

WARREN CONSOLIDATED SCHOOLS  
WARREN, MICHIGAN  
MINUTES OF THE  
REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION  
WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 15, 2025

The Regular Meeting of the Board of Education was held at the Warren Consolidated Schools Administration Building, 31300 Anita Drive, Warren, Michigan.

I. CALL TO ORDER BY PRESIDENT TROMBLEY

President Trombley called the meeting to order at 7:35 p.m. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Brian White followed by the reading of the District’s Mission Statement.

Members Present: Berdy, Kattula, Rudd, Trombley, Weckerle, White

Members Absent: Johnson

Others Present: Bernia, Elenbaas, Meengs, Pellerito, Tremmel, and District Legal Counsel Donald DeNault from O’Reilly Rancilio P.C.

II. ACCEPTANCE OF AGENDA

A motion was made by Mr. Weckerle, supported by Ms. Kattula, that the Board of Education accept the agenda of the Regular Board of Education meeting of Wednesday, January 15, 2025.

Yes: All

No: None

Motion Carried: 6-0

III. STUDENT, STAFF AND ALUMNI AWARDS AND RECOGNITIONS

A. Dr. John C. Bernia, Jr., Superintendent recognized the Warren Consolidated School Board members in honor of School Board Member Recognition Month and presented each member with a certificate from the Michigan Association of School Boards (MASB) along with various tokens of appreciation.

B. The Board of Education recognized the donation from Michigan Arc Products, Inc.

C. The Board of Education recognized the donation from McNaughton-McKay Electric Company.

D. The Board of Education recognized WCSPA students for their outstanding achievements during the Michigan Thespian Festival in December. Mr. David Meengs, Chief Academic Officer, introduced Mr. Erik Hart, Artistic Director for Warren Consolidated School of Performing Arts (WCSPA), who recognized the 2024-2025 WCSPA students for their achievements during the Michigan Thespian Festival. Warren Consolidated School of Performing Arts students were offered nearly \$2,000,000 in scholarships to various colleges and universities, and a senior from Cousino High School, received a Thespian Scholarship as listed in Addendum No. 2.

IV. PRESENTATIONS

A. BUILDING SHOWCASE – SUSICK ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Mr. David Meengs, Chief Academic Officer, introduced Lisa Mullins, Principal of Susick Elementary School, who presented highlights from Susick Elementary School as listed in Addendum No. 3.

B. FIRST READING OF BOARD POLICY (POLICY UPDATE NUMBERS 1130-8321)

Dr. John C. Bernia, Jr., Superintendent, presented the first reading of the new and revised Board Policy (Policy Number 1130-8321) as listed in Addendum No. 4.

C. 2024-2025 AMENDED BUDGET #1 FOR THE GENERAL FUND

Ms. Kari Elenbaas, Chief Officer of Employee & Fiscal Services along with Mr. Bryan Wood, Director of Budget & Grant Accounting, presented an overview of the 2024-2025 Amended Budget #1 for the General Fund as listed in Addendum No. 5.

V. CORRESPONDENCE/AUDIENCE PARTICIPATIONA. Correspondence/Bid Openings

- There were two correspondences.
- There was one bid scheduled to be opened on or before January 15, 2025.
  - 2022 Bond – Bid Package 08 – Bus Hoist Lifts at Educational Service Center
    - Date Posted: November 27, 2024
    - Bid Opening: December 12, 2024 @ 2:00 p.m.
- There was one bid scheduled to be opened after January 15, 2025.
  - 2022 Bond - Bid Package T5 – Network Upgrades
    - Date Posted: January 14, 2025
    - Bid Opening: February 4, 2025 @ 2:00 p.m.

B. Audience Participation

A Beer Middle School parent addressed the Board regarding her student's discipline.

