

North Warren Central School District
Regular Meeting of the Board of Education
December 12, 2022

Mr. Maday called the meeting to order at 6:18 PM, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

School Board Members Present: Buckman, Freebern, Hill, Maday.

School Board Members Absent: Erickson, LaGuerre, Swan

Also Present: Michele G. French, Superintendent; Judith G. McAvey, District Clerk;
 Christopher Lail, Business Official; Erika McGourty, PreK-6 Principal.

Motion by Mrs. Hill, seconded by Mr. Buckman to approve the minutes of the November 14, 2022 Regular Meeting of the Board of Education.

11/14/22
Minutes
Approved

Motion carried unanimously.

Ms. Shenefield voiced concern about vaping at school and in community. She would like to see the school provide education to help minimize use. Mrs. French reports the district has had information from the DOH available but parents are not taking the packets. The district is scheduling the 'Unseen Scene' program with the Council on Prevention for January. Information will be provided to parents. Mrs. French reports the district has had other programs regarding vaping and have had very low turnout. Vaping alarms and vape pends being sold in school were discussed. Mrs. French reports if we are aware of it the district will investigate. Mrs. Raymond would like to see statistics provided to parents about vaping and its dangers.

Motion by Mrs. Hill, seconded by Mr. Freebern to approve warrants 33 and 34.

Warrants
Approved

Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Mr. Freebern, seconded by Mrs. Hill to accept the Budget Status Report.

Budget Status
Report
Accepted

Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Mrs. Hill, seconded by Mr. Buckman to accept the Treasurer's Reports.

Treasurers
Report
Accepted

Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Mrs. Hill, seconded by Mr. Freebern to accept the recommendations from the Committee on Special Education for students 7504, 7535, 6147, 7603, 7453, 6409, 7360.

IEPS Accepted

Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Mrs. Hill, seconded by Mr. Buckman to accept the 2nd reading and adopt Board Policies:

Policies
Adopted

- 1510 Regular Board Meeting and Rules (Quorum and Parliamentary Procedure)
- 3220 Use of Assistance Animals
- 7540 Suicide
- 8110 Curriculum Development, Resources and Evaluation
- 8320 Textbooks, Library Materials, and Other Instructional Materials
- 8330 Objection to Instructional Materials and Controversial Issues
- 8340 Instructional Materials and Nonpublic School Students

Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Mr. Freebern, seconded by Mrs. Hill to appoint the following mentors:

Mentors
Appointed

Candy Fischer and Erica Leonard

Motion carried unanimously.

First Reading of Board Policies:

- 5681 School Safety Plans
- 6121 Sexual Harassment in the Workplace
- 6215 Probation and Tenure
- 7350 Corporal Punishment/Emergency Interventions
- 7522 Concussion Management
- 7530 Child Abuse and Maltreatment
- 7552 Student Gender Identity

Motion by Mrs. Hill, seconded by Mr. Freebern to approve the following resolution:

WHEREAS, the North Warren Central School District and its Board of Education have consistently appreciated, relied upon and subscribed to this region's Board of Cooperative Educational Services (BOCES) shared services for special education summer programming, on behalf of particular students who have individual education plans (IEPs) calling for such specialized summer services; and

WHEREAS, this region's BOCES has the specialized administrative staff, program staff, facilities, expertise and general mission to provide for such services that are generally not feasible for individual component school districts to implement as efficiently and cost-effectively, as the BOCES offers this service on a shared basis for area school districts and their Boards of Education; and

WHEREAS, the North Warren Central School District cannot provide special education school-age summer school services in a more cost-effective manner than BOCES, due to the ability of BOCES to offer and provide services to multiple districts who are able to share costs; therefore:

BE IT RESOLVED that the North Warren Central School District intends to participate in the 2023 Special Education School-Age Summer School, and agrees to pay the actual CEWW BOCES costs for the 2022 summer school; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, THAT NO LATER THAN February 1, 2023, the Clerk of the Board shall notify the CEWW BOCES in writing of the District's commitment as described herein and the District's intent to participate in the 2023 Special Education School-Age Summer School. A copy of this adopted resolution is to be provided to the CEWW BOCES and its District Superintendent.

Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Mrs. Hill, seconded by Mr. Freebern to approve the following resolution regarding the Board of Education's 2023 Advocacy Priorities:

RESOLUTION DATED DECEMBER 12, 2022
NORTH WARREN CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD OF
EDUCATION REGARDING ADVOCACY PRIORITIES FOR THE 2023
LEGISLATIVE SESSION

WHEREAS, the North Warren Central School District strives to provide an outstanding education and post-secondary pathway for each and every student; and

WHEREAS, the district recognizes the deep commitment shown by the legislature and the Executive to fully fund the foundation formula; and

WHEREAS, the District works diligently to meet the needs of all students while still fulfilling its core mission, even while in our third year of a pandemic, and

WHEREAS, the District is facing significant increased costs due to inflationary factors for labor, fuel and goods; and

WHEREAS, property tax levy legislation at the state level has provided an increased need for State Aid to maintain quality programs; and

WHEREAS, public schools are being asked to do more for students than ever before, so they are prepared for college, military or a career; and

WHEREAS, each child in North Warren Central School District only has one opportunity to go through the full elementary and secondary educational experience;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the North Warren Central Board of Education calls on the New York State Legislature and Governor Kathy Hochul to act upon the following priorities:

1. Fund and Adjust the Foundation Formula
 - A. Include a due minimum increase for all districts, regardless of Foundation Aid phase-in level.
 - B. Maintain the "SAVE Harmless" provision.
 - C. Fully fund expense based aids.
 - D. Support for an initial evaluation of the current cost to educate a successful student.
2. Increase the \$30,000 threshold on BOCES Aid for Career and Technical Education (CTE) teachers.
3. Support universal free meals for students by maintaining the availability of universal meals at no cost to families.
4. Workforce Development
 - A. Increase flexibility in teacher certification requirements to allow districts to more effectively utilize those teachers that they are able to hire.
 - B. Make adjustments to Tier 6 of the retirement system to help districts retain staff by making longevity more valuable.

Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Mrs. Hill, seconded by Mr. Freebern to accept the donation from the Ross Lambert Celebration of Life Tournament in the amount of \$1,882. for various classrooms (PreK, Kindergarten and 1st grades) with appreciation.

Donation
Accepted

Motion carried unanimously.

Mrs. French reminded everyone the school building is closed 12/23, 12/26 and 1/2.

Mr. Lail reports the budget process has begun. The Board budget calendar has been included in the packet.

Ms. McGourty reports the Cougar Gazette is now online and is a 6-12 grade paper. Parent/Teacher Conferences are completed, the Holiday Shop was back this year and the concerts have started.

The next Board meeting is January 9, 2023 at 6:00 PM.

Motion by Mr. Freebern, seconded by Mrs. Hill to adjourn to Executive Session to discuss NwTA negotiations at 6:44 PM.

Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Mr. Buckman, seconded by Mr. Freebern to come out of Executive Session at 7:45 PM

Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Mr. Buckman, seconded by Mr. Freebern to adjourn at 7:46 PM.

Motion carried unanimously.