

North Warren Central School District
Regular Meeting of the Board of Education
April 16, 2024

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Mrs. Swan called the meeting to order at 6:06 PM, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

School Board Members Absent: Freebern

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

Motion by Mr. Erickson, seconded by Mrs. Hill to approve the agenda change.

Motion carried unanimously.

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

Mrs. French shared the Board objectives created at the Board retreat on February 26. National Grid will be doing a fleet assessment for the projected NYS EV bus mandate. A report must be submitted to the state this summer. She has requested a Building & Grounds Committee Meeting on May 30 at 5:00 PM. Mrs. French congratulated the CASMA students and thanked the teacher for an excellent program. April 17 is Purple Day. Mr. May, Mr. Bartlett and the technology class were building the dugouts at the old school.

Mr. Martin reported on graduation rates. He stated the play was great and thanked the actors, teacher and AV Club. Math vacancy candidates are currently interviewing. National Honor Society Inductions are next week.

Ms. McGourty reported 43% of the elementary student read in March for the Ronald McDonald House, they raised \$1,000. The Elementary Variety Show is April 19 at 6:30 with a bake sale by the PTO. NYS tests start next week.

The Boys Varsity Basketball team was recognized for their Class D State Championship win.

Motion by Mrs. Hill, seconded by Mr. Erickson to accept warrants 66, 67, 68 and 69.

Motion carried unanimously.

Warrants
Accepted

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

Motion carried unanimously.

Budget Status
Report
Accepted

Motion by Mr. Erickson, seconded by Mrs. LaGuerre to accept the Treasurer's Reports for February 2024 and March 2024.

Motion carried unanimously.

Treasurers
Report
Accepted

Motion by Mrs. Hill, seconded by Mr. Erickson to accept the 2nd reading and adopt policies: 7440 Student Voter Registration & PreRegistration

7530 Child Abuse and Maltreatment

Motion carried unanimously.

Policies 7440
& 7530
Adopted

Election
Inspectors
Approved

Motion by Mrs. LaGuerre, seconded by Mr. Erickson to approve the following Election Inspectors for the May 21, 2024 Annual District Meeting and Board of Education Elections and authorizes the District Clerk to make any changes to the appointees as deemed necessary:

Maja Tlokinska-Scroggins – Chief Election Inspector

Nicole Howe – Election Inspector

Lenore Simpson – Election Inspector

Motion carried unanimously.

C. Bruno
Resignation

Motion by Mrs. Hill, seconded by Mrs. LaGuerre to accept the resignation of Christine Bruno as Teacher Aide effective April 8, 2024, with regret.

Motion carried unanimously.

Award Accepted

Motion by Mr. Erickson, seconded Mrs. Hill to accept the \$500. School Safety Excellence Sward from Utica National Insurance Group.

Motion carried unanimously.

Overnight conference for Whipple and Lawson tabled.

Intermunicipal
Agreement
Approved

Motion by Mr. Erickson, seconded by Mrs. Hill to approve the Intermunicipal Agreement between Cossackie-Athens CSD and North Warren CSD for labor relations services from July 1, 2024 through June 30, 2025.

Motion carried unanimously.

Mrs. French stated she is confident that we can go ahead with Plan A of the budget as it looks like there will be no cust to foundation aid. She recommends approving Plan A.

Mr. Lail reports this Plan has been reviewed at the budget workshop and he is very confident in being able to recommend this budget which assumes no cuts to foundation aid and no increase in aid. This issue will come up again next year as the state will be coming up with a new formula for state aid. He is proposing \$15,478,475 budget which is a 2.1% increase over the current budget. This budget includes the federal positions the district hired from last year being rolled over and no program cuts. The district will use \$485,537 from fund balance in the budget. The tax levy is \$10,089,354 which is a 4.09% increase from last year.

Proposed Budget
Approved

Motion by Mr. Erickson, seconded by Mrs. LaGuerre to approve the following resolution: RESOLVED, the Board of Education of the North Warren Central School District is authorized to expend in the 2024-2025 school year the sums set forth in estimate of general fund appropriations: \$15,478,475

Motion carried unanimously.

Property Tax
Report Card
Approved

Motion by Mrs. Hill, seconded by Mr. Erickson to approve the 2023-2024 Property Tax Report Card.

Motion carried unanimously.

Adm. Salary
Disclosure
Approved

Motion by Mrs. LaGuerre, seconded by Mr. Erickson to approve the 2024-2025 Administrators Salary Disclosure.

Motion carried unanimously.

CDS report
Approved

Motion by Mrs. Hill, seconded by Mrs. LaGuerre, to accept the Central District Treasurer's quarterly report.

Motion carried unanimously.

Overnight trip
approved

Motion by Mrs. LaGuerre, seconded by Mrs. Hill to approve an overnight trip to Perkins School for the Blind for Michele French and Holley Bedell June 20th.

Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Mr. Erickson, seconded by Mr. Buckman to approve the contract with Jason Hovak for Consultant work in the Technology Department for the 2024-2025 school year. Motion carried unanimously.

J. Hovak
Contract
Approved

Motion by Mr. Buckman, seconded by Mrs. Hill to accept the resignation for the purpose of retirement of Leona Denne effective June 21, 2024, with regret. Motion carried unanimously.

L. Denne
Resignation

Motion by Mrs. LaGuerre, seconded by Mr. Erickson to approve a merger for the Spring 2025 Tennis season between North Warren CSD, Johnsbury CSD and Minerva CSD. Motion carried unanimously.

Tennis Merger
approved

Motion by Mrs. LaGuerre, seconded by Mr. Erickson that upon recommendation of the Superintendent, Karen Short who is permanently certified in the English 7-12 area, and who has previously attained tenure is hereby appointed to a position as English Teacher in the English tenure area for a probationary period commencing on September 1, 2024 and anticipated to end on August 31, 2027. Ms. Short will be appointed on Step 14 of the NWTa contract. Motion carried unanimously.

P. Pierce
Appointed
Temp. Math
Teacher

Next meetings will be as follows: April 23, 2024 6:00 PM Regular meeting, May 7, 2024 6:00 PM Regular meeting, May 7 6:30 PM Budget Hearing, May 30 at 5:00 PM Building & Grounds Workshop. May 21 12:00 – 8:00 Annual Elections and Budget Vote.

Motion by Mr. Erickson, seconded by Mr. Buckman to adjourn to executive session at 6:55 PM to discuss the employment history of a particular person. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Mrs. Hill, seconded by Mr. Erickson to come out of Executive session at 7:32 PM. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Mr. Erickson, seconded by Mrs. LaGuerre to approve an overnight conference for Jeremy Whipple and Todd Lawson to the NABC Basketball Clinic April 26 – 28 at an approximate cost of \$1,293. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Mr. Buckman, seconded by Mr. Erickson to adjourn at 7:34 PM. Motion carried unanimously.

District Clerk