

**North Warren Central School District
Public Hearing and
Regular Meeting of the Board of Education
North Warren Central School
December 15, 2014**

A Public Hearing was called to order at 6:18 PM, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. The Public Hearing was held to notify the public regarding expense from Repair Reserve Fund for repairs to the Energy Management System. The Public Hearing concluded at 6:24 PM.

Public
Hearing for
repairs to the
Energy
Management
System

Mr. Madden and the Board discussed the repairs and upgrades to the Energy Management System.

Mr. Maday called the Regular Meeting to order at 6:25 PM.

School Board Members Present: Erickson, Hill, Hiller, Maday, Robbins, Smit, 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. Hiller, seconded by Mr. Hill to approve agenda changes 5i and 5j.
Motion carried unanimously.

Agenda
changes
Approved

Motion by Mr. Erickson, seconded by Mr. Hill to correct the motion of November 17, 2014 to read: rescind the motion of July 7, 2014 for an athletic merger with Johnsbury Central School to Alpine skiing.
Motion carried unanimously.

Correct
motion of
11/17/14 for
Athletic
Merger

Motion by Mr. Willette, seconded by Mr. Erickson to approve the minutes as amended of the November 17, 2014 Regular Meeting of the Board of Education.
Motion carried unanimously.

11/17/14
Minutes
Approved

Gail Gabriels, representing the Healthy Communities Committee, and Mrs. Brady presented the plans to make improvements to the elementary playground, and the desire to create a small playground near the soccer field in Chestertown.

The Board discussed the desired plans to use the Healthy Communities Grant, given to North Warren Central School District and the Town of Chester.

Mrs. Brady discussed the involvement of the Shared Decision Making Committee to recognize students, staff or community members.

Motion by Mr. Erickson, seconded by Mr. Robbins to accept the Independent Auditor's Report.

Independent
Auditor's
Report
Accepted

Motion carried unanimously.

Warrants
Approved

Motion by Mr. Hiller, seconded by Mr. Erickson to approve warrants 31 and 32.
Motion carried unanimously.

Budget
Status Report
Accepted

Motion by Mrs. Smit, seconded by Mr. Willette to accept the Budget Status Report.
Motion carried unanimously.

The November Food Service Report was reviewed.

The Board discussed Food Service collections.

IEP's
Approved

Motion by Mr. Willette, seconded by Mr. Erickson to approve IEP's: 4726, 4905, 6574, 6735, 6887, 7049.
Motion carried unanimously.

Building &
Grounds &
Policy
Committee
Members
Appointed

Motion by Mr. Willette, seconded by Mr. Erickson to appoint the following Committee members: Building & Grounds Committee – John Maday, Frank Hill, Jason Willette
Policy Committee – Estelle Smit, Bruce Robbins, Mike Erickson.
Motion carried unanimously.

The Board discussed the membership of the Building & Grounds and Policy Committees.

Student
Helpers Pay
Rate
Increased

Motion by Mr. Robbins, seconded by Mr. Hill to increase the rate of pay of student helpers to \$8.75 per hour effective 12/31/14.
Motion carried unanimously.

Expending
Monies for
Repairs &
Upgrade to
EMS
Approved

Motion by Mr. Hiller, seconded by Mr. Hill to approve expending monies from the Repair Reserve Fund for the repairs and upgrade to the Energy Management System from Johnson Controls not to exceed \$35,000.00.
Motion carried unanimously.

2015-16
Budget
Calendar
Adopted

Motion by Mr. Willette, seconded by Mr. Erickson to adopt the 2015-2016 Budget Calendar.
Motion carried unanimously.

The Board discussed the 2015-2016 Budget Calendar.

S. Williford
Appointed
Mentor

Motion by Mr. Hiller, seconded by Mr. Robbins to appoint Stan Williford as Mentor for the 14-15 school year.
Motion carried unanimously.

E. Potter
Appointed
Technical
Director

Motion by Mrs. Smit, seconded by Mr. Willette to appoint Mr. Eric Potter as Technical Director for the 2015, 9-12 Musical.
Motion carried unanimously.

The Board discussed the position of Technical Director for the 2015, 9-12 Musical.

Mrs. Carstensen stated that this position is per the NWTa Contract at a stipend of \$585.00.

Motion by Mr. Willette, seconded by Mr. Hill to accept the 2014 Tax Collector's Report.
Motion carried unanimously.

2014 Tax
Collector's
Report
Accepted

Motion by Mr. Hiller, seconded by Mr. Hill to accept, with regret, the letter of intent to retire from Stanley Williford effective June 30, 2015, with the option to rescind intent through spring 2015.

S. Williford
Intent to
Retire
6/30/15
Accepted

Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Mr. Erickson, seconded by Mr. Hill to accept, with regret, the letter of intent to retire from Susan Mead effective June 30, 2015.

S. Mead
Intent to
Retire
6/30/15
Accepted

Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Mr. Robbins, seconded by Mr. Hill to accept, with regret, the letter of intent to retire from Cynthia Didio effective September 24, 2015.

C. Didio
Intent to
Retire
9/24/15
Accepted

Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Mr. Erickson, seconded by Mr. Hill to establish a small playground on North Warren property adjacent to the town basketball court. The work shall be conducted by volunteers and funds are through the Healthy Communities grant.

Small
Playground
Established

Motion carried unanimously.

The Board discussed the Smart School Bond Act grant of \$297,000.00. Mrs. Brady reported that the grant funds are targeted to technology.

Motion by Mr. Willette, seconded by Mr. Hill to approve the purchase of a ½ page Yearbook Ad for the 2014-2015 school year.

Yearbook Ad
Approved

Motion carried unanimously.

The Audit Committee minutes of November 24, 2014 were reviewed.

Mrs. Brady presented on the Laws of New York, 2014, Chapter 417, an Act to amend the education law, in relation to requiring the commissioner of education to make recommendations to the board of regents relating to the adoption of instruction in CPR and the use of AEDs in senior high schools.

Mrs. Brady presented the Draft WSWHE BOCES 2015-2016 School Calendar.

Mrs. Brady presented the 2014-2015 North Warren Professional Development Calendar.

The Board expressed kudos to Mrs. Brady on the professional development provided to teachers.

Mrs. Brady reported that sales from the Cougar Gear Fundraiser were a success.

Ms. Andrew gave a QIP plan update and shared the 2014-2015 Observation Schedule for 7-12.

Mrs. VanBuren shared the 2014-2015 Observation Schedule for PreK-6.

Mr. Freeburn requested an explanation of the Stand Up for Upstate Schools (SU4US) Regional Advocacy Event on January 22, 2015. Mrs. Brady explained the purpose of this event is to bring attention to the 2014-2015 Advocacy Priorities and encouraged participation at this event. Mrs. Hayes suggested that the PTO could try to assist with participation.

Mrs. Hayes reported that the Book Fair, sponsored by the PTO was a huge success and the election of PTO officers is coming up soon.

The Board discussed recognizing Harry Balz.

The next Board Meeting will be held on January 12, 2015 at 6:30 PM.

Motion by Mr. Erickson, seconded by Mr. Hill to adjourn to Executive session at 7:27 PM to discuss collective negotiations pursuant to article fourteen of the civil service law.
Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Mr. Erickson, seconded by Mr. Willette to come out of Executive Session at 8:30 PM.
Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Mr. Willette, seconded by Mr. Hiller to adjourn the Regular Meeting at 8:31 PM.
Motion carried unanimously.

District Clerk