

**North Warren Central School District
Regular Meeting of the Board of Education
February 13, 2023**

Mr. Maday called the meeting to order at 6:02 PM, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

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

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

Motion by Mrs. Swan, seconded by Mr. Buckman to approve the minutes of the January 9, 2023 Regular Meeting of the Board of Education.

Voting Yes: Buckman, Hill, LaGuerre, Maday, Swan
Abstaining: Erickson
Motion carried.

1/9/23 Minutes
Approved

Dr. Turina Parker of WSWHE BOCES introduced BOCES members Tony Muller, Lynn King and Dave Petruska and discussed what BOCES does for school districts and students by supporting schools and giving students hands on experience, soft skills and helping to prepare them for the world beyond high school.

Mr. Muller introduced some of the North Warren students who are attending programs at BOCES this year. Nicole Arcila, Sami Jordan, Kyra Conley, Makayla Weidman, Desiree Sanders and Cole Bradway. The Early College and CTE programs were discussed. Students all discussed their program, favorite part of BOCES and Skills USA competition.

Mrs. Swan asked if the college credits transfer. Mr. Muller replied SUNY schools take them all while private schools review them and may take some or all of the credits.

Mrs. LaGuerre said it was an excellent presentation and she would like to see it presented to 10th grade students.

Lindsay Swan discussed girls athletics at North Warren and pointed out what she feels are inequities including softball field issues, girls uniforms, lack of communication with department head, basketball game inequities. She does not feel combining girls and boys on teams does not help build the girls program. Injuries have happened on the girls softball/soccer field. She feels the department head does not show equity between the boys and girls. She states many of these things are small but they add up to a larger problem and she would like to see more equity.

Jason Paul feels there is a systematic program and stated small problems are big for girls. He asked that the FOIL be honored and where the concession money goes. He stated the field is not safe.

Dave LaPell stated the school has a serious bullying problem. He thanked Mrs. French and Mr. Martin for trying to stop it. He feels the teachers need to say something when they see something. He would also like more clubs for students who are not involved in athletics as they feel left out. He is concerned the bullying is getting worse.

Anthony Bruno requested a fence be placed along the tree line at the soccer/softball field so the balls are not going into the woods. He also requested a Portajohn on the upper field or close to it. He stated it was very concerning that the National Anthem was not played at the girls basketball game. He feels the girls are being set up for failure in basketball, they need a JV team to help build skills, the girls are suffering. He suggested more coaches and if there are not enough girls for JV then the JV coach can help the Varsity coach with his team. Coaches also need to be paid more. He also asked why we have two PE teachers who do not coach any sports.

Kevin Stonitsch reports that as a parent he sees second class treatment for the girls. His daughter quit softball due to coaching and leadership. Mr. Stonitsch was very upset that the National Anthem was not played at the last home game and stated it was very disrespectful Mr. Stonitsch does not dispute what he did at the last home girls basketball game but he says he was not threatening, did not curse or assault anyone. Suggested that next time a censorship letter be sent home they talk to both sides.

Rich Swan discussed the softball field, asked about Town of Chester land swap, suggested asking other organizations for help if we purchased the materials. He feels even the \$50,000. softball field proposal is a small amount considering what in the reserve fund.

Becky Tucci wants all kids to be proud of where they go to school. She reports the field is in poor shape, uniforms are awful. The girls notice a difference and are embarrassed. She reports the modified girls basketball team is competitive with other modified teams and NW needs a JV team before they are put on Varsity. She would like the school to figure out a middle step for the girls teams.

Mr. Maday reports the Board cannot comment.

Budget Status
Report Accepted

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

Treasurer's
Report Accepted

Motion by Mrs. LaGuerre, seconded by Mrs. Swan to accept the Treasurer's Report for December 2022.
Motion carried unanimously.

IEP's Accepted

Motion by Mrs. LaGuerre, seconded by Mr. Erickson to accept the recommendations from the Committee on Special Education for students 7624, 6704, 7483, 7321, 7543, 6643, 6611.
Motion carried unanimously.

Policy 7552 will go back to the Policy Committee.

BOCES Bid
Participation
Approved

Motion by Mr. Buckman, seconded by Mr. Erickson to approve the following resolution:
BE IT RESOLVED, the Board authorized participation in the Cooperative Purchasing Program coordinated by Washington-Saratoga-Warren-Hamilton-Essex Counties BOCES for bids awarded in the 2023-2024 school year for the following commodities:
Bread, Ice Cream, Canned-Frozen Meat, NOT (net-off-invoice food products), produce, cafeteria, paper products, custodial products, copy paper & envelopes.
Motion carried unanimously.

