

**North Warren Central School District
Regular Meeting of the Board of Education
North Warren Central School
December 16, 2019**

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

School Board Members Present: Buckman, Erickson, Freebern, Hill, LaGuerre, Maday.

School Board Members Absent: Swan

Also Present: Michele G. French, Superintendent; Mary Lou Carstensen, Business Manager; Judith G. McAvey, District Clerk; Theresa Middleton, Interim Elementary Principal; Caleb Martin, 7-12 Principal; Christopher Lail, Business Official.

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

11/18 Minutes
Approved

Motion by Mr. Erickson, seconded by Mrs. Hill to approve the minutes of the November 18, 2019 Regular Meeting of the Board of Education.
Motion carried unanimously.

Warrants
Approved

Motion by Mr. Erickson, seconded by Mr. Freebern to approve warrants 26 and 27.
Motion carried unanimously.

Budget Status
Report Accepted

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

The November 2019 Food Service Report was reviewed. Mrs. Carstensen explained how the free meal reimbursement was calculated as the district had become a Community eligible school. The district needs to increase meals to 338 sold per day to break even. Mrs. French reports The Food Service Director is trying to increase breakfast sales.

IEP Accepted

Motion by Mr. Erickson, seconded by Mr. Freebern to accept the recommendation of the Committee on Special Education for students 7399, 6576, 7343, 7263, 7452, 6244, 6851, 7077, 6298.
Motion carried unanimously.

Policies Adopted

Motion by Mr. Freebern, seconded by Mr. Buckman to approve the 2nd reading and adopt the following policies:
5140 Administration of the Budget
6150 Alcohol, Tobacco, Drugs, and other Substances (staff)
7110 Comprehensive Student Attendance
7221 Participation in Graduation Ceremonies and Activities
7320 Alcohol, Tobacco, Drugs, and other Substances (Students)
7440 Student Voter Registration and Pre-Registration
Motion carried unanimously.

The November Treasurer's Report is tabled until January 2020.

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Motion by Mrs. LaGuerre, seconded by Mr. Buckman to accept the intent to retire from Rachele Maresca as Account Clerk effective July 1, 2020, with regret.

R. Maresca
Retirement

Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Mr. Erickson, seconded by Mr. Buckman to accept the intent to retire from Rick Mahlstedt as Science Teacher effective June 30, 2020, with regret.

R. Mahlstedt
Retirement

Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Mr. Freebern, seconded by Mrs. LaGuerre, to accept the 2019 Tax Collector's Report.

Tax Collectors
Report
Accepted

Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Mr. Buckman, seconded by Mrs. LaGuerre to accept a \$500. Donation from Exxon Mobile Corp. to be used for maintenance and support in the area of math and science.

Donation
Accepted

Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Mr. Freebern, seconded by Mr. Erickson to approve the Amendment to the Superintendent's Employment Agreement.

French
Employment
Agreement

Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Mr. Freebern, seconded by Mr. Buckman to approve the Memorandum of Agreement between North Warren CSD and Caleb Martin.

MOS with
Martin

Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Mrs. LaGuerre, seconded by Mr. Buckman to approve the Memorandum of Agreement between North Warren Teachers Association, North Warren Central School and Jennifer Shanahan (effective date November 7, 2019).

MOA with
Shanahan

Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Mr. Erickson, seconded by Mr. Freebern to approve the necessary additional level of testing on the sprayed on fire protection by Spectrum Environmental Associates Inc. for an additional amount of \$1,202. (total project \$3,609).

Additional
costs approved

Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Mr. Erickson, seconded by Mrs. Hill to approve the following resolution regarding the North Warren Central School District Board of Education's 2020 Advocacy Priorities:

Advocacy
Priorities
Resolution

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, best practices 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 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**
 - A. **Review and Update the Foundation Amount-Currently \$6,714.00 per pupil**
 - B. **Provide a minimum increase of 2% in foundation aid to all school districts**
 - C. **Maintain the "SAVE Harmless" provision.**
 - D. **Adjust the weighting factor for Free and Reduced Lunch from .65 to .75-.80 to reflect large increases in this population.**
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. **Allow Districts to Access to the BOCES Health Safety and Risk Management Service to Offset the Costs and to Increase the Number of School Resource Officers**
4. **Support a Permanent Solution to the Small Group Health Insurance Issue**
5. **Support Efforts to Prevent the use of E-Cigarettes, including Vaping**
6. **Building Aid for Small Capital Projects**
 - A. **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.**

Motion carried unanimously.

S. Dennis
Appointed

Motion by Mrs. Hill, seconded by Mr. Freebern to appoint Shawn Dennis as Food Service Worker effective January 6, 2020. This is a part-time 3.25 hour per day, 172 day per year position. Mr. Dennis will be appointed on Step 1 of the CSEA contract.

Motion carried unanimously.

C. Lail
authorized on
GFNB credit
care

Motion by Mrs. LaGuerre, seconded by Mr. Freebern to authorize Christopher Lail as primary holder of the district's Glens Falls National credit card with a credit limit of \$7,000.

Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Buckman inquired about ordering water bottles for basketball.
Mr. Freebern stated the William Harris program was excellent and all athletes should be required to attend.

Mrs. Carstensen thanked the Board for the opportunity to serve the district for 25+ years.

Mr. Martin reports the high school held the 7-12 concert, Principal's breakfast and the weight room is open after school for students for an hour. He working on making is possible for the 7-12 students be able to see their grades on SchoolTool.

Mrs. Middleton reports the elementary school held its winter concert, parent/teacher conferences and lockdown drill. She has enjoyed her time at North Warren.

Mrs. French welcomed Mr. Lail, a Building and Grounds meeting will be held on January 16 at 5:00 PM to meeting with Karl Griffith about the capital project, energy issues and potential projects across the road. She thanked Theresa Middleton for her help.

Mrs. French thanked Mrs. Carstensen for the 25+ years at North Warren and stated it has been a privilege to work with her.

Mr. Maday thanked Mrs. Carstensen for all her help – she will be missed.

Motion by Mr. Freebern, seconded by Mr. Buckman to adjourn at 7:04 PM.

Motion carried unanimously.

District Clerk