

**North Warren Central School District
Regular Meeting of the Board of Education
North Warren Central School
March 14, 2022**

Mr. Maday called the meeting to order at 6:31 PM, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

School Board Members Present: Buckman, Erickson, Hill, LaGuerre, Maday.
School Board Members Absent: Freebern, Swan

Also Present: Michele G. French, Superintendent; Judith G. McAvey, District Clerk; Christopher Lail, School Business Official; Caleb Martin, 7-12 Principal; Margaret Kelly, PreK-6 Principal.

Motion by Mr. Erickson, seconded by Mrs. Hill to approve the minutes of the February 7, 2022 Regular meeting of the Board of Education.
Motion carried unanimously.

2/7/22 Minutes
Approved

Motion by Mrs. Hill, seconded by Mr. Erickson to approve warrants 53 and 54.
Motion carried unanimously.

Warrants
Approved

Motion by Mrs. Hill, seconded by Mrs. LaGuerre to approve the Budget Status Report.
Motion carried unanimously.

Budget Status
Report
Approved

Motion by Mrs. LaGuerre, seconded by Mr. Buckman to accept the recommendation of the Committee on Special Education for students 6762, 7428, 6596, 7481, 4862, 7564, 6209, 6290, 6208.
Motion carried unanimously.

IEPs Accepted

Motion by Mrs. LaGuerre, seconded by Mr. Buckman to appoint Frank DeCrescenzo as JV Bowling Coach for 2021-2022.
Motion carried unanimously.

Policies
Adopted

Motion by Mrs. Hill, seconded by Mr. Erickson to approve the 2022-2023 school calendar.
Motion carried unanimously.

22-23 School
Calendar
Approved

Motion by Mrs. LaGuerre, seconded by Mrs. Hill to set the rate of pay for Election Inspectors at \$14.50 per hour.
Motion carried unanimously.

Rate of Pay for
Election
Inspectors

Motion by Mr. Erickson, seconded by Mrs. Hill to appoint the following Election Officials for the May 17, 2022 Annual Meeting:
Lenore Simpson – Election Inspector
Nicole Howe – Election Inspector
Rachele Maresca – Chief Election Inspector
Motion carried unanimously.

Election
Inspectors
Appointed

Labor Relations
Agreement
Approved

Motion by Mr. Erickson, seconded by Mrs. Hill to approve the Intermunicipal Agreement between Coxsackie-Athens Central School District and North Warren Central School District for Labor Relations Services effective July 1, 2022 to June 30, 2023.

Motion carried unanimously.

M. Vysohlid
Conference
Approved

Motion by Mrs. Hill, seconded by Mrs. LaGuerre to approve a Summer Institute program – Physics 2 for Martin Vysohlid from July 18, 2022 to July 22, 2022 in the amount of \$1,670.

Motion carried unanimously.

K. McAvey to
12-month
position

Motion by Mrs. LaGuerre, seconded by Mr. Erickson to increase the employment of Karen McAvey to a 12-month position effective May 1, 2022.

Motion carried unanimously.

K. Rubado-
Judkins
appointed TA

Motion by Mr. Erickson, seconded by Mrs. Hill upon recommendation of the Superintendent, appoint Kyle Rubado-Judkins who will be certified as a Level I Teaching Assistant to a position in the Teaching Assistant tenure area for a probationary period commencing March 15, 2022 and anticipated to end March 14, 2026. Mrs. Rubado-Judkins will be appointed on Step 1 for the remainder of the school year. (Appointment and probationary dates will depend on official certification date from New York State)

Motion carried unanimously.

B. Pratt
Conference
Approved

Motion by Mrs. LaGuerre, seconded by Mrs. Hill to approve the overnight NYAEYC 2022 conference for Billie Jo Pratt from April 7, 2022 to April 9, 2022 in the amount of \$696.

Motion carried unanimously.

D. Peters
Appointed
Mentor

Motion by Mr. Erickson, seconded by Mrs. Hill to appoint Deanne Peters as Mentor for Sarah Converse from February 28, 2022 to June 30, 2022.

Motion carried unanimously.

Phase II of
Ventilation
Project
Approved

Motion by Mrs. LaGuerre, seconded by Mr. Erickson to approve Phase II of the project involving renovations to its existing K-12 building including updates to existing mechanical including heating system piping, ventilation system improvement and mechanical systems controls. The district intends to fund the project with monies from Capital Reserve Fund in an amount not to exceed \$2,750,000. when authorized by voters at the District's Annual Budget Vote on May 17, 2022.

Motion carried unanimously.

SEQRA
Resolution
Approved

Motion by Mr. Erickson, seconded by Mrs. Hill to approve the following SEQRA Resolution:
SEQRA RESOLUTION – Building Renovations Mechanical Systems Improvements Phase 2

WHEREAS, The Board of Education of the North Warren Central School District (“Board”) is considering to undertake a project involving renovations to its existing K-12 building, the project includes upgrades to existing mechanical including heating system piping, ventilation system improvement and mechanical systems controls (“the Project”); and

WHEREAS, the Board wishes to fully comply with its obligations under the State Environmental Quality Review Act (“SEQRA”) and the regulations thereunder with respect to the proposed action; and

WHEREAS, the Board has carefully considered the nature and scope of the proposed action, and has examined all information related to the Project including the recommendation of BCA Architects & Engineers with respect to the classification of the Project under SEQRA; and

WHEREAS, upon review of the foregoing, the Board makes the following determinations:

