

**MINUTES
REGULAR BOARD MEETING
BOARD OF EDUCATION
WARREN WOODS PUBLIC SCHOOLS
January 12, 2026**

Call to Order

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

Roll Call

Members present: Zannetti, Hiller, Garcia, Spicer, and Fitzpatrick. Absence with notice were Mrs. Nitz and Mr. Schulte. Also present were Superintendent Stacey Denewith-Fici, Deputy Superintendent Neil Cassabon, Director of Facilities and Transportation Don Ball, Director of Technology Kevin Hustek, Student Representatives Nataly Chang and Valorie Lee and Executive Assistant Diana Rende.

Pledge of Allegiance

Agenda Approval

Superintendent Denewith-Fici requested the removal of Agenda item 9c.

It was moved by Fitzpatrick supported by Spicer to approve the Agenda as presented. The motion carried 5 – 0.

Minutes

It was moved by Fitzpatrick supported by Spicer to approve the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of December 15, 2025 as presented.

The motion carried 5 – 0.

Correspondence

None

Treasurer's Report

Deputy Superintendent Cassabon presented the Treasurer's Report for November 2025. He began with General Fund Revenue consisting mainly of Local tax collections, in addition to tuition, earnings on investments, rental income, and gate receipts. State Revenue included funding for GSRP from the MISD.

Next a review of Food Service Local Revenue reflected investment earnings in addition to some ala carte food sales, and catering while Federal Revenue reflected reimbursement for Federal Free and Reduced lunch claims.

Finally, Mr. Cassabon stated that there was 14.16 million in expenditure but an increase to 13.89 million in revenue.

Mr. Zannetti inquired on the reason for the increase in revenue. Deputy Superintendent Cassabon explained there was an increase in the expected amount of revenue due to an increase in our enrollment numbers and an increase in the expected reimbursement amount.

Payment of the Bills

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

General Fund	\$ 850,549.50
Center Programs	5,439.17
Food Service Fund	109,161.59
Child Care Fund	4,688.17
Campus Corner	1,556.64
Building & Site	-
2020 Bond Series I	14,907.97
2023 Bond Energy Bond	-
2025 Capital Projects Fund	632,223.17

Mr. Zannetti inquired if the purchase of the radios were to replace existing radios or for purchasing new ones. Mr. Cassabon responded that the radios were mostly replacements with the addition of one new radio for the Bus Garage.

The motion carried 5 – 0.

Old Business

None.

New Business

Reports

Student Representatives

Valorie Lee provided an update on recent student activities. She highlighted the success of the DECA District competition, where 12 students participated and 6 advanced to the State competition in March. Valorie also shared a recap of the WWT Thespians' performance of *Alice by Heart* and announced that auditions for the spring musical, *Chicago*, will take place this week. Additionally, she noted that the National Honor Society hosted its "Cramming for Finals" event on Monday. Final exams at WWT are scheduled for Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday.

Nataly Chang reported on upcoming HOSA activities, stating that 18 students will compete in the next HOSA event. She also provided an update on Student Council's preparations for the State Competition, where WWT will send 22 students—the largest group from Tower. The Student Council State Conference will be held February 21–23. 10 members of STUCO will also be attending a regional competition at the MISD.

New Business (continued)

Mr. Zannetti expressed his appreciation for the December music concerts, noting the outstanding performances and the impressive level of community support.

Student Achievement: Student Accountability

Director of Curriculum Michelle Voelker presented an update on the School Index Accountability Measure for all District schools. She explained that cohorts of 30 students are used for data calculations, which the State reviews to identify schools requiring additional support. None of the WWPS schools were identified as needing further assistance. Mrs. Voelker also provided building-specific scores across all measured categories. She emphasized that the District's overall growth index is the most significant indicator of progress.

WWMS demonstrated improvement in ELA, supported by 100% participation in WIDA assessments. WWT maintained or exceeded expectations based on SAT performance. EHS showed notable improvement due to its commitment to student attendance and increased awareness initiatives.

Mr. Zannetti inquired whether students who leave and later return could affect overall scores. Director Voelker confirmed that inconsistent enrollment can influence results and is always taken into consideration during data review.

Mr. Fitzpatrick thanked Mrs. Voelker for providing a comprehensive summary of each building, noting that it clarified the scope and complexity of the accountability measures. He also acknowledged the substantial increase in graduation rates at Enterprise.






Mr. Zannetti expressed his appreciation to all building leaders for their efforts in completing the required assessments and congratulated Mr. Baldwin on Enterprise's gains. He also raised questions regarding WWT's 59% proficiency toward target and its graduation rates. Mrs. Voelker explained that graduation metrics are measured flexibly over an extended period of time, contributing to variations in the reported numbers.

Resolution: School of Choice 2026-2027

Superintendent Denewith-Fici announced that the School of Choice window for the 2026–2027 academic year will be open from February 20 through July 30. This enrollment period applies to Macomb County residents for grades K–11 and aligns with the timelines established in previous years.

New Business (continued)

It was moved by Fitzpatrick supported by Spicer that the Board approve the
Resolution: School of Choice 2026-2027 as presented. **ROLL CALL VOTE**

Schulte N/A **Zannetti**  **Fitzpatrick**  **Hiller**  **Garcia**  **Nitz** N/A
Spicer  **Ayes: 5** **Nays: 0** **Motion carried 5-0.**

Personnel Items

Leaves:

As presented

It was moved by Fitzpatrick supported by Hiller to approve the
Leaves as presented. The motion carried 5– 0.

New Hires:

Madison Compton - Childcare/SACC Assistant – ECC - date of hire 1/5/26.

Tracie Izaguirre – Kitchen Helper – WWT – date of hire 1/5/26.

Taylor Pash - Childcare/SACC Assistant – ECC - date of hire 1/5/26.

Jamie Petrosky – Pupil Accounting APA – ASC – date of hire 1/5/26.

Theresa Schememi – Substitute Teacher – Retired – date of hire 1/5/26.

Nicole Watroba - Substitute Teacher – Cosmetology – date of hire 1/5/26.

Lydia Yokel – Substitute Secretary – date of hire 12/22/25.

It was moved by Fitzpatrick supported by Hiller to approve the
New Hires as presented. The motion carried 5– 0.

Public Expression

Ms. Spicer commented on how great the WWT musical *Alice By Heart* was this previous weekend.

Adjournment

It was moved by Hiller supported by Fitz to adjourn the meeting at 6:52. The motion carried 5– 0.

Respectfully submitted,

Scott Hiller
Secretary