022-2023 school year for the following commodities: bread, ice cream, milk, canned-frozen meat, net-off-invoice food products, produce, cafeteria paper products, USDA commodity-fee for service, custodial products, copy paper and envelopes.

Cooperative  
Purchasing  
Program  
authorized

Motion carried unanimously.

Mrs. French reports the district currently has two mechanics at the bus garage and feels we need another due to increased case load and any potential absences. It will take time to find someone so the district will start advertising.

Motion by Mrs. LaGuerre, seconded by Mr. Freebern to create a Mechanic position in the bus garage. This is a 12-month, 8 hour per day position.

Mechanic  
Position  
Created

Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Mr. Erickson, seconded by Mr. Freebern to appoint Lori Korniak as Mentor Coordinator from January 11, 2022 to June 30, 2022.

L. Korniak  
Appointed  
Mentor  
Coordinator

Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Lail reports the audit is now completed and it was good to work with Bonadio & Co. There was a lengthy discussion with the audit committee about the audit and he will follow up on the excess unreserved fund balance and moving money to the capital reserve fund. The Budget is now the focus and the first workshop is January 19<sup>th</sup>.

Mrs. Kelly reports the PTO held a Holiday Bingo board, they offered the class with the most participation a party. The concerts were excellent, Hour of Code was held the day before break the students were excited and engaged, thank you to Mrs. Erickson and Mr. Vysohlid for running the program. Cougar Gazette was shared.

Board Workshops January 19 and February 2 at 5:00 PM  
Regular Meeting February 7, 2022 at 6:30 PM

Motion by Mr. Erickson, seconded by Mr. Freebern to adjourn at 7:09 PM.

Motion carried unanimously.

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District Clerk