

**MINUTES
SPECIAL BOARD MEETING
BOARD OF EDUCATION
WARREN WOODS PUBLIC SCHOOLS
JANUARY 23, 2023**

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by President Green at 6:00 p.m. in cafeteria of Enterprise High School, 28600 Suburban, Warren, MI 48088.

Roll Call

Members present: Green, Walsh, Zannetti, Fitzpatrick, Hiller and Garcia. Absent with notice: Schulte. Also present were Superintendent Stacey Denewith-Fici, Deputy Superintendent Neil Cassabon, Special Services Director Stacie Sward, Technology Director Kevin Hustek, Student Representatives Natalya Bonkowski and Isabella Burke, EHS Coordinator Tim Baldwin, EHS Counselor Jason Nostrant, EHS Special Education Teacher Aimee Carbone, EHS Science Teacher Raghil Malik, Facilities and Transportation Director Matthew Dishman, WWPS Auditorium Coordinator Lori Dickerhoff and Executive Assistant Jackie Miracle.

Pledge of Allegiance

Agenda Approval

It was moved by Walsh, supported by Zannetti to approve the Agenda as presented. The motion carried 6 – 0.

Minutes

It was moved by Fitzpatrick supported by Hiller to approve the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of January 9, 2023, and the Closed Session Minutes of January 9, 2023 as presented. The motion carried 6 – 0.

Correspondence

None

Treasurer's Report

Deputy Superintendent Cassabon presented the Treasurer's Report for December 2022. He began with General Fund Local Revenue consisting of local tax collections, Adult Ed tuition, rental income, earnings on investments and athletic gate receipts. Next, he reviewed State revenue which included a State Aid payment and Section 107 Adult Ed payment from Wayne RESA. Mr. Cassabon noted there was no Federal revenue for the month of December and stated Incoming Transfers consisted of payments of MISD Special Education Millage, Enhancement Millage and IAM teacher reimbursement. Food Service Local Revenue included earnings on investments, ala carte food sales and WWT lunch sales, State Aid payment, and Federal Revenue which reflected Free and Reduced Breakfast and Lunch claims. Lastly, Mr. Cassabon reviewed the ISD Centers program which reflected a State Aid payment.

Mr. Zannetti asked if it was normal to not receive Federal funds and Deputy Superintendent Cassabon replied the MDE does not allow for reimbursement until grants are fully reviewed and marked as Grant Funds Available. Since the district was in the process of submitting amendments to MDE, no cash requests were able to be made. Mr. Zannetti asked

Treasurer's Report (continued)

if all payments went through the MDE or if any payments were made direct. Mr. Cassabon replied there has only been one occurrence that he is aware of and that was the F.L.A.P. grant.

Payment of the Bills

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

Bond 2020 Series I	\$ 67,662.47
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The motion carried 6 – 0.

Mr. Garcia inquired about the digital display boards and Mrs. Cassabon reported that this is payment for the new information display boards that were installed in each building this year.

Old Business

None

New Business

Reports

Student Representatives

Superintendent Denewith-Fici introduced Student Representatives Natalya and Isabella and asked for an update on activities at WWT.

Natalya began with a summary of StuCo activities including a parking lot spot raffle, Valentine's Day Sucker Sale and planning for an upcoming GloComing.

Isabella added students were busy studying for upcoming mid terms, the School Store was sponsoring a Valentine's Day sale with plush toys and candy, and finally, congratulations to the cast of "Moana" which was performed last week by the Myrtlewood Children's Theatre. She also thanked Board Trustee Mr. Hiller and district Auditorium Coordinator Ms. Lori Dickerhoff for their assistance with the production.

At the request of President Green, Natalya gave an overview of the WWT Lip Dub which was recently featured on the front page of the Warren Weekly. She explained that she and two other student peers assisted Mr. Martin in the development, production and direction of the undertaking which included over 1,000 student and staff participants and was filmed in only one take.

Student Achievement: Secondary Instructional Coaching

Superintendent Denewith-Fici introduced Secondary Instructional Coach Michelle Voelker and stated she was here tonight to provide an update on district progress.

