

**North Warren Central School District
Regular Meeting of the Board of Education
November 13, 2023
6:00 PM**

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

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

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

Motion by Mrs. Swan, seconded by Mrs. Hill to accept the agenda changes.
Motion carried unanimously.

10/16/23
Minutes

Motion by Mrs. Hill, seconded by Mr. Freebern to approve the minutes of the October 16, 2023 Regular Meeting of the Board of Education.
Motion carried unanimously.

David LaPell discussed the History Club and thanked Ms. McGourty for her help with getting 5th and 6th grade students information to join. He reported the event he had was not well attended and he didn't hear from anyone at the school. Mrs. Kubaryk stated flyers were put up around the building and she talked about it to her students.

Warrants
Approved

Motion by Ms. Hill, seconded by Mr. Freebern to accept warrants 18, 24, 25 and 26.
Motion carried unanimously.

Budget
Status
Report
Accepted

Motion by Mrs. Swan, seconded by Mrs. Hill to accept the Budget Status Report.
Motion carried unanimously.

Treasurers
Reports
Accepted

Motion by Mr. Freebern, seconded by Ms. Hill to accept the Treasurer's Reports for July, August and September 2023.
Motion carried unanimously.

IEPs
Accepted

Motion by Mrs. Swan, seconded by Ms. Hill to accept the recommendations from the Committee on Special Education for students 7392, 6966, 6632, 6443, 7676, 7479.
Motion carried unanimously.

E.
Cleveland
appointed
LTS

Motion by Ms. Hill, seconded by Mr. Freebern that upon recommendation of the Superintendent, Elizabeth Cleveland, who is permanently certified in N-6 is hereby appointed to the non-probationary position of long-term substitute in 4th grade effective January 2, 2024 to May 11, 2024. Mrs. Cleveland will be appointed on Step 1 of the NWTa contract.
Motion carried unanimously.

J. Marinelli
retirement

Motion by Mrs. Swan, seconded by Mr. Buckman to accept the intent to retire from Julie Marinelli as English teacher effective June 30, 2024, with regret.
Motion carried unanimously.

Donation
accepted

Motion by Ms. Hill, seconded by Mrs. Swan to accept the donations from Ross/Lambert Celebration of Life Golf Tournament totaling \$4,640 with appreciation.
Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Mrs. Swan, seconded by Ms. Hill to appoint Tanner Dunkley as Modified Boys Basketball Coach for the 23-24 season. Appointment is pending student participation and completion of coaching requirements.

Motion carried unanimously.

T. Dunkley
Modified Boys
Basketball
Coach

Mrs. French reports she had a meeting with Johnsbury CSD and Minerva CSD on the merged Cross Country team getting new uniforms with all schools depicted. Hopefully they will have them next fall. They also talked about athletic numbers and possible other mergers.

Samantha Jordan discussed the itinerary for the senior trip to Boston.

Motion by Ms. Hill, seconded by Mr. Buckman to approve the Senior Class trip to Boston, MA in Spring of 2024.

Motion carried unanimously.

Senior trip
approved

Motion by Ms. Hill, seconded by Mr. Freebern to accept the Tax Collectors Report.

Motion carried unanimously.

Tax Collectors
Report
Accepted

Motion by Ms. Hill, seconded by Mrs. Swan upon recommendation of the Superintendent, appoint Mr. James Manngard to a part-time position as Bus Driver effective November 13, 2023. This is a 3 hour per day, 180 day per year position. Mr. Manngard will be placed on Step 1 of the CSEA contract.

Motion carried unanimously.

J. Manngard
appointed Bus
Driver

Motion by Mr. Buckman, seconded by Mr. Freebern to approve the Memorandum of Understanding between Word of Life Fellowship Inc. and North Warren Central School for emergency sheltering.

Motion carried unanimously.

MOU with
WOL
Approved

Motion by Mrs. Swan, seconded by Ms. Hill to appoint Jeremy Whipple as Volunteer Girls Basketball Coach for the 23-24 season.

Motion carried unanimously.

J Whipple
Volunteer

Motion by Mrs. Swan, seconded by Mr. Buckman to appoint Tracy Bocchi to a 6-month probationary position as Account Clerk effective December 18, 2023. Mrs. Bocchi's Terms and Conditions for Employment will be provided for the December 11, 2023 Board meeting.

Motion carried unanimously.

T Bocchi
Appointed
Account Clerk

Motion by Mr. Freebern, seconded by Mr. Buckman to appoint the following as co-advisors for the Cougar Club: Janeen Scorzelli and Jodi McAvey

Motion carried unanimously.

Cougar Club
Advisors

Mrs. French reviewed the parent letter regarding fundraising and the memos from Guercio & Guercio regarding sexual harassment training for Board members. She thanks everyone who helped with the Friday Fun Night and Bonfire with special thanks to the Chestertown Fire Department for being there when the bonfire was burning. She reports she and Mr. Lail have been spending a lot of time on current and upcoming projects. She is requesting a Board of Education Workshop on Wednesday November 29th at 5:00 PM to discuss the projects.

Mr. Martin reports the first quarter is over and report cards will be mailed Friday or Monday. He has some concerns on a couple of seniors graduating, they need to show up and do the work and they could graduate. Spirit Week was last week and ended with the Battle of the Classes. The kids had a great time and he would like to do more fun events throughout the year. Mrs. Sheridan has started a 7-12 Newspaper.

Ms. McGourty reported on the Elementary events including PTO events, field trips, Odyssey of the Mind, Battle of the Books, and field trips.

Kim Crannell stated she was the parent in charge of the boys basketball fundraising event this weekend which was very successful. She felt someone should have called her about the fundraising she was concerned there were negative feeling. Mr. Crannell reports no other teams were there.

Mrs. French explained that the athlete cannot wear black warmups on the court as they are NOT school colors.

Mrs. Ellsworth, Tax Collector, thanked the Board for their support to her and also supporting the mail in payments. Mr. Maday discussed a drop box.

Motion by Mr. Buckman, seconded by Mr. Freebern to adjourn to Executive session to discuss personnel and negotiations at 6:46 PM.

Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Mrs. Swan, seconded by Ms. Hill to come out of Executive Session at 7:42 PM.

Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Mrs. Swan, seconded by Mr. Freebern to adjourn at 7:43 PM.

Motion carried unanimously.

District Clerk