

**North Warren Central School District
Regular Meeting of the Board of Education
North Warren Central School
October 20, 2014**

Mr. Maday called the meeting to order at 6:30 PM, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

School Board Members Present: Erickson, Hill, Hiller, Maday, Robbins, Smit
School Board Members Absent: Willette

Also Present: Margaret M. Brady, Superintendent; Mary Lou Carstensen, Business Manager; Rebecca Wilhelm, District Clerk; Theresa Andrew, Principal; Maureen VanBuren, Interim Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum, Instruction and Assessment.

Motion by Mr. Erickson, seconded by Mr. Hiller to approve agenda change 5m.

Agenda Change
5m Approved

Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Mr. Erickson, seconded by Mr. Robbins to approve the minutes of the September 15, 2014 Regular Meeting of the Board of Education.

9/15/14 Minutes
Approved

Voting Yes – 5
Abstaining - Smit
Motion carried.

Amy Gronert, Mentor Coordinator, presented the new teacher hires and their mentors: Lori Korniak, mentor to Todd Lawson; Eric Bott, mentor to Judy Peyton; Erica Leonard, mentor to Dave Mawer; Stan Williford, mentor to Kathleen McGinnis.

Motion by Mr. Robbins, seconded by Mr. Hill to approve warrants 11, 13, 17 and 18.

Warrants
Approved

Voting Yes – 5
Abstaining - Hiller
Motion carried.

Motion by Mr. Hiller, seconded by Mr. Hill to accept the Treasurer's Report for August and September 2014.

August &
September
Treasurer's
Report Accepted

Motion carried unanimously.

The September Food Service Report was reviewed.

Motion by Mrs. Smit, seconded by Mr. Erickson to approve IEP's: 4500, 4567, 4687, 6446, 6550, 6840, 6863, 6997, 7027, 7049.

IEP's Approved

Motion carried unanimously.

M. VanBuren
appointed as
Interim Assistant
Superintendent of
Curriculum,
Instruction and
Assessment

Motion by Mr. Robbins, seconded by Mr. Erickson to appoint Maureen VanBuren as Interim Assistant Superintendent of Curriculum, Instruction and Assessment effective September 23, 2014 at a rate of \$300.00 per day.

Motion carried unanimously.

The Board discussed the posting of this position.

T. Lawson
appointed JV
Girls Basketball
Coach

Motion by Mr. Hiller, seconded by Mrs. Smit to appoint Todd Lawson as JV Girls Basketball Coach for the 2014-2015 season.

Voting Yes – 5
Abstaining - Hill
Motion carried.

The Board discussed the posting of this position.

District Clerk
Training
Workshop for
R. Wilhelm
Approved

Motion by Mr. Erickson, seconded by Mr. Hill to approve the District Clerk Training Workshop in Albany for Rebecca Wilhelm from December 3 through December 5 at a cost of \$250.

Motion carried unanimously.

A. Vanderwarker
Appointed Part-
time Teacher
Aide

Motion by Mr. Erickson, seconded by Mr. Robbins to appoint Andrea Vanderwarker to a part-time position as Teacher Aide effective October 14, 2014. This is a 2.5 hour per day 180 day position on Step 1 of the CSEA contract.

Motion carried unanimously.

The Board discussed the placement and need for this position. The Board would like to look at District hiring practices.

NYSATA
Annual
Conference
Approved for
C. Kearney,
E. Leonard,
D. Mawer

Motion by Mr. Hill, seconded by Mr. Hiller to approve an overnight conference for Cathy Kearney, Erica Leonard, and David Mawer to the NYSATA annual conference in Albany at a cost of \$680.00 for registration and rooms.

Motion carried unanimously.

Visitation to
Batavia School
for the Deaf
Approved for
D. Hill &
V. DeLuca

Motion by Mr. Robbins, seconded by Mr. Erickson to approve one overnight stay for Deirdre Hill and Val DeLuca on November 6, 2014 for a visitation at the Batavia School for the Deaf.

Motion carried unanimously.

The Board discussed the visitation to Batavia School for the Deaf and the costs associated with the visit.

The Board discussed the EMS upgrades (Johnson Controls). As Mr. Madden was not available it was suggested that he would present at the next Board meeting or at the next Building & Grounds meeting.

S. Williford &
C. Martin
Appointed
Vice-Principals

Motion by Mr. Hiller, seconded by Mr. Erickson to appoint Stanley Williford and Caleb Martin as Vice-Principals for the 2014-2015 school year.

Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Mr. Hiller, seconded by Mr. Erickson to approve the following resolution regarding the Board of Education's 2014-2015 advocacy priorities:

Motion carried unanimously.