1. The proposed action involves the removal and replacement of aging ventilation systems and other upgrades to existing mechanical, and mechanical control systems in the K-12 Building.
2. The proposed project represents maintenance or repair involving no substantial changes in an existing facility or structure within the meaning of 6 NYCRR §617.5(c)(1); and/or alternatively the replacement, rehabilitation or reconstruction of a structure or facility in kind within the meaning of 6 NYCRR §617.5(c)(2); and/or alternatively a routine activity of an educational institution, including expansion of existing facilities by less than 10,000 square feet of gross floor area, within the meaning of 6 NYCRR § 617.5(c)(10).
3. The proposed action will in no case have a significant adverse impact on the environment based on the criteria contained in 6 NYCRR § 617.7(c), and is not otherwise a Type I action as defined by 6 NYCRR § 617.4.
4. The proposed action is a Type II action within the meaning of 6 NYCRR §617.5 and is therefore not subject to review under SEQRA and the regulations thereunder.
5. The Superintendent of Schools and all officers and authorized employees of the District are hereby authorized and directed to take all steps reasonably necessary or appropriate to complete the Project and to carry out the intent of this Resolution.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education hereby declares itself as the lead agency on the Project in connection with the requirements of SEQRA; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools and BCA Architects & Engineers, the Board finds and concludes that the proposed action is a Type II action within the meaning of 6 NYCRR §617.5 and therefore is not subject to review under SEQRA and the regulations thereunder.

Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Mrs. LaGuerre, seconded by Mr. Erickson to approve the following resolution:

Ballot
Resolution
Approved

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the North Warren Central School District hereby authorized the following proposition to be placed on the ballot at the Annual Budget Vote and Election on May 17, 2022 and for said proposition to be included in the Annual Notice of said Vote and Election:

PROPOSITION:

Shall the Board of Education of the North Warren Central School District be authorized to expend funds from the Capital Reserve Fund which was established on June 9, 2014 ("Reserve Fund") pursuant to Education Law §3651, for the following capital improvement project: Phase II of upgrades to existing mechanical improvements including heating system piping, ventilation system

improvement (replacement of ventilation units, fan coil units, roof exhaust units and fans and air handling units) and mechanical system controls at the District's K-12 building, and any ancillary or related work required in connection with such projects, and to expend from the Reserve Fund therefor, including preliminary costs and costs incidental thereto, an amount not to exceed the estimated total of two million, seven hundred fifty thousand dollars (\$2,750,000)?

Motion carried unanimously.

Property Tax
Cap Form
Accepted

Motion by Mr. Erickson, seconded by Mrs. Hill to accept the property tax cap form.

Motion carried unanimously.

MOU with
BHSN approved

Motion by Mrs. LaGuerre, seconded by Mrs. Hill to approve the Memorandum of Understanding and Support between North Warren CSD and Behavioral Health Services North, Inc.

Motion carried unanimously.

Senior Acct.
Clerk Created

Motion by Mrs. Hill, seconded by Mr. Erickson to create a Senior Account Clerk position.

Motion carried unanimously.

Comp. Help
Desk Tech. II
Created

Motion by Mrs. LaGuerre, seconded by Mrs. Hill to create a Computer Help Desk Technician II position.

Motion carried unanimously.

E. McGourty
Appointed
Reading Teacher

Motion by Mrs. Hill, seconded by Mr. Erickson that upon recommendation of the Superintendent, Erika McGourty who is Professionally Certified in Literacy (Birth-Grade 6) area, and who has previously attained tenure is hereby appointed to a position in the Reading Teacher tenure area for a probationary period commencing on September 1, 2022 and anticipated to end of August 31, 2025. Ms. McGourty will be placed on Step 6 of the NWT A contract. This is a transfer and Ms. McGourty will retain her seniority rights.

Motion carried unanimously.

Spring Coaches
Appointed

Motion by Mrs. LaGuerre, seconded by Mr. Erickson to appoint the following coaches for the Spring 2022 season:

Volunteer Assistant Varsity Baseball – James Conway

Modified Softball – Randy LaFountain

Volunteer Assistant Modified Softball – Rebecca LaFountain

Varsity Tennis – Frank DeCrescenzo

Modified Tennis – Frank DeCrescenzo

Modified Baseball – Mike Corlew

Motion carried unanimously.

Mrs. French reported May 17th will be a ½ day for students to give teachers more professional development time and the vote is in the building. This year the district plans to have the basket raffle, concert, art show and book fair on May 17th. There are 2 snow days left and will be taken on 5/6 and 5/27, if a snow day is used before then May 6th will be used first. The PreK-6 will have 11:00 AM dismissal on 6/21, 6/22, 6/23, dismissal at 10:00 AM on 6/24. The District is currently in the process of organizing a social media presentation for grades 7-12 with Warren County Sheriff's Office, an evening program will be available for parents. Mrs. French reports that after school events have no guarantee that there is social distancing, programs that children attend are with parent approval/knowledge. Mrs. Hill asked about Sports Awards. Mrs. French reports that most coaches would like to have one for all sports at the end of this year. The Athletic Committee will meet.

Mr. Lail reported the budget is unchanged from the last workshop. The tax cap is 1.02% this year the overall budget is up 2.66% from last year. The upcoming capital project will not affect the tax cap or taxes.

Mr. Martin reported all Regents are currently in place for June 2022 and the new course catalog is finished. There will be a 7-12 dance in April and the Principals List breakfast was last week. He thanked Mr. Scroggins for preparing the food for these events. Mr. Buckman questioned if not having Regents exams will affect getting an advanced Regents Diploma.

Mrs. Kelly reported on recent events in the Elementary School and shared the Cougar Gazette. Battle of the Books is this week and she thanked the coaches.

The next Board of Education Meetings will be April 11, 2022 at 6:30 PM and April 26, 2022 at 5:00 PM.

Motion by Mr. Erickson, seconded by Mrs. Hill to adjourn at 7:12 PM.
Motion carried unanimously.

District Clerk