

**MINUTES
REGULAR BOARD MEETING
BOARD OF EDUCATION
WARREN WOODS PUBLIC SCHOOLS
OCTOBER 10, 2022**

Appoint Acting Secretary

It was moved by Fitzpatrick supported by Zannetti to appoint Mike Schulte Acting Secretary for tonight's meeting. The motion carried 6 – 0.

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by President Green at 6:00 p.m. in the Board Room of the Administrative Service Center, 12900 Frazho Road, Warren, MI.

Roll Call

Members present: Green, Schulte, Zannetti, Fitzpatrick, Hiller, and Garcia. Absent with notice: Walsh. Also present were Superintendent Stacey Denewith-Fici, Deputy Superintendent Neil Cassabon, Special Services Director Stacie Sward, Technology Directory Kevin Hustek, Student Representatives Natalya Bonkowski and Isabella Burke and Executive Assistant Jackie Miracle.

Pledge of Allegiance

Agenda Approval

It was moved by Fitzpatrick supported by Hiller to approve the Agenda as presented. The motion carried 6 – 0.

Minutes

It was moved by Hiller supported by Fitzpatrick to approve the Minutes of the Special Meeting of September 26, 2022 and the Minutes of the Closed Session Meeting of September 26, 2022 as presented. The motion carried 5 – 0 – 1 with Schulte abstaining due to absence.

Correspondence

None

Treasurer's Report

Deputy Superintendent Cassabon presented the combined Treasurer's Report for July and August 2022. He began with General Fund Local Revenue consisting mainly of local summer tax collections, in addition to Adult Ed tuition, earnings on investments and some rental income. State Revenue included a negative adjustment which reflected the July/August reconciliation of items that had to be estimated due to the District's fiscal year ending on June 30 and the State's on September 30. Federal Revenue consisted of HRA grant payment and Incoming Transfers reflected payment from the Enhancement Millage. Lastly, Mr. Cassabon reviewed Food Service funds which included incoming Local Revenue from catering sales and Federal Revenue which included reimbursement from the summer meal program. In conclusion, Deputy Superintendent Cassabon noted that General Fund expenditures exceeded revenue, which is normal for this time of year as the district is awaiting the first State Aid payment.

Treasurer’s Report (continued)

Mr. Zannetti asked when the State Aid payment was expected and Mr. Cassabon replied October 20. Mr. Cassabon elaborated that the September numbers are looking like a significant deficit as the District had three payrolls in September. The total deficit will likely be significant prior to our first payment arriving as the teacher retention bonuses of \$1,000 per teacher are due to be paid out prior to October 20 as well.

Payment of the Bills

It was moved by Walsh supported by Zannetti to pay the following bills as presented:

General Fund	\$	1,039,011.66
Center Programs		5,998.37
Food Service Fund		192,151.06
Child Care Fund		5,917.07
Campus Corner		13,892.08
Building & Site		28,504.70

The motion carried 6 – 0.

Trustee Garcia commented that HVAC repairs seem high and asked if there was any specific fund to maintain ongoing heating and HVAC systems and limit expenditures. Mr. Cassabon replied that funds from Bond 2020 Series II includes several projects slated for 2025; however, the district could explore the possibility of an energy bond.

Mr. Garcia asked if the charge to Follett was for licensing or a product and Mr. Cassabon replied it was for high school textbook replacement.

Mr. Zannetti questioned a charge to Progressive Plumbing and Mr. Cassabon replied that maintenance staff make purchases for project repairs as they arise since no inventory is kept on hand. Mr. Zannetti then followed up and asked about a Westwood drain charge and Mr. Cassabon replied it was for the roof drain.

Old Business

None

New Business

Reports

Student Representatives

Superintendent Denewith-Fici welcomed Natalya and Isabella and asked them for an update on activities at WWT.

Natalya began with a recap of Homecoming activities during Spirit Week which included a “Pink Out” Day for Breast Cancer Awareness, the annual float competition, won by the Juniors, the Parade and the crowning of Homecoming King and Queen Jon Paul Rossi and

New Business

Student Representatives (continued)

Anna Hubbard, all culminating with the dance celebration attended by over 800 students who enjoyed the hot dog bar, 360° camera, D.J. and sparklers!

Bella provided an update on sports noting the fall season is halfway over. She added that both the Dance and Cheer Teams have enjoyed a successful season, along with the Cross Country Team running a strong competition this season. In conclusion, Bella stated NHS is providing service opportunities for members including assisting with the MSU/U of M Tailgate at Westwood. Campus Corner is sponsoring a Rose Sale in honor of Sweetest Day, and PSAT testing for Juniors will take place on Wednesday, October 19, in addition to Parent/Teacher Conferences being held that day.

Student Achievement

Superintendent Denewith-Fici reviewed several beginning of the year, achievement-related items with the Board. She began by stating that Schoology access codes have been sent out and parents now have their own. Next, she explained NWEA testing is almost complete for all students in grades K-11, with results being used for progress monitoring and programming decisions. She stated the Elementary Teams have dug into the new Bridges math program, providing the students with hands-on activities, and Curriculum Director Kara Beal and Elementary Math Coach Kathy Hribar would provide a more detailed update at the November meeting. Finally, Superintendent Denewith-Fici reviewed sample M-STEP Parent reports in detail and explained most parents would be receiving a copy at upcoming conferences, but if parents did not attend, they would be mailed home.

Mr. Hiller asked if these reports were the results from Spring 2022 testing and when they would be shared with parents and Ms. Denewith-Fici replied yes they were Spring 2022 results and would be shared with parents at conferences.

Offsite Board Meetings

Superintendent Denewith-Fici presented the following dates for the 2022-23 Offsite Board Meetings: January 23, 2023 at Enterprise High School and March 27, 2023 at Warren Woods Tower High School.

It was moved by Schulte, supported by Fitzpatrick to approve the **Offsite Board Meetings** as presented. The motion carried 6 – 0.

Personnel Items

Leaves

As presented.

It was moved by Zannetti supported by Fitzpatrick to approve the **Leaves** as presented. The motion carried 6 – 0.

New Hires

Abigail Rusek – 4th Grade Teacher – Pinewood – Hire Date 10/3/22.

It was moved by Zannetti supported by Fitzpatrick to approve the **New Hire** as presented. The motion carried 6 – 0.

Public Expression

WWT Varsity Football Coach and parent Adam Dias thanked the Board for their support on the recent WWEA contract. He also extended an invitation to the final football game on 10/22/22 (Senior Night) against Mott High School and noted that this is the first time Warren Woods and Mott have competed against each other in football.

Mr. Zannetti asked if the Annual Craft Show would be back at WWT this year and Mr. Fitzpatrick announced that the Booster Club Craft Show is scheduled for November 19 and 20.

Mr. Zannetti then asked when Count Day was and Superintendent Denewith-Fici stated it was last Wednesday and she expects our enrollment numbers to be close to projected numbers.

Mr. Garcia stated he had attended the DSAT Meeting last week and was very pleased to hear the success story of a student he knows personally, who overcame obstacles thanks to the dedicated staff (specifically Principal Tim Baldwin) who never gave up on him.

Adjournment

It was moved by Fitzpatrick supported by Hiller to adjourn the meeting at 6:35PM. The motion carried 6 – 0.

Respectfully submitted,

Mike Schulte
Acting Secretary