

**North Warren Central School District
Regular Meeting of the Board of Education
North Warren Central School
January 14, 2019**

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Mr. Maday called the meeting to order at 6:32 PM, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

School Board Members Absent: Willette

Also Present: Michele G. French, Superintendent; Mary Lou Carstensen, Business Manager; Judith G. McAvey, District Clerk, Shelley Dupuis, Elementary Principal.

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

Motion by Mrs. Swan, seconded by Mr. Buckman to approve the minutes of the December 17, 2018 Regular meeting of the Board of Education.
Motion carried unanimously.

12/17/18
Minutes
Approved

Mr. Steen presented a formal complaint to the Board of Education that he read aloud regarding bullying of his son. Mr. Maday stated that the board would not be addressing the letter at the meeting and discussed the district chain of command. Mr. Steen requested the name of the district council.
Mrs. Steen stated students should be allowed to leave a team without repercussions and the district should look at individual circumstances of a student's request.
Mr. Steen stated the AD should not be a coach, as the students have no chain of command to follow with complaints.

Motion by Mr. Erickson, seconded by Mr. Buckman to approve warrants 33 and 37.
Motion carried unanimously.

Warrants
Approved

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

Budget Status
Report
Accepted

The December Food Service Report was reviewed.

Motion by Mr. Erickson, seconded by Mrs. Swan to accept the recommendations for the Committee on Special Education for students 6865, 7103, 7111, 7303 and 7304.
Motion carried unanimously.

IEPs Accepted

Football Merger
with WCSD and
BCSD

Motion by Mrs. Swan, seconded by Mr. Buckman to amend the resolution of December 17 to approve a merger with Warrensburg CSE and Bolton CSD for football.

Motion carried unanimously.

N. Hayes
Appointed Sub
Bus Driver

Motion by Mr. Erickson, seconded by Mr. Freebern, that upon recommendation of the Superintendent, appoint Nancy Hayes as substitute Bus Driver effective January 14, 2019.

Motion carried unanimously.

2019 Advocacy
Priorities
Approved

Motion by Mr. Erickson, seconded by Mr. Freebern to approve the following resolution regarding the Board of Education's 2019 Advocacy Priorities:

**NORTH WARREN CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD OF EDUCATION
REGARDING ADVOCACY PRIORITIES FOR THE 2019 LEGISLATIVE SESSION**

WHEREAS, the North Warren Central School District strives to provide an outstanding education and post-secondary pathway for each and every student; and

WHEREAS, the District works diligently to meet the needs of all students while still fulfilling the ever increasing list of state mandates and contractual obligations; and

WHEREAS, our School District's free and reduced lunch rate has increased from 45.32% to 50.48% since 2011; and

WHEREAS, the district continues to work diligently to create a balanced budget that respects the needs of area taxpayers; and

WHEREAS, property tax levy legislation at the state level has provided an increased need for State Aid to maintain quality programs; and

WHEREAS, public schools are being asked to do more for students than ever before, so they are prepared for college, military or a career; and

WHEREAS, each child in North Warren Central School District only has one opportunity 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. Fund and Adjust the Foundation Formula

- **Adjust the weighting factor for Free and Reduced Lunch from .65 to .75-.80 to reflect large increases in this population.**
- **Maintain the "SAVE Harmless" provision.**
- **Provide a minimum increase in foundation aid to all school districts.**
- **Review and Update the Foundation Amount - currently \$6,557.00 per pupil.**

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

3. Building Aid for Small Capital Projects

- Increase the threshold for base year capital outlay expenses from the current amount, established in 2002 from \$100,000 to \$250,000 to assist districts in making critical capital improvements.

4. SMART Schools Bond Act

- The process for distributing this funding has been slow and unpredictable, making it difficult for schools to take full advantage of this funding opportunity. To ensure that the funding is available in a timely manner for schools, the process must be improved and expedited by establishing firm deadlines by which projects are approved and funded.

Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Mr. Freebern, seconded by Mr. Buckman to approve the Agreement with Griffith Dardanelli Architects, PC for the proposed Capital Project and authorize the superintendent to sign same.

Agreement
with Architects
Approved

Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Mr. Buckman, seconded by Mr. Freebern to create a Temporary Teacher Aide position for 6.5 hours per day through June 26, 2019. This is a student specific position.

Temp. Teacher
Aide Position
Created

Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Mr. Erickson, seconded by Mrs. LaGuerre to adopt the following resolution:

**North Warren Central School District
Board of Education
SEQRA Lead Agency Declaration and Negative Declaration
Proposed Accessible Walkway-LED Exterior Light Conversion, Interior Elevator
Installation and Air Conditioning Ventilation modifications**

SEQRA
Resolution

WHEREAS, the Board of Education of the North Warren Central School District (“District”) desires to embark on a capital project involving upgrades to and the construction of an Accessible Walkway to the District’s Baseball Field, conversion of parking lot lighting at the main campus and the bus maintenance facility to LED Exterior fixtures, installation of an elevator in the school’s existing empty elevator shaft, and providing for interior ventilation of the Technology Classroom Welding equipment and cooling for the existing IT closet (the “Project”).

WHEREAS, the Project is subject to classification under the State Environmental Quality Review Act (“SEQRA”); and

WHEREAS, the Board of Education requested that its Architect Griffith Dardanelli Architects, PC (“Architect”) and environmental consultant GPI/Greenman-Pederson, Inc. (“GPI”) review the potential environmental impact of the Project and prepare an Environmental Assessment Form (“EAF”); and

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the North Warren Central School District declares itself as Lead Agency for the purpose of compliance with SEQRA and its implementing regulations at 6 NYCRR Part 617; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the District’s Architect and environmental consultant, GPI, the Board of Education hereby determines the project to be an “Unlisted Action” under the SEQRA regulations; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools and the District's Architect, and upon the EAF prepared by environmental consultant GPI, the Board of Education hereby concludes that the Project will not have a significant adverse impact on the environment; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools and the District's Architect, and upon the EAF prepared by environmental consultant GPI, the Board of Education hereby issues a Negative Declaration under the provisions of 6 NYCRR Part 617 allowing for funding and completion of the Project.

Motion carried unanimously.

CDT Report
Accepted

Motion by Mr. Buckman, seconded by Mr. Erickson to accept the Central District Treasurer's quarterly report.

Motion carried unanimously.

Mrs. French reported on the Legislative breakfast. The Safety Committee met and discussed the morning parent drop off; a trial of new a system will be held in late Spring. North Warren will be a part of the Cornell Cooperative Extension grant that will put more local produce and milk in schools.

Mrs. Carstensen reported on the letter sent to the Warren County Treasurer regarding payment of taxes to the district on NY state owned lands which is not received by the district until April.

Mrs. Dupuis reported on Elementary testing, workshops and technology in the classrooms.

Mrs. Steen asked if children can leave a team and will the administration sign a waiver to let them quit. Mrs. French would like to have the students come and talk to her. Mr. & Mrs. Steen requested a response to their complaints and questions. Mrs. French stated she would address the complaint.

Budget Workshops will be held January 22, 2019 and February 5, 2019 at 5:00 PM. Board of Education Meeting February 11, 2019 at 6:30 PM.

Motion by Mrs. Swan, seconded by Mr. Buckman to adjourn to executive session at 7:37 PM to discuss negotiations.

Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Mr. Erickson, seconded by Mr. Freebern to come out of Executive Session at 8:10 PM.

Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Mr. Erickson, seconded by Mr. Freebern to adjourn at 8:11 PM.

Motion carried unanimously.

District Clerk