

**North Warren Central School District  
Public Hearing and Regular Meeting of the Board of Education  
North Warren Central School  
January 9, 2017**

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

Call to  
Order

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

School Board Members Absent: None

Also Present: Michele French, Mary Lou Carstensen, Margaret Hill, Theresa Andrew, Shelley Dupuis

Public Hearing – Discussion of Senior Exemption to grant Aged Seniors exemption from the school tax to owners who meet all eligibility requirements. No questions.

Public  
Hearing

Motion by Mr. Erickson, seconded by Mr. Hill, to accept the Agenda Changes.  
Motion carried unanimously.

Agenda  
Changes  
Accepted

Motion by Mr. Hill, seconded by Mr. Freebern, to approve the minutes of the December 12, 2016 regular meeting of the Board of Education.  
Motion carried unanimously.

12/12/16  
Minutes  
Approved

Jeffrey Beecher – Recaps audit – Explains that audit was great; Explains that NW's undesignated fund balance is 11% over the prior year's budget, for which there is a limit set of 4%.

Karl Griffith – Explains that generator and HVAC project still not approved by State Ed; Hoping for a review in February and to award by in April or May; Also explains that project will now most likely come in over budget; Explains generator project is the priority. Explains that roofing project came in under budget so there would be funds available; Also roofing contractor will certify the hvac work on the roof.

Warrants 33  
and 34  
Approved

Public Comment A – none.

Motion by Mr. Freebern, seconded by Mr. Willette, to approve warrants 33 and 34.  
Motion carried unanimously.

Budget Status  
Rpt. Approved

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

Food Service Report for December 2016 is reviewed – Mrs. French will arrange for Dave to be at next meeting to answer questions.

IEP's  
Approved

Motion by Mr. Willette, seconded by Mr. Hill, to accept the recommendations of the Committee on Special Education for Student Nos. 6612, 6965 and 6479.  
Motion carried unanimously.

Policy 7.2.4  
Adopted

Motion by Mr. Freebern, seconded by Mr. Hill, to adopt revised Policy 9.4 Title 1 Parent & Family Engagement.

Motion carried unanimously.

Discussion of NYSSBA membership – BOE agrees to pay membership as they believe it is a valuable resource.

Discussion of MOAS Trip – There is no one in Washington representing the country of Bolivia which is the country the MOAS class is working on. Trip to Washington will be cancelled but possible trip to NYC may occur if Ms. Kubaryk can set it up.

Resolution  
Passed for Aged  
Senior  
Exemption

Motion by Mr. Erickson, seconded by Mr. Freebern, to pass a Resolution which authorizes granting the Aged (Senior) Exemption from school tax to owners who meet all the eligibility requirements.

Motion carried unanimously.

Discussion of Playground Equipment - \$ 67,000 for total upgrade – Mrs. French explains we will start with just installing the swing set – PTO will be fundraising for the equipment – We will also need help from community.

Resolution  
Passed for  
Education  
Priorities

Motion by Mr. Freebern, seconded by Mr. Hill, to pass a Resolution which calls on the NYS Legislature and Governor Cuomo to act upon the following priorities:

**1. Fund and Adjust the Foundation Formula**

- Review and Update the Foundation Amount - currently \$6,395.00 per pupil.**
- Update the formula to accurately reflect a district's income wealth factor for districts below .65.**
- Adjust the weighting factor for Free and Reduced Lunch to reflect the accurate measure of student need of a district.**
- Maintain the "SAVE Harmless" provision.**

**2. Increase the \$30,000 Threshold on BOCES Aid for Career and Technical Education (CTE) Programs by providing 100% aid ability for the salaries of CTE teachers.**

**3. Adjust the District Superintendent Salary Cap**

- The Districts in the WSWHE BOCES region encourage the legislature to remove the reference to Commissioner's salary in the 2003-2004 fiscal year, and link the cap to the Commissioner's current salary.**

**4 Small Group Insurance - Support is needed is needed for legislation that changes the "small group" definition back to 1-50 employees and extends the protection that currently allows school districts with 51-100 employees to remain in their Health Care Consortiums or Trusts beyond the two years.**

Motion carried unanimously.

Resolution  
Passed for  
Minimum Wage

Motion by Mr. Buckman, seconded by Ms. Smit, to pass a Resolution which directs the Superintendent to make necessary wage adjustments in compliance with the minimum wage requirements for any employee/substitute making less than minimum wage \$ 9.70 effective December 31, 2016.

Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Mr. Hill, seconded by Mr. Freebern to approve the Cross Country team merger with Johnsbury Central School District for the 2017-2018 School Year.

Motion carried unanimously.

Cross  
Country  
Team Merger  
Approved

Motion by Mr. Erickson, seconded by Mr. Buckman, to accept the donation of \$ 500.00 from First Baptist Church Thrift Store. Monies will be moved into the Backpack Club.

Motion carried unanimously.

Donation  
Accepted

Admin Reports – Ms. French attended Dynamite Hill opening and reports on the great job they have done; Tri Lakes Business Alliance looking for student volunteers which would be a great opportunity for community service. Ms. Carstensen reports on the Budget Workshop Schedule; Ms. Andrew reports on upcoming January Regents; Ms. Dupuis reports on the winter benchmarks coming up.

Matters Relating to the BOE: Saratoga County School Boards Association meeting will be 01/30/17 at 6:00 PM.

Discussion on acoustic panels in lunch room – will be looked at again to reduce noise.

Motion by Mr. Hill, seconded by Mr. Freebern, to adjourn to Executive Session at 8:04 PM.

Adjourn to  
Exec Session

Motion by Mr. Erickson, seconded by Mr. Willette, to adjourn from executive session at 8:29 PM and return to the Regular Meeting.

Motion carried unanimously.

Adjourn Exec  
Session

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

Motion carried unanimously

Adjourn Reg.  
Meeting

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District Clerk

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