VI. CONSENT AGENDA

A. Approval of the minutes from the Special and Regular Board of Education meetings of December 4, 2024.

B. Financial Reports for November 2024

Accounts Payable for November 2024 \$5,754,507.28

Electronic Transactions for November 2024 \$7,774,184.70

C. Approval of the hiring of the Warren Education Association (WEA) employees as listed in Addendum No. 6.

D. Approval of the hiring of the Local Union 1346 employees as listed in Addendum No. 7.

E. Approval of the hiring of the Local Union 1815 employees as listed in Addendum No. 8.

F. Approval of the hiring of the Non-Union employees as listed in Addendum No. 9.

G. Acceptance of the Resignation/Retirement notifications of the Warren Consolidated Schools employees as listed in Addendum No. 10.

H. Affirmation of the expulsion recommendations of a Beer Middle School student and three Sterling Heights High School students as listed in Addendum No. 11.

I. Affirmation of the reinstatement of a Carter Middle School student and a Sterling Heights High School student as listed in Addendum No. 12.

J. The Board of Education recognized the donation from Arc Products, Inc. as listed in Addendum No. 13.

K. The Board of Education recognized the donation from McNaughton-McKay Electric Company as listed in Addendum No. 14.

A motion was made by Mr. White, supported by Mr. Weckerle, that the Board of Education accept the recommendation of the Superintendent and approve the items on the Consent Agenda.

Yes: All

No: None

Motion Carried: 6-0

VII. ACTION ITEMSA. RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING JANUARY 2025 AS SCHOOL BOARD MEMBER RECOGNITION MONTH

A motion was made by Mr. White, supported by Mr. Weckerle, that the Board of Education accept the recommendation of the Superintendent and adopt the resolution recognizing January 2025 as School Board Member Recognition Month as listed in Addendum No. 15.

Yes: All

No: None

Motion Carried: 6-0

B. APPROVAL OF CURRICULUM UPDATES AND REVISIONS

A motion was made by Mr. Weckerle, supported by Mr. White, that the Board of Education accept the recommendation of the Superintendent and approve the updates and revisions to Personal Finance and Marketing 1 – Entrepreneurship (MRC) as listed in Addendum No. 16.

Yes: All

No: None

Motion Carried: 6-0

C. APPROVAL OF PURCHASE – GAMETIME C/O SINCLAIR RECREATION

A motion was made by Mr. White, supported by Mr. Weckerle, that the Board of Education accept the recommendation of the Superintendent and approve the contract to GameTime c/o Sinclair Recreation for playground equipment repairs as listed in Addendum No. 17.

Yes: All

No: None

Motion Carried: 6-0

D. APPROVAL OF DEPOSITORIES AND SIGNATORIES

A motion was made by Mr. White, supported by Ms. Berdy, that the Board of Education accept the recommendation of the Superintendent and approve the depositories and signatories for checking accounts, savings accounts, and other investments authorized by Board Policy #6144 through January 2026 as listed in Addendum No. 18.

Yes: All

No: None

Motion Carried: 6-0

E. APPROVAL OF SERIES II 2022 SCHOOL BUILDING AND SITE BOND

A motion was made by Ms. Berdy, supported by Mr. White, that the Board of Education accept the recommendation of the Superintendent and approve the resolution to authorize the issuance of Series II of the 2022 School Building and Site Bond as listed in Addendum No. 19.

Yes: All

No: None

Motion Carried: 6-0

F. RESOLUTION: APPROVAL OF 2024-2025 AMENDED BUDGET #1 FOR THE GENERAL FUND

A motion was made by Mr. White, supported by Mr. Weckerle, that the Board of Education accept the recommendation of the Superintendent and approve the 2024-2025 Amended Budget #1 for the General Fund as listed in Addendum No. 20.

Yes: All

No: None

Motion Carried: 6-0

VIII. TABLED and/or POSTPONED ITEMS

There were no tabled and/or postponed items.

IX. QUESTIONS and/or COMMENTS

President Trombley expressed her excitement and gratitude to the upgrades being made to the District's playground equipment.

X. ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Mr. Weckerle, supported by Mr. White, to adjourn the meeting at 8:22 p.m.

Yes: All

No: None

Motion Carried: 6-0

Submitted by,



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Leah A. Berdy  
Secretary