

**MINUTES
SPECIAL BOARD MEETING
BOARD OF EDUCATION
WARREN WOODS PUBLIC SCHOOLS
November 24, 2025**

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Vice President Zannetti at 6:01 p.m. in the Board Room of the Administrative Service Center, 12900 Frazho Road, Warren, MI.

Roll Call

Members present: Zannetti, Hiller, Garcia, Nitz, Spicer, and Fitzpatrick. Absent with Notice: Schulte. Also present were Superintendent Stacey Denewith-Fici, Deputy Superintendent Neil Cassabon, Curriculum Director Michelle Voelker, Director of Facilities and Transportation Don Ball, Student Representatives Nataly Chang and Valorie Lee, and Executive Assistant Diana Rende.

Pledge of Allegiance

Agenda Approval

It was moved by Fitzpatrick supported by Nitz 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 November 10, 2025 as presented. The motion carried 6 – 0.

Treasurer's Report

Deputy Superintendent Cassabon presented the Treasurer's Report for October 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 State Aid payment and funding for GSRP

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, a review of the ISD Center Program reflected the first State Aid payment that arrived in October.

New Business
Reports

Student Representatives

Student Representative Valorie Lee began by highlighting the SAT Word of the Week incentive, which encourages students to compete in identifying vocabulary words for a chance to win prizes. She also shared that students in Campus Corner celebrated Thanksgiving by selling cake pops creatively designed as turkeys. In addition, preparations are underway for the upcoming sales contest, where students will design and create a product to sell at the

New Business (continued)

December 16th band concert. The goal is to determine which group achieves the highest sales and profit margin.

Valorie noted that planning will soon begin for participation in the Western Michigan University Pitch Contest. She concluded with a recap of the Student Council Craft Show raffle baskