

**MINUTES
REGULAR BOARD MEETING
BOARD OF EDUCATION
WARREN WOODS PUBLIC SCHOOLS
MARCH 27, 2023**

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by President Green at 6:00 p.m. in the Media Center of Warren Woods Tower High School, 27900 Bunert, Warren, MI 48088.

Roll Call

Members present: Walsh, Zannetti, Hiller, Garcia and Green. Absent with Notice: Schulte and Fitzpatrick. Also present were Superintendent Stacey Denewith-Fici, Deputy Superintendent Neil Cassabon, Curriculum Director Kara Beal, Special Education Director Stacie Sward, Technology Director Kevin Hustek, Director of Facilities and Maintenance Matthew Dishman, WWT Principal Mike Mackenzie, WWT Assistant Principals Colleen Gruben and Ian Fredlund, WWPS Athletic Director Craig Cutshaw, Ken Wosik from Metro Technologies, Kurt Carter from PCOR, Andrew Hatcher from Ameresco and Executive Assistant Jackie Miracle.

Pledge of Allegiance

Agenda Approval

It was moved by Zannetti, supported by Hiller to approve the Agenda as amended with the following change: **Item 9.a.3.** should read “Math Coach and Instructional Technology Report.” The motion carried 5 – 0.

Minutes

It was moved by Zannetti supported by Walsh to approve the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of March 13, 2023 as presented. The motion carried 5 – 0.

Correspondence

Superintendent Denewith Fici presented a letter from the Macomb County Board of Commissioners notifying us that a Resolution Supporting County Resources to Assist in School Safety Planning had been passed at their March Board Meeting. It was moved by Hiller supported by Walsh to receive and file the Correspondence as presented. The motion carried 5 – 0.

Treasurer’s Report

Deputy Superintendent Cassabon presented the Treasurer’s Report for February 2023. He began with General Fund Local Revenue, the majority consisting of local tax collections in addition to Adult Ed tuition, the Bosch grant, athletic gate receipts and rental income. State revenue included Wayne RESA and a State Aid payment which was larger due to the School Safety Grant. Federal grant reimbursements include ESSER III and American Rescue Plan 11T, as well as IDEA. Incoming Transfers included payment from the ISD for the Special Ed and Enhancement Millage. Food Service Local Revenue included interest on earnings, WWT food sales, which are mainly from a la cart sales, and State Aid, while Federal Revenue reflected Free and Reduced breakfast and lunch claims. Lastly, Mr. Cassabon reviewed the ISD Centers program which reflected payment from the MISD.

Treasurer's Report (continued)

Mr. Zannetti asked if the payment from the State for the School Safety Grant was a one-time payment. Mr. Cassabon replied that this was a bulk payment for the first six months and the remaining five months would be spread out over the rest of the year.

Payment of the Bills

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

2020 Bond Series I	\$ 1,561.29
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The motion carried 5 – 0.

Old Business

None

New Business
Reports

Student Representatives

Superintendent Denewith-Fici introduced Student Representative Natalya and asked her for an update on what's happening at WWT.

Natalya reported the beginning of Spring Sports last week, with try-outs for baseball, softball, track and soccer underway. Next, she stated DECA was going to Nationals and Band recently received all "1"s at MSBOA. Natalya shared the news that Mr. Dougherty's Leadership Class has been working on the prom closet, and the Warren Woods Drama Club's production of "Newsies" was last weekend. Finally, Natalya reported that StuCo celebrated the week before Spring Break with Spirit Week and NHS is sponsoring a dodge ball tournament on April 13.

WWT Report

President Green introduced WWT Principal Mike Mackenzie and thanked him for hosting tonight's meeting.

Mr. Mackenzie began by thanking WWT Foods and Hospitality Teacher Suzanne Murray for providing the vast array of refreshments this evening. He went on to provide a presentation to the Board highlighting some of the special events, unique to WWT, that took place throughout the 2022-2023 school year so far. Some highlights included the Senior Sunrise Breakfast to start the school year, motivational speaker T.J. Tyus' visit during the first week back, Homecoming activities, Communication Camp, Lip Dub, Promoting WWT, DECA, "Newsies" and a visit from the Romeo & Juliet Traveling Theater Group.

Mr. Mackenzie introduced WWPS Athletic Director Craig Cutshaw who provided an update on sports. Mr. Cutshaw gave a brief overview on WWT Athletics and recognized the Boys' Swim Team for recently winning their division and Kayla Tafanelli, two-time bowling champion. Next, he introduced Basketball Coach Chris Kyles and Wrestling Coach Greg Mayer. Coach Kyles recognized several players including Da'Karri Jenkins, Corey Charleston, Willie Williams and Anton Marsh. Coach Mayer gave an overview of the 22-23 wrestling season, which he referred to as a "rebuilding" year. Mr. Mayer then recognized several wrestlers including Ryan Radvansky, Dan Staniszewski, Amari Richardson and Dominic Gumtow. Mr. Mayer commended the athletes for being future leaders and great teammates.

New Business
Reports

WWT Report (continued)

Next, Mr. Mackenzie introduced WWT Social Studies/Leadership Class Teacher Jason Dougherty and Special Education Teachers Rachel Buza, and Jenny Weingartz and Special Education Parapro Nancy King and stated they, along with several participating students, were here for a presentation on the WWT Peer 2 Peer Program.

Students in the group shared how Peer to Peer has affected them personally, with each student sharing a special memory and celebrating the common theme of appreciating others for their differences.

Math Coach and Instructional Technology Report

Mr. Mackenzie provided an introduction stating that recent technology purchases have produced more laptops at WWT resulting in almost one complete set of laptop computers per classroom. He commented on how teachers had to learn new technology and how to integrate it into their everyday lessons causing a huge shift in the way lessons were taught and presented as a result of the pandemic. In order to provide support, a Math Coach and Instructional Technology Coach positions were created. He stated Lisa Meneghin, Instructional Technology Coach, and Brandy Fairley, Math Coach were here this evening to provide an update on where the district stands.

Ms. Meneghin and Dr. Fairley presented the Board with an overview of what their role is as a coach. Next, they provided interactive examples of how they implement technology along with Kagan practices and content to ensure students are learning. In conclusion, they stated having all the components such as online support tools, assessment tools and technology is helpful, however, coaching ensures it is student-centered and happening in the classrooms.

Mr. Zannetti thanked Ms. Meneghin and Dr. Fairley for their presentation and stated the Board was here to support them and asked that they keep the Board informed of their needs in order to continue the momentum.

Purchase: School Bus

Mr. Cassabon presented the recommendation to purchase a new school bus and stated the purchase is in line with the replacement schedule. It was moved by Walsh supported by Hiller to approve the **Purchase: School Bus** as presented. The motion carried 5 – 0.

Mr. Zannetti asked if the bus was in stock and if it would be a good idea due to supply chain issues to order two buses. Deputy Superintendent Cassabon replied supply chain issues were a concern and he would look into ordering another bus.

Bid Award: Audio/Visual Equipment and Battery Replacement

Deputy Superintendent Cassabon presented the recommendation to award the bid for Audio/Visual Equipment and Battery Replacement. He added that the district has previously had two contracts and a good relationship with this vendor. It was moved by Zannetti supported by Walsh to approve the **Bid Award: Audio/Visual Equipment and Battery Replacement**.

ROLL CALL VOTE: Ayes: Walsh, Zannetti, Hiller, Garcia and Green. **Nays:** 0. The motion carried 5 – 0.

Mr. Zannetti asked if the battery replacement included a 5-year warranty and Metro Technologies representative Ken Wosik stated it was part of the project.

New Business (continued)

Resolution: Authorizing Energy Saving Performance Contract

Deputy Superintendent Cassabon presented the Resolution and stated an RFP was issued to five qualified bidders who were interviewed by the team. Based on the team's evaluation the recommendation was made to approve a Resolution Authorizing Energy Saving Performance Contract with Ameresco, Inc. It was moved by Walsh, supported by Hiller to approve the **Resolution:** Authorizing Energy Saving Performance Contract as presented.

ROLL CALL VOTE: Ayes: Walsh, Zannetti, Hiller, Garcia and Green. **Nays:** 0. The motion carried 5 – 0.

Mr. Hiller asked if this would end the district's relationship with Performance Contracting? PCOR representative Kurt Carter replied no, PCOR will remain on board throughout the process.

Mr. Garcia asked Mr. Carter in past experience how long it typically took to see recoup. Mr. Carter replied typically 15 years, with some projects 3-5 years and some might be 20. Mr. Garcia asked if their cost was built into the amortized savings cost and Mr. Carter replied their cost was amortized within.

Mr. Zannetti referenced the Rebate Section and asked who applies. Mr. Carter replied the vendor does.

Personnel Items

Leaves:

As presented.

It was moved by Zannetti supported by Walsh to approve the **Leaves** as presented. The motion carried 5 – 0.

New Hires:

None

Public Expression

Mr. Zannetti and Ms. Walsh thanked Mr. Mackenzie for hosting tonight and stated the kids did a great job.

Mr. Garcia commented that he recently celebrated March is Reading Month by reading for students at Pinewood and said he had a great time and loved seeing the smartboards being used. He added a comment regarding the Bridges Math progress and how kids seem to be excelling.

Mr. Zannetti added that he read at Westwood for March is Reading Month on Friday.

Adjournment

It was moved by Zannetti supported by Hiller to adjourn the meeting at 7:36 PM. The motion carried 5 – 0.

Respectfully submitted,

Kay Walsh, Secretary