Resolution
Regarding
Advocacy
Priorities for the
2014-15 School
Year Approved

RESOLUTION DATED **October 20**, 2014

**NORTH WARREN CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF EDUCATION
REGARDING ADVOCACY PRIORITIES FOR THE 2014-15 SCHOOL YEAR**

- WHEREAS, the **North Warren Central School** Board of Education has significantly reduced critical components of the annual school budget in response to rising costs that have outpaced revenue; and
- WHEREAS, **North Warren Central School** has reduced more than **7.5** staff positions (6 percent of staff) since the 2009-10 school year, leading to larger class sizes, reductions in programs and services for students; and
- WHEREAS, **North Warren Central School** has also reduced its reserves and fund balance; and
- WHEREAS, these reductions were made in response to the need to fulfill state mandates and contractual obligations while creating a balanced budget, despite the imbalance in expenses and revenue; and
- WHEREAS, **North Warren Central School** has lost **\$2,175,393** in promised state aid to the Gap Elimination Adjustment (GEA) over the last five years, but the state Budget Division expects to end the 2014-15 fiscal year with a general fund surplus of \$6.2 billion; and
- WHEREAS, the Foundation Aid Formula has been frozen since 2009-10, earning New York a grade of F for funding distribution in a national report card on school funding released in January 2014; and
- WHEREAS, property tax levy legislation at the state level hinders school districts' ability to compensate for state aid losses and funding inequity by raising local revenue; and
- WHEREAS, public schools are being asked to do more for students than ever before, so they can succeed in college and 21st-century careers; and
- WHEREAS, each child in **North Warren Central School** only has one chance to go through the full elementary and secondary educational experience;
- THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the **North Warren Central School** Board of Education calls on the New York State Legislature and Governor Andrew Cuomo to immediately:
- 1. Reform the state aid distribution system to provide for more equity.**
 - 2. Eliminate the Gap Elimination Adjustment (GEA) by the 2015-16 fiscal year.**
 - 3. Maintain the interest rate used in state building aid calculations for a capital project at the level in use when the capital project was originally bonded.**

Resolution
Approved

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

Motion carried unanimously.

RESOLUTION: DATED OCTOBER 20, 2014

BE IT RESOLVED BY THIS BOARD OF EDUCATION AS FOLLOWS:

- (1) The firm of Bernard P. Donegan, Inc. is hereby designated financial consultant to the North Warren Central School District.
- (2) Said firm shall be compensated for its services to be rendered in connection with the proposed \$1,294,000 Roof and \$556,000 HVAC Capital Projects in accordance with its letter of services dated September 26, 2014.
- (3) The President of the Board of Education is hereby authorized to execute and deliver said letter of services.
- (4) This resolution shall take effect immediately.

Central District
Treasurer's
Quarterly Report
Accepted

Motion by Mr. Hiller, seconded by Mr. Hill to accept the Central District Treasurer's Quarterly Report.

Motion carried unanimously.

M. VanBuren
Appointed
Homeless
Liaison

Motion by Mrs. Smit, seconded by Mr. Robbins to appoint Maureen VanBuren as Homeless Liaison.

Motion carried unanimously.

The Board discussed the duties of the Homeless Liaison position.

Mrs. Brady presented the 2014-2015 District Goals.

The Board discussed communication to North Warren families via the web and the availability of internet access.

Mrs. Carstensen had nothing to report.

Ms. Andrew reported on the committee of teachers and administrators (Chris Stiles, Josh Gifford, Sue Kearing, Stacey Cooper, Val DeLuca, Deridre Hill, Theresa Andrew, Maggie Hill & Mrs. Brady) working with Sally McGuirk and Candy Tavernier from the Capital District/North Country Regional Special Education Technical Assistance Support Center to improve instructional practices and outcomes of students with disabilities. They are also working on a Quality Improvement Process and Plan that will be used to meet the goals set for this year. Ms. Andrew also presented the 7-12 Goals for 2014-2015.

Mrs. VanBuren presented on District Goals 2014-2015 focusing on Curriculum Development and Support, and Teacher Practices and Decisions.

Sheila Ellsworth raised concerns regarding the loss of Character Education and Banana Splits programs in the Elementary School. Mrs. Ellsworth also raised concerns regarding the hiring of additional positions.

Mrs. Brady stated that the Character Education and Banana Splits Programs are still in place, with Character Education being done differently. Mrs. Brady explained the hiring of additional positions.

Dan Freeburn inquired about the current enrollment and graduation rate and, also asked for an explanation of Common Core math.

Mrs. Brady addressed Mr. Freeburn's questions and gave an explanation of Common Core math.

Kelly Walker spoke on the creation of a North Warren PTO.

Erin Hayes raised concerns over the erosion issue on the area by the Bus Garage and the Hayes building.

The Board will schedule a Building & Grounds meeting.

The next Board Meeting will be held on November 17, 2014 at 6:30 PM.

Motion by Mr. Robbins, seconded by Mr. Hiller to adjourn to Executive Session at 8:00 PM to discuss matters regarding proposed, pending, or current litigation and matters leading to the appointment, employment, promotion, demotion, discipline, suspension, dismissal or removal of a particular person.

Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Mr. Hill, seconded by Mr. Erickson to come out of Executive Session at 9:10 PM.

Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Mr. Erickson, seconded by Mr. Hiller to adjourn at 9:11 PM.

Motion carried unanimously.

District Clerk