P. McGowan
resignation
accepted

Motion by Mrs. Swan, seconded by Mr. Buckman to accept the resignation of Patrick McGowan as Bus Driver effective January 31, 2023.
Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Mr. Erickson, seconded by Mrs. LaGuerre to appoint Patrick McGowan as a substitute Bus Driver.

P McGowan
Sub Bus Driver

Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Mrs. Swan, seconded by Mr. Buckman to approve the Corrective Action Plan for the district single audit report dated November 7, 2022.

Correction
Action Plan
approved

Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Mrs. LaGuerre, seconded by Mrs. Hill to accept the donation from First Baptist Church Thrift Shoppe in the amount of \$500. with thanks.

Donation
Accepted

Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Mrs. Hill, seconded by Mr. Erickson to accept the Claims Auditor's quarterly report for October – December 2022.

Claims
Auditors
Report
Accepted

Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Mrs. LaGuerre, seconded by Mr. Erickson to accept the Central District Treasurer's quarterly report for October – December 2022.

Central District
Treasurers
Report
Accepted

Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Mr. Buckman, seconded by Mr. Erickson to approve 5 vacation days for Michele French in April.

French
Vacation
Approved

Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Mr. Erickson, seconded by Mr. Buckman to appoint Nancy Koenig as a 7th grade advisor.

N. Koenig
Appointed

Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Mrs. Swan, seconded by Mrs. LaGuerre to accept the resignation of Zane Belden as Business Teacher effective February 17, 2023.

Z Belden
Resignation

Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Mr. Erickson, seconded by Mr. Buckman to approve the resolution revised by CEWW BOCES and originally approved December 13, 2022 as follows:

CEWW
BOCES
Revised
Resolution
Approved

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 2023 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.

T. Bureau
appointed LTS

Motion by Mrs. LaGuerre, seconded by Mrs. Hill upon recommendation of the Superintendent, appoint Tracey Bureau who is permanently certified in Business and Distributive Education to the non-probationary position of long-term substitute as Business Teacher effective March 27, 2023 to June 23, 2023. Mrs. Bureau will be appointed on Step 1 of the NWTa contract.

Motion carried unanimously.

M. Erickson
Nominated to
BOCES Board

Motion by Mrs. Hill, seconded by Mrs. LaGuerre to nominate Mike Erickson to serve on the Washington-Saratoga-Warren-Hamilton-Essex BOCES Board of Education for a 3-year term beginning July 1, 2023.

Motion carried unanimously.

23-24 School
Calendar
Approved

Motion by Mr. Buckman, seconded by Mrs. LaGuerre to approve the 2023-2024 school calendar. (attached).

Motion carried unanimously.

P. Pierce
appointed LTS

Motion by Mrs. Swan, seconded by Mr. Buckman upon recommendation of the Superintendent, appoint Mr. Patrick Pierce who holds permanent certification in Mathematics 7-12 to a temporary position as Business Teacher effective February 27, 2023 through March 24, 2023. Mr. Pierce will be appointed on Step 1 of the NWTa contract. This service will not be credited toward tenure or seniority.

Motion carried unanimously.

MOU with
Warren County
BOE Approved

Motion by Mr. Erickson, seconded by Mrs. Hill to approve the Memorandum of Understanding with Warren County Board of Elections for the May 16, 2023 Budget Vote and Elections (attached).

Motion carried unanimously.

Mrs. French reports the Unseen Scene has been rescheduled to March 15 at 6:30 PM. The BOCES Board will meet at North Warren on March 8th following a dinner. A notice was sent to all parents/guardians about school closing and remote learning. Mrs. French asked the Board if they would like to have Erin O'Grady come up to talk to them about the tax exemptions that have been proposed for volunteer firefighters. The Board agreed.

Mr. Martin reports he is currently working on the schedule for next year which will include time during the day for clubs. Four art students from North Warren have been given awards.

Ms. McGourty reports the new PTO club had a program with 1st graders which went well.

Mrs. Swan addressed the parents at the meeting that they will be talking about their issues, will be pushing for more Athletic Committee meetings and will make changes.

Mr. Tucci asked if the Board can fix some of the small items now which will improve the girls image.

Mr. Buckman thanked the parents for coming.

The next meetings will be as follows:

Building and Grounds Workshop on February 28 at 5:00 PM

Budget Workshop on March 9 at 5:00 PM

Regular Board Meeting on March 13, 2023 at 6:00 PM.

Motion by Mrs. Swan, seconded by Mr. Erickson to adjourn to Executive Session to discuss personnel at 7:25 PM.

Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Mrs. Hill, seconded by Mrs. LaGuerre to come out of Executive Session at 8:10 PM.

Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Mrs. Swan, seconded by Mrs. LaGuerre to adjourn at 8:11 PM.

Motion carried unanimously.

District Clerk