Ms. Voelker began by reviewing the purpose of the secondary instructional coach with the primary focus on increasing student engagement and achievement. She summarized first semester highlights which included intensive, on-site coaching training that was provided in the beginning of the year, which will also be offered next year. Ms. Voelker explained that in this position she provides coaching in cooperative learning to all core subject areas except math. She has collaborated with all secondary English and social studies staff as well as science at the middle school, EHS and WWT. Ms. Voelker stated a Learning Library to share materials has been created at WWMS with the goal to implement the same at WWT and EHS.

New Business
Reports

Student Achievement (continued)

In conclusion, Ms. Voelker indicated her excitement about the opportunity for a full, four to five-week cycle for 11th grade English which will allow for consistent coaching support and will be very beneficial. Mr. Zannetti asked how the cooperative Learning Library would be “refreshed”. Ms. Voelker replied it has just recently been finalized. The current plan is to implement the same at WWT and EHS and then rotate materials to keep them new. Mr. Garcia asked what method Ms. Voelker would use to measure her success. Ms. Voelker replied that a couple different metrics will be used including careful feedback from teachers. She went on to explain that full implementation will likely be this time next year and using the same cycle will allow her to measure growth.

Student Achievement: Enterprise High School Report

Enterprise High School Coordinator Mr. Baldwin began by welcoming the Board this evening and thanking Ms. Voelker and Secondary Math Coach Dr. Fairley, for everything they are doing to support the staff and students at Enterprise. He stated that with the help of instructional coaching and Kagan cooperative learning, they have helped promote a culture change at Enterprise. Mr. Baldwin introduced EHS teachers Ms. Carbone and Mr. Malik who lead the Board in an interactive Kagan exercise using talking chips. The exercise gave Board members an opportunity to immerse themselves in the Kagan structure, thus experiencing firsthand how students are reaping the rewards of the program and how it encourages students who wouldn’t normally participate.

Next, Mr. Baldwin highlighted EHS Community partnerships. He stated Occupational Therapist Michele Morgan has several students working on life skills through Michigan Works and the Graduation Sponsorship Program has brought in over \$6,000 in donations to provide every graduate in the class of 2022 with a cap and gown.

In conclusion, Mr. Baldwin thanked the Board for their support and extended an open invitation for them to visit Enterprise anytime.

Mr. Green thanked Mr. Baldwin and his staff for this evening’s presentation and commented that “Kagan is fun.”

Resolution: School of Choice 2023-2024

Superintendent Denewith-Fici presented the recommendation to open the enrollment period to students residing in Macomb County from February 1, 2023 through August 10, 2023 for an unlimited number of students in grades K-11. It was moved by Fitzpatrick supported by Walsh to approve the **Resolution:** School of Choice as presented. **ROLL CALL VOTE: Ayes:** Walsh, Zannetti, Fitzpatrick, Hiller, Garcia and Green. **Nays:** None. The motion carried 6 – 0.

Personnel Items

Leaves:

None

New Hires:

None

Public Expression

Board Secretary Kay Walsh suggested we begin a Board Meeting with a Kagan structure.

District Facilities and Transportation Director Matthew Dishman extended his thanks to community member Ed Damm for reporting the leak at Pinewood on December 25. He also thanked Pinewood Custodian Mary Beth Biber for working on Christmas Day to clean up.

Trustee Mike Garcia commented on several positive initiatives happening throughout the district, including a recent DSAT Meeting he attended which highlighted a drone project which is embedded in the 8th grade Robotics Elective. He then shared the news that WWPS has been awarded a \$20,000 grant from Bosch for the STEM program and thanked the staff for their efforts in obtaining it. Next, Trustee Garcia congratulated Briarwood Elementary on recently starting a Science Olympiad Team; and finally, he commented on the Read 180° Readers program at WWT which supports struggling readers in grades nine and ten.

Ms. Beal stated that Westwood was expecting over 400 people for Family Engagement Night this evening, and the event was going to be catered by our own Titan Terrace. She thanked Family Engagement Coordinator Victoria Krueger for her efforts in organizing tonight's event.

Adjournment

It was moved by Zannetti supported by Fitzpatrick to adjourn the meeting at 7:03 PM. The motion carried 6 – 0.

Respectfully submitted,

Kay F. Walsh, Secretary