

**MINUTES
SPECIAL BOARD MEETING
BOARD OF EDUCATION
WARREN WOODS PUBLIC SCHOOLS
SEPTEMBER 23, 2024**

Call to Order

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

Roll Call

Members present: Walsh, Fitzpatrick, Hiller, Garcia, Nitz and Schulte. Absent with notice: Zannetti. Also present were Superintendent Stacey Denewith-Fici, Deputy Superintendent Neil Cassabon, Director of Curriculum Michelle Voelker, Special Services Director Stacie Sward, Facilities and Transportation Director Don Ball and Executive Assistant Jackie Miracle.

Pledge of Allegiance

Agenda Approval

It was moved by Nitz, supported by Hiller to approve the Agenda as Amended with the following change: Add **Item 9d. Appointment:** 2024 MASB Assembly Delegate. The motion carried 6 – 0.

Minutes

It was moved by Garcia supported by Hiller to approve the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of September 9, 2024 and the Closed Session Minutes of September 9, 2024 as presented. The motion carried 6 – 0.

Correspondence

Superintendent Denewith-Fici presented two items of Correspondence. One email from a Pinewood Teacher thanking the Board and Administration for their work and support of the recent contract, and one email from a WWMS parent expressing concerns which has been addressed by Student Services Director Stacie Sward.

It was moved by Fitzpatrick supported by Walsh to receive and file both Correspondence Items as presented. The motion carried 6 – 0.

Treasurer's Report

Deputy Superintendent Cassabon presented the Treasurer's Report noting it was a combined report for July and August 2024. He began with General Fund Revenue consisting mainly of Local tax collections, in addition to Adult Ed tuition, building rental and investment earnings. State Revenue included GSRP funding from the MISD and there was no Federal Revenue during the summer months of July and August. Incoming Transfers included an Enhancement Millage payment in addition to an insurance rebate reimbursement. Next, a review of Food Service Local Revenue reflected investment earnings along with rebate and vending earnings while Federal Revenue reflected the summer food service program reimbursement. Finally, a review of the ISD Center Program reflected no revenue for July and August, which is typical as the first State Aid payment is usually received in November.

Payment of the Bills

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

Bond 2020 Series I	\$	172,258.78
2023 Energy Bond		348,465.72

The motion carried 6 – 0.

Old Business

None.

New Business

Reports

Student Representatives

Superintendent Denewith-Fici noted that she had recently met with the new Student Representatives to the Board, Nataly Chang and Valorie Lee, and stated they were looking forward to representing the WWT students at upcoming meetings.

Student Achievement: M-STEP Report

Superintendent Denewith-Fici introduced newly appointed Curriculum Director Michelle Voelker and stated tonight’s report would focus on M-STEP data.

Ms. Voelker stated tonight’s presentation would provide a high-level view of Spring 2024 data and an understanding of the response plan moving forward. She began with a historical review of math and ELA data and provided comparison data for State, County and local districts. Ms. Voelker noted that while math and ELA trends continue to indicate growth, there is still a need for additional supports. She noted the new Middle School math curriculum adoption in addition to the newly adopted WWT Algebra I resource.

In conclusion, Ms. Voelker outlined goals within the district improvement plan and the strategies being implemented to support them. Ms. Voelker reviewed interventions at the elementary and middle school level and detailed the established supports that are continuously implemented to remain focused on advancing progress.

Much discussion followed regarding the many different factors to be considered when analyzing data specific to SAT including the test itself changing, and the fact that all students are required to take it, while it is no longer required by many colleges.

Mr. Hiller asked about the new Algebra I curriculum being piloted at WWT and how it was being implemented. Ms. Voelker stated that all Algebra I classes are all using the same program.

Ms. Voelker noted that DSAT will meet in October to review the data and Mr. Fitzpatrick requested that team feedback be shared with the Board.

Offsite Board Meetings

Superintendent Denewith-Fici stated that Offsite Board Meetings for the 2024-25 school year will be held at WWMS on December 16, 2024 and at Pinewood Elementary on January 27, 2025. It was moved by Fitzpatrick supported by Walsh to approve the **Offsite Board Meetings** as presented.

New Business

Offsite Board Meetings (continued)

President Schulte proposed expansion of the Offsite Meetings in the future, to promote more frequent visits.

Approval: Subject.com

Superintendent Denewith-Fici presented credit recovery courses from Subject.com for approval for the purpose of online learning. It was moved by Fitzpatrick supported by Hiller to approve the **Approval:** Subject.com as presented. **ROLL CALL VOTE: Ayes:** Walsh, Fitzpatrick, Hiller, Garcia, Nitz and Schulte. **Nays:** None. The motion carried 6 – 0.

Appointment: 2024 MASB Assembly Delegate

Superintendent Denewith-Fici stated that in addition to attending the MASB Leadership Conference in October, she is recommending the appointment of Mike Schulte as 2024 MASB Assembly Delegate. It was moved by Fitzpatrick supported by Nitz to approve the appointment of Mike Schulte as 2024 MASB Assembly Delegate. The motion carried 6 – 0.

Personnel Items

Leaves:

As presented

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

New Hires:

Nicholas Buza – Social Studies Teacher – WWMS – date of hire 9/6/24.

Nina Dorre – Lunch Supervisor – Pinewood – date of hire 9/17/24.

Makayla Goode – Childcare Assistant – date of hire 9/9/24.

Charles Iacuzzo – Substitute Teacher – date of hire 9/16/24.

Alyssa Laski – WWMS Cheer Coach – date of hire 9/5/24.

Rebecca Orlando – Childcare Assistant – date of hire 9/5/24.

Jane Pokriefka – Substitute Teacher – date of hire 9/16/24.

Isabelle Taylor – Bus Driver – date of hire 9/16/24.

Christine Theuerkorn – Special Education Paraprofessional CI – Briarwood – date of hire 9/11/24.

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

Public Expression

None

Closed Session (Emergency Operations Plan)

It was moved by Nitz supported by Walsh that the Board move to Closed Session for discussion of the district Emergency Operations Plan. **ROLL CALL VOTE: Ayes:** Walsh, Fitzpatrick, Hiller, Garcia, Nitz and Schulte. **Nays:** None. The motion carried 6 – 0.

The Board moved to Closed Session at 6:38 PM.

The Board returned from Closed Session at 6:52 PM.

Adoption: Emergency Operations Plan

It was moved by Fitzpatrick supported by Nitz that the Board adopt the Emergency Operations Plan as presented. . **ROLL CALL VOTE: Ayes:** Walsh, Fitzpatrick, Hiller, Garcia, Nitz and Schulte. **Nays:** None. The motion carried 6 – 0.

Adjournment

It was moved by Hiller supported by Walsh to adjourn the meeting at 6:54PM. The motion carried 6 – 0.

Respectfully submitted,

Kay F. Walsh
Secretary