

**North Warren Central School District  
Regular Meeting of the Board of Education  
October 18, 2021  
Remote/In Person Meeting**

Mr. Maday called the meeting to order at 6:38 PM, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

School Board Members Present: Buckman (remote), Erickson, Hill, LaGuerre, Maday, Swan (remote).

School Board Members Absent: Freebern

Also Present: Michele F. 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 agenda changes.  
Motion carried unanimously.

Agenda  
Changes  
Approved

Motion by Mrs. LaGuerre, seconded by Mr. Erickson to approve the minutes of the September 20, 2021 Regular Meeting of the Board of Education.  
Motion carried unanimously.

9/20/21  
Minutes  
Approved

Motion by Mr. Erickson, seconded by Mrs. Hill to approve warrants 17 and 18.  
Motion carried unanimously.

Warrants  
Approved

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

Budget Status  
Report  
Approved

Motion by Mrs. LaGuerre, seconded by Mrs. Hill to approve the recommendations of the Committee on Special Education for students 7564, 7399, 4861, 7486, 7192, 7531 and 6464.

IEP's  
Approved

Motion carried unanimously.

Mrs. French updated the Board on COVID cases in the building. Mrs. French reports the elevator project should be complete this week when the final inspection is done. The walkways to the fields will be open this week; the stairs will open once the railings have been installed. There will be a Building & Grounds workshop on Thursday October 21 at 5:00 PM to meet with BCA Architects on Phase I of the ventilation system upgrades for submission of paperwork to SED by November 5. Phase II will be completed in summer 2023 using fund balance (pending voter approval). Mr. Buckman had questions concerning the ventilation project as he thought the entire project was paid for through federal grants. Mr. Buckman asked about UV lights and if the Board had voted to do this project. Mr. Lail reports it had been discussed at a Board workshop. Mr. Maday reports the Board had agreed to move forward with the project.

Motion by Mrs. Hill, seconded by Mrs. LaGuerre to approve a leave of absence for Rebecca Gamble from January 2, 2022 to February 28, 2022. This is a nonprecedent setting one time award of a leave of absence.

R. Gamble  
Leave of  
Absence

Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Mr. Erickson, seconded by Mrs. Hill to increase the hours of Darlene Luciano, Food Service Worker, from 4.5 hours per day to 5 hours per day effective October 18, 2021 to June 24, 2022.

D. Luciano  
Hours  
Increased

Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Mr. Erickson, seconded by Mr. LaGuerre to accept an Edmund Scientific Astroscan telescope (4.5” mirror) with additional eyepieces from Moira Goldfarb, with thanks.

Donation  
Accepted –  
Telescope

Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Mrs. LaGuerre, seconded by Mrs. Hill to approve the STANYS overnight conference in Rochester from November 5 to November 7 for Eric Welch, Stacy O’Leary and Jordan Weatherhead in the amount of \$278. each.

Science  
Conference  
Approved

Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Mrs. Hill, seconded by Mr. Erickson to approve purchase of a ½-page ad for the 2022 yearbook in the amount of \$140.

Yearbook Ad  
approved

Motion carried unanimously

Motion by Mr. Erickson, seconded by Mrs. LaGuerre to approve the Agreement for Law Enforcement Services with the County of Warren for the 2021-2022 school year.

Warren County  
Agreement  
Approved

Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Mrs. Hill, seconded by Mr. Erickson to accept the updated intent to retire from Debbi Koras effective October 18; 2021.

D. Koras  
updated intent  
to retire

Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Mr. Erickson, seconded by Mrs. LaGuerre to adopt the following resolution:  
**SEQRA RESOLUTION – Building Renovations (CRRSA & ARP Funded Project)**

SEQRA  
Resolution  
Adopted

**North Warren Central School District  
SED Project No. 63-02-02-04-0-014-008  
October 18, 2021**

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 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 based 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 declare 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.

Voting Yes: Buckman, Erickson, Hill, LaGuerre, Maday

Voting No: Swan

Motion carried.

Mrs. French is requesting approval of a bonfire activity that is in the planning stage but the Board must approve it for insurance purposes. The potential activity would be on the far end of the baseball/soccer field not on playing area. Board had questions regarding the activity. Mrs. French stated this is not yet planned. Some Board members were not in favor of the fire being on the playing fields.

Bonfire approved

Motion by Mr. Erickson, seconded by Mrs. LaGuerre to approve bonfire activities on the North Warren school properties.

Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Mr. Erickson, seconded by Mrs. Hill to appoint Jennifer Belrose to a position as Food Service Worker effective October 18, 2021. This is a 3.25 hour, 180 day part-time position. Mrs. Belrose will be appointed on Step 1 of the CSEA contract.  
Motion carried unanimously

The Board discussed the proposed resolution for the ventilation projects. Mrs. Hill asked how much grant money is going to the students.

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

Funding  
Resolution  
Approved

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 intends to fund the Project with monies received under the federal American Rescue Plan Act (“ARP”) in the amount of \$601,500 ,and the Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act (“CRRSA”) in the amount of \$409,569 per the District’s application therefor; and

WHEREAS, the Board’s approval of the Project is necessary in order for the District’s architects, BCA Architects & Engineers, to file the necessary paperwork for approval of the Project with the New York State Education Department’s Office of Facilities Planning;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the District is hereby authorized to undertake the necessary work on the Project described above utilizing the CRRSA funding in the amount of \$409,569 and utilizing ARP funding in the amount of \$601,500 and to expend an amount not to exceed \$1,011,069 for this purpose.

Voting Yes: Erickson, Hill, LaGuerre and Maday

Voting No: Buckman and Swan

Motion carried.

Ms. Granger asked about spectators at basketball games. Mrs. French will share that information when it is available to schools. Mrs. French reports all COVID updates are now on the website, no more robo calls.

Mrs. Swan asked about when students should take a COVID test to come back to school if a parent says they are not sick just need “a mental health day”. Mrs. French shared that if a student has an issue they can talk to a counselor, nurse or teacher, if they say they have any symptoms of COVID they must be tested. Mrs. Swan feels students should be allowed to take ‘personal days’ and the school has not right to say they get a test. Mrs. French reports she must judge for the health and safety of the students.

Mrs. French reports the district is hosting a COVID vaccine and booster clinic on October 25 from 3 – 5 pm with signups on the website.

Mr. Lail reports tax collection is currently at 90% with about 3 weeks left. Mrs. Ellsworth has been doing an excellent job. The audit is underway and should be presented at the November board meeting. The budget process for 2022-23 is underway.

Mr. Martin reports the first ineligibility list came out today. He thanked all of the teachers and staff who help cover classrooms when needed. He also reports that the junior/senior high band program is growing and thanked Mr. Baker for his efforts.

Mrs. Kelly shared library statistics, fire prevention week activities and some projects students have completed.

Building and Grounds Committee Workshop on October 21 at 5:00 PM.  
Next Board of Education Meeting is November 15, 2021 at 6:30 PM.

Motion by Mrs. LaGuerre, seconded by Mrs. Hill to adjourn at 7:40 PM.  
Motion carried unanimously.

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District Clerk