

**North Warren Central School District
Regular Meeting of the Board of Education
February 12, 2024
6:00 PM**

Mrs. Swan called the meeting to order at 6:01 PM, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

Also Present: Michele G. French, Superintendent; Judith McAvey, District Clerk; Caleb Martin, 7-12 Principal; Erika McGourty, PK-6 Principal.

1/8/24
Minutes

Motion by Mr. Freebern, seconded by Mrs. LaGuerre to approve the minutes of the January 8, 2024 Regular Meeting of the Board of Education.

Abstain: Erickson

Motion carried.

Mrs. French gave an update on the Governor's draft run of the state budget. The proposal included decreasing foundation aid significantly and removing the Save Harmless provision. Many districts would lose a lot in state aide. There is much advocacy going on now. North Warren would like to keep all programs, teachers and tax rate. The District is working on the budget and will have a backup plan depending in the state budget. North Warren could lose \$720K which is very hard to lose all in one year.

Glens Falls Hospital has a grant for Sun Safety and she will try to join.

The proposed 24-25 school calendar was review. Five snow days are in the calendar but 6/27 will be the first one given back if they are not all used.

April 8 eclipse discussed. The district will look into educational programs and getting viewing glasses.

Request to put up a visitor seating sign in the gym was discussed.

Dave Scroggins will be attending the March 12 meeting to discuss the cafeteria.

Board retreat will be held on February 26 at 5:00 PM, budget workshop on February 29 at 5:00 PM.

It was recently learned that one of our teachers will be leaving in April, the district will post for the position. Mr. Pierce will likely sub for the remainder of the year.

Mr. Martin reports he is disappointed Mr. Henke will be leaving and wishes him well.

Changes in the activity period for the high school was discussed, students are now in the class where they need the most help.

A concert will be held 2/13, Mr. Baker had a professional conductor present to the band classes, 3 students have had art work selected for Talented Unlimited, and spirit week is this week. At risk students were discussed.

Ms. McGourty reports 38 students attended cheer camp, last Thursday was a super bowl lunch and jersey day, Mrs. Pratt had a walking club on Tuesday and Thursday. K-6 students have shown significant gains in the i-Ready assessments. 100th day of school is 2/13. A Spirit Week is in the works for March.

Warrants
Approved

Motion by Mr. Erickson, seconded by Mr. Buckman to accept warrants 49, 50, 51 and 52.
Motion carried unanimously.

Budget
Status
Report

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

Motion by Mr. Freebern, seconded by Ms. Hill to accept the Treasurer's Reports for December 2023.

Motion carried unanimously.

Treasurer's
Report
Accepted

Motion by Mrs. LaGuerre, seconded by Mr. Buckman to accept the recommendations from the Committee on Special Education for students 6968, 6944, 7440, 7541.

Motion carried unanimously.

IEPs accepted

Motion by Mr. Erickson, seconded by Mr. Freebern to approve the 2nd Reading and adopt the following policies:

3420 Non-Discrimination and Anti-Harassment in the District

6121 Sexual Harassment in the Workplace

Motion carried unanimously.

Policies
Approved

Motion by Mr. Erickson, seconded by Mr. Buckman to approve the 2024-2025 school calendar.

Motion carried unanimously.

School
Calendar
Approved

Motion by Mr. Erickson, seconded by Mr. Freebern to accept the Claims Auditor's quarterly report.

Motion carried unanimously.

Claims
Auditors
Report
Approved

Motion by Mr. Erickson, seconded by Mr. Freebern to approve the Memorandum of Understanding with Warren County Board of Elections concerning the May 21, 2024 Annual Vote and Elections.

Motion carried unanimously.

MOU with
Warren County
BOE approved

Motion by Mr. Erickson, seconded by Mrs. LaGuerre to appoint the following coaches for 2023-2024:

Ashley Truax – Modified Softball

Dave Scroggins – Volunteer Assistant Coach for Varsity Softball

Paul Matson – volunteer Assistant Coach for Varsity Baseball

Tanner Dunkley – Modified Boys Basketball Coach (Gold Team)

Motion carried unanimously.

Coaches
Appointed

Motion by Mr. Buckman, seconded by Mr. Freebern to accept the generous donation in the amount of \$500. from First Baptist Church of Glens Falls Thrift Shoppe for students or families (elementary).

Motion carried unanimously.

Donation
accepted

Motion by Mr. Erickson, seconded by Mrs. LaGuerre to appoint Karen McAvey to a permanent position as Computer Help Desk Ade effective February 1, 2024.

Motion carried unanimously.

K. McAvey
Permanent
Appointment

Mrs. French discussed the proposed project and explained there will be 2 propositions to vote on; one for the budget and the 2nd for the proposed project. The district is moving forward with the project.

Motion by Mrs. LaGuerre, seconded by Mr. Freebern to appoint the following positions for the musical:

Musical Director – Andrew Peryer

Stage Director – Andrew Peryer

Technical Director – Vivi Higgins

Motion carried unanimously.

Musical
Directors
Appointed

Mr. Erickson asked about transportation to the IB program at Queensbury CSD.

Ms. Peters stated there were signs hanging around town about voting no on the school budget. She feels people need to be educated about the budget vote and the project propositions being separate votes.

Mrs. Swan discussed the BOCES CTE programs and would like the school to send more students.

Budget Workshop February 29 at 5:00 PM.

Regular Meeting March 11 at 6:00 PM.

Motion by Mr. Erickson, seconded by Mrs. LaGuerre to adjourn to Executive Session at 6:40 PM to discuss an employment history.

Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Mr. Buckman, seconded by Mrs. LaGuerre to come out of Executive session at 7:00 PM.

Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Mr. Erickson, seconded by Mr. Freebern to adjourn at 7:02 PM.

Motion carried unanimously.

District Clerk