

**North Warren Central School District
Regular Meeting of the Board of Education
North Warren Central School
December 14, 2015**

Mr. Maday called the Meeting to order at 6:30 PM.

Call to
Order

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

School Board Members Absent: None

Also Present: Bernard McCann, Mary Lou Carstensen, Margaret Hill, Theresa Andrew

Motion by Mr. Freebern, seconded by Mr. Hill, to approve the minutes of November 16, 2015 regular meeting.

11/16/15
Minutes
Approved

Motion carried unanimously.

Public Comment A – Jack Bartlett advises on the Class of 2016 Water Bottle Fundraiser.

Public
Comment A

Motion by Mr. Erickson, seconded by Mr. Hill to approve warrants 23, 25, 27, 29.

Warrants
Approved

Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Mr. Hiller, seconded by Mr. Freebern to accept the Budget Status Rpt.

Budget Status
Report
Approved

Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Mr. Willette, seconded by Mr. Hill to accept the Treasurer's Report for October 2015.

October
Treasurer's
Report
Approved

Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Mr. Hill, seconded by Mr. Erickson to recommend the Board approve the IEP's for student Nos. 6247, 6772, 6863 and 7160.

IEP's
Approved

Motion carried unanimously.

Review of the Food Service Report for November 2015 was conducted.

November
Food Service
Report
Reviewed

Aftercare Discussion: NWCS is down approximately \$ 900.00 so far this year; BOE members wonder if any money was left from last year to offset; Mr. Hiller recommends raising the daily rates beginning this January to at least cut future losses; Mr. Willette believes attendance is down due to the confusion at the beginning of the school year as to whether NW would even have an aftercare program; Discussion as to at least be competitive with surrounding child care facilities; All BOE members agree that shutting down the Aftercare Program mid year would not be approved;

Aftercare
Discussion

**Aftercare Rates
Increased
01/01/16**

Motion by Mr. Hiller, seconded by Mr. Erickson to raise the Aftercare Daily Rates to \$ 11.00 for first child and \$ 8.00 for second child effective January, 1, 2016.

Voting YES – Erickson, Freebern, Hill, Hiller, Maday

Voting NO – Willette and Smith

Abstain – None

Motion carried.

Mr. Hiller recommends a letter be sent to Aftercare parents as soon as possible.

**Field Trip
Approved for
Jazz Band**

Motion by Mr. Erickson, seconded by Mr. Hill, to approve the Field Trip for the Jazz Ensemble in April, 2016.

Motion carried unanimously.

**Walking
Program
Agreement
Authorized**

Motion by Mr. Hill, seconded by Mr. Freebern, to authorize the Superintendent to enter into an Agreement with the Town of Chester for the walking program.

Motion carried unanimously..

**Karen
McDermott
Appointed to
0.5 Reading
Teacher**

Motion by Mr. Erickson, seconded by Mr. Hill, to appoint Karen McDermott who is professionally certified in the Literacy (Birth-Grade 6) to an at-will part time position of Reading Teacher on a .5 FTE position on Step 4 of the NWTa contract effective December 15, 2015. This service will no be credited toward tenure.

Motion carried unanimously.

**Resolution
Passed**

Motion by Mr. Erickson, seconded by Mr. Hiller, to approve the following Resolution:

RESOLUTION DATED DECEMBER 14, 2015
NORTH WARREN CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD OF EDUCATION
REGARDING ADVOCACY PRIORITIES FOR THE 2015-2016 SCHOOL YEAR

WHEREAS, the North Warren Central School Board of Education has significantly reduced 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 11 staff positions (15 percent of staff) since the 2009-10 school year, leading to larger class sizes, reductions in programs and services for students, and Technology hardware reductions, elimination of many business electives and the gifted and Talented programs; 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 \$2,376,944 in promised state aid to the Gap Elimination

Adjustment (GEA) over the last five years, 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 act upon the following priorities:

1. **Eliminate the Gap Elimination Adjustment (GEA). The North Warren Central School District is still due \$2,376,944 in GEA Restoration.**
2. **Permanently adjust the Building Aid Formula to eliminate the impact of the change in the Assumed Amortization Rate.**
3. **Adequately Fund and Adjust the Foundation Formula**
 - a. **Lower the Income Wealth Index.**
 - b. **Provide a greater weighting to the Free and Reduced Lunch Factor (FRPL).**
4. **Adjust the District Superintendent Salary Cap**
 - a. **Eliminate the link to the 2003-2004 school year from the statute.**
 - b. **Allow for a gradual increase to the new cap (98% of the Commissioner's current salary).**

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

Tax
Collectors
Report

Motion by Mr. Hiller, seconded by Mr. Hill, to accept the additional state aid known as "bullet aid", in the amount of \$ 50,000 to be placed in the general fund for the purpose of purchasing additional computer hardware.
Motion carried unanimously.

Bullet Aid
Accepted

Motion by Mr. Freebern, seconded by Mr. Willette, to accept the gift of \$ 650.00 from Randy and Cathy Ellsworth to be placed in the library account for the purpose of purchasing Adirondack themed books for grades K-8.
Motion carried unanimously.

Library Gift
Accepted

Motion by Mr. Hill, seconded by Mr. Erickson, to appoint Erin Connolly as a Long Term Substitute in Art effective January 4, 2016 to April 8, 2016 to fill a leave of absence.
Motion carried unanimously.

Erin
Connolly
Appointed

Motion by Mr. Willette, seconded by Mr. Erickson to accept Phase I of the CASDA proposal with the True North Superintendent Council.
Motion carried unanimously.

Phase I of
the CASDA
Proposal
Accepted

Motion by Mr. Hill, seconded by Ms. Smit, to approved the updated Shared Decision Making Plan.
Motion carried unanimously.

Shared
Decision
Making Plan
Approved

Administrative Report by Mr. McCann – Board of Regents revision of regulations; State Tests no longer used for APPR; Reading Committees; 5 Year Plan to be presented at next BOE meeting. Administrative Report by Ms. Andrew: Holiday Concerts and Update on Information Observations.

Admin
Reports

Public Comment B – PTO Update on book fair and blood drive.

Public
Comment B

Adjourn to
Executive
Session

Motion by Mr. Freebern, seconded by Mr. Hill, to adjourn regular meeting at 7:35 PM and enter executive session to discuss the matters leading to the appointment, employment, promotion, Demotion, discipline, suspension, dismissal or removal of a person.

Motion carried unanimously.

Adjourn Exec
Session

Motion by Mr. Willette, seconded by Mr. Erickson , to adjourn executive session and return to regular meeting at 8:30 PM.

Motion carried unanimously

Reg.
Meeting
Adjourned

Motion by Mr. Hill, seconded by Mr. Erickson, to adjourn regular meeting at 8:31 PM

Motion carried unanimously

District Clerk