

North Warren Central School District
Regular Meeting of the Board of Education
January 8, 2024

Mrs. Swan called the meeting to order at 6:04 PM, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

School Board Members Absent: Erickson

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.

The resignation of John Maday had been accepted effective December 31, 2023.

Motion by Mrs. Hill, seconded by Mr. Freebern to approve the agenda changes.

Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Mrs. Hill, seconded by Mrs. LaGuerre to approve the minutes of the December 11, 2023 Regular Meeting of the Board of Education.

Motion carried unanimously.

12/11/23
Minutes
Approved

Mrs. French reported the first meeting on the Workplace Violence Policy was held. The group will meet again in March and June. January 26 is a ½ day for students in the building.

Mr. Martin reported he and Mr. Bombard met in November and December to discuss course offerings for next year. Mr. Bombard will meet with students individually. Grades 8 – 11 students went on an ‘elective tour’ and were able to learn about the elective courses for next year. Mr. Bombard created a 24-25 course catalog. BOCES CTE and ECCA visits are starting this week. Students will go for an afternoon to view the programs they are interested in for 24-25.

Ms. McGourty reported on upcoming academic testing and events.

Mr. Lail reported being focused on putting the 24-25 Budget together. The first Budget meeting is February 8th.

Mrs. Kubaryk stated the course offerings tour was excellent and stated the students were excited.

Mr. LaPell is unhappy with the modified boys basketball uniforms, says they are worn out and his wife spent a lot of time trying to fix his son’s uniform. Feels the school should have enough money for decent uniforms.

Mrs. Swan reports the Athletic committee and Athletic Director have met on this. The uniforms are on a rotation and uniform concerns have been noted and discussed at the last meeting. She reports it will be addressed for the future.

Motion by Mrs. Hill, seconded by Mr. Freebern to accept warrants 29, 32 and 35.

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

Treasurer's
Reports
Accepted

Motion by Mr. Freebern, seconded by Mr. Buckman to accept the Treasurer's Reports for November 2023.

Motion carried unanimously.

IEP's Approved

Motion by Mrs. LaGuerre, seconded by Mrs. Hill to approve the recommendation from the Committee on Special Education for students 7558, 6648, 7501, 6208.

Motion carried unanimously.

First Reading of Policies:

3420 Non-Discrimination and Anti-Harassment in the District

5140 Administration of the Budget

6121 Sexual Harassment in the Workplace

Policy 5140
Adopted

Motion by Mr. Freebern, seconded by Mrs. LaGuerre to approve the following resolution:

RESOLVED, that in accordance with Policy 1410, the Board of Education waives the 2nd reading and adopts policy 5140, Administration of Budget, as presented.

Motion carried unanimously.

Mrs. French discussed the proposed Capital Project for replacement of the atrium glass, boilers and science room updates. The current bond/debt will be coming off in June 2027. The project will go to vote in May of 2024 and be completed in 2025.

Mrs. French reports the Building Condition Survey is due in 24-25 school year.

Mrs. Swan asked about location factor and inflation factor costs. Are they confirmed? Mrs. French replied they are fluctuating.

Mr. Buckman stated the incidental costs are too high and asked if we would be borrowing money for the project.

Mr. Lail reports that we would have to borrow some money to complete the entire project.

Proceed with
Capital Project

Motion by Mrs. Hill, seconded by Mrs. LaGuerre to proceed with the proposed Capital Project for atrium glass, boilers and updates to science rooms.

Motion carried unanimously.

Mrs. McAvey reports the district will be using the new voting machines provided by Warren County. Training will be soon.

CDT Report
Accepted

Motion by Mr. Freebern, seconded by Mrs. Hill to accept the Central District Treasurer's quarterly report dated January 3, 2024.

Motion carried unanimously.

Golf Merger

Motion by Mrs. LaGuerre, seconded by Mr. Freebern to approve a merger for Fall 2024 Golf season between North Warren CSD, Johnsbury CSD and., Minerva CSD.

Motion carried unanimously.

The Adirondack Area School Boards meeting is February 8th.

Mrs. LaFlure asked about the atrium glass project. Mrs. French reports it is replacing the aging glass in the atrium.

Beth Magee asked if the atrium glass is structurally unsound or just unsightly. She suggested breaking each of the bids into groups by priority. Concerned that contractors will bid high if they know the amount allotted for the project.

Mr. LaPell stated the school should lighten the budget and do only what is needed.

Mrs. Swan questioned if students can play a sport as credit for physical education class.
Concerned about the low number of girls in sports.

Mrs. LaGuerre left at 6:40 PM.

Mrs. Hill asked if there has been any more discussion on a soccer merger with Johnsburg and Minerva. Mrs. French reports that is currently on hold.

Budget Workshop is February 8, 2024 at 5:00 PM
Regular Board of Education Meeting February 12, 2024 at 6:00 PM.

Motion by Mr. Buckman, seconded by Mrs. Hill to adjourn at 6:49 PM.
Motion carried unanimously.

District Clerk