

**North Warren Central School District**  
**Regular Meeting of the Board of Education**  
**March 11, 2024**

Mrs. Swan called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

School Board Members Present: Erickson, Freebern, Hill, Swan.

School Board Members Absent: Buckman, LaGuerre.

Also Present: Michele G. French, Superintendent, Superintendent; Judith McAvey, District Clerk; Christopher Lail, Business Official; Erika McGourty, PK-6 Principal.

Motion by Mrs. Hill, seconded by Mr. Erickson to approve the minutes of the February 12, 2024 Regular Meeting of the Board of Education.

Motion carried unanimously.

2/12/24  
Minutes  
Approved

Dave Scroggins, Food Service Director, reviewed changes and questions he has had this year. The vending machines are on a timer and must be off from the time he serves his 1<sup>st</sup> meal to :15 after his last meal. Students can buy approved snacks during the day from the cafeteria. There are very strict rules on the vending machines as we use the federal food program.

Mr. Scroggins had questions regarding the food serving sizes. He stated they are set by the USDA and the district must stay in compliance. He explained the nutritional guidelines for meals and shared the meal patterns for grades K-8 and 9-12. He also reports all food must be US grown/produced/manufactured.

Mrs. French reported Warren County Public Health will be hosting "Mental Health 101" for the northern part of the county here on June 6<sup>th</sup>. She shared that April 8 will be an unused snow day and there will be no classes. The science department is putting together an education program on the eclipse and all students and staff will receive eclipse glasses. March 11 was professional development day, Child Abuse Training for all staff. On March 12 NYSUT is coming to NW to talk about pending fiscal problems with the proposed governor's budget.

Mr. Lail reported that at the budget workshop the Board talked about Plan A (business as usual budget) which includes keeping the foundation aid flat the budget would be 2.88% over last year. The current max levy is 4.09% and the school will go out at that. The current governor's proposal would cut \$737,000. out of the budget and he is hoping all of the advocacy will result in no foundation aid cuts. Plan B of the budget is currently in the works. The Board will need another Budget Workshop. Agreed to April 9 at 5:00 PM.

Ms. McGourty reports the 3<sup>rd</sup> graders went to Odyssey of the Mind and did very well. Battle of the Books was held 3/11 all the students did well and the 3<sup>rd</sup> graders came in 2<sup>nd</sup> place.

Motion by Mr. Erickson, seconded by Mrs. Hill to accept warrants 57, 58 and 59.

Motion carried unanimously.

Warrants  
Accepted

Motion by Mr. Freebern, seconded by Mrs. Hill to accept the Budget Status Report.

Motion carried unanimously.

Budget Status  
Report  
Accepted

Motion by Mr. Erickson, seconded by Mrs. Hill to accept the Treasurer's Reports for January 2024.

Motion carried unanimously.

Treasurers  
Report  
Accepted

Motion by Mrs. Hill, seconded by Mr. Erickson to approve the recommendation from the Committee on Special Education for students 7564, 6176, 6242, 7612, 6244, 6409, 6460, 6735, 7360, 6208.

Motion carried unanimously.

SEQRA  
Resolution  
Main Bldg.  
Renovations  
Approved

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

**SEQRA RESOLUTION – Main Building Renovations**  
**North Warren Central School District**  
**SED Project No. 63-02-02-04-0-014-010**

WHEREAS, the Board of Education of the North Warren Central School District (“Board”) is considering to undertake a project involving renovations to its existing K-12 building, the project includes upgrades to the existing science rooms, existing atrium and existing mechanical heating system modifications including boiler replacements piping modifications, ventilation system improvement and mechanical systems controls as well as related electrical system modification as required by the Work (“the Project”); and

WHEREAS, the Board wishes to fully comply with its obligations under the State Environmental Quality Review Act (“SEQRA”) and the regulations thereunder with respect to the proposed action; and

WHEREAS, the Board has carefully considered the nature and scope of the proposed action, and has examined all information related to the Project including the recommendation of BCA Architects & Engineers with respect to classification of the Project under SEQRA; and

WHEREAS, upon review of the foregoing, the Board makes the following determinations:

1. The proposed action involves the science room reconstruction including cabinetry replacements, science hood replacements, science room layout modifications and related mechanical, plumbing and electrical modifications required for the Work; the removal and replacement of aging and deteriorating Atrium glass; the removal of aging boiler systems, related piping, valves, pumps and other upgrades to existing boiler system and boiler control systems. The project will occur in the K-12 Building.
2. The proposed project represents maintenance or repair involving no substantial changes in an existing facility or structure within the meaning of 6 NYCRR §617.5(c)(1); and/or alternatively the replacement, rehabilitation or reconstruction of a structure or facility in kind within the meaning of 6 NYCRR §617.5(c)(2); and/or alternatively a routine activity of an educational institution, including expansion of existing facilities by less than 10,000 square feet of gross floor area, within the meaning of 6 NYCRR § 617.5(c)(10).
3. The proposed action will in no case have a significant adverse impact based on the environment based on the criteria contained in 6 NYCRR § 617.7(c), and is not otherwise a Type I action as defined by 6 NYCRR § 617.4.
4. The proposed action is a Type II action within the meaning of 6 NYCRR §617.5 and is therefore not subject to review under SEQRA and the regulations thereunder.
5. The Superintendent of Schools and all officers and authorized employees of the District are hereby authorized and directed to take all steps reasonably necessary or appropriate to complete the Project and to carry out the intent of this Resolution.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education hereby declares itself as the lead agency on the Project in connection with the requirements of SEQRA; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools and BCA Architects & Engineers, the Board finds and concludes that the proposed action is a Type II action within the meaning of 6 NYCRR §617.5 and therefore is not subject to review under SEQRA and the regulations thereunder.

Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Lail reviewed information on the proposed capital project which, if approved, will be for new boilers, fixing the atrium glass and upgrades to the science rooms; allocation of funds would be from unreserved fund balance, capital reserve fund and a bond. The bond will add debt of \$165,000. per year for 15 years to the budget and will cost about \$9. per 100K in assessment.

Proposition to  
Voters  
Approved

Motion by Mr. Erickson, seconded by Mrs. Hill to approve the following resolution:

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF THE NORTH WARREN CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT (the "School District") that the following proposition be presented to the voters at the annual meeting of the School District to be held on Tuesday, May 21, 2024:

**PROPOSITION**

Shall the Board of Education of the North Warren Central School District be authorized to: (1) reconstruct and renovate the School District's K-12 building and acquire original furnishings, equipment, machinery or apparatus required for the purpose for which such building is to be used, at a maximum aggregate cost of \$6,202,679; (2) expend such sum for such purpose, including the expenditure of \$1,425,000 from available fund balance and \$1,350,000 from the Capital Reserve Fund; (3) levy the necessary tax therefore, to be levied and collected in annual installments in such years and in such amounts as may be determined by the Board of Education in accordance with Section 416 of the Education Law, taking into account state aid and the amounts expended from available fund balance and the Capital Reserve Fund; and (4) in anticipation of the collection of such tax, issue bonds and notes of the School District at one time or from time to time in the principal amount not to exceed \$3,427,679, and levy a tax to pay the interest on said obligations when due?

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the District Clerk is hereby authorized and directed to include notice of such proposition in the notice of the annual District meeting.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this resolution takes effect immediately.

Motion carried unanimously.

The Board reviewed the legal ad.

Motion by Mrs. Hill, seconded by Mr. Freebern to accept the resignation of Paul Henke as Math teacher effective April 12, 2024, with regret.

Motion carried unanimously.

P. Henke  
resignation  
accepted

Motion by Mr. Erickson, seconded by Mrs. Hill that upon recommendation of the Superintendent, Patrick Pierce who is permanently certified in Mathematics is hereby appointed to the temporary position of Mathematics Teacher effective April 9, 2024 to June 18, 2024. Mr. Pierce will be appointed on Step 1 of the NWTa contract.

Motion carried unanimously.

P. Pierce  
Appointed  
Temp. Math  
Teacher

Motion by Mrs. Hill, seconded by Mr. Freebern to approve the contract with Theresa Blanchard for Occupational Therapy services from April 30, 2024 through June 14, 2024 or until such time as North Warren's regular Occupational Therapist returns to her position.

Motion carried unanimously.

T. Blanchard  
Contract  
Approved

Motion by Mrs. Hill, seconded by Mr. Freebern to accept the Tax Cap form.

Motion carried unanimously.

Tax Cap Form  
accepted

Cooperative  
Bidding  
Approved

Motion by Mr. Erickson, seconded by Mrs. Hill to approve the following resolution:  
RESOLVED, The Board authorizes participation in the Cooperative Purchasing Program coordinated by Washington-Saratoga-Warren-Hamilton-Essex Counties BOCS for bids awarded in the 2024-2025 school year for the following commodities:  
Bread, Ice Cream, Milk, Canned-Frozen-Meat, Net-Off-Invoice Food Products, Produce, Cafeteria Paper Products, Custodial Products, Copy Paper & Envelopes.  
Motion carried unanimously.

Policy 5574  
Abolished

Motion by Mr. Erickson, seconded by Mrs. Hill to approve the following:  
BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the North Warren Central School District hereby approves the abolishment of Policy 5574: Medicaid Compliance Program.  
Motion carried unanimously.

First Read of Policies:

7440 Student Voter Registration and Pre-Registration

7530 Child Abuse and Maltreatment

Y&G Club  
Closed

Motion by Mrs. Hill, seconded by Mr. Freebern to close the inactive Youth and Government Club and transfer the balance of \$1,714.99 to the High School Student Council.  
Motion carried unanimously.

Election  
Inspector Pay  
Rate Approved

Motion by Mr. Erickson, seconded by Mrs. Hill to set the rate of pay for Election Inspectors at \$15.50 per hour.  
Motion carried unanimously.

The Building Condition Survey and 5-year Plan bids were reviewed and discussed.

BCA awarded  
bid for BCS/5-yr.  
Plan

Motion by Mrs. Hill, seconded by Mr. Erickson to accept the bid for the Building Condition Survey and 5-year Facilities Plan to BCA Architects & Engineers at a cost of \$7,552.00  
Motion carried unanimously.

AASBA Meeting is March 21.

BOCES Annual Meeting of Component School Districts is April 10, 2024.

Mr. Erickson asked about OLWEUS and Natural Helpers.

Mr. Freebern commented on the success of the basketball team this year.

Mrs. McAvey announced petitions are available to run for the Board.

Next regular board of Education meeting is April 15, 2024 at 6:00 PM.

Budget Workshop April 9, 2024 at 5:00 PM.

Motion by Mr. Erickson, seconded by Mrs. Hill to adjourn at 6:50 PM.

Motion carried unanimously.

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District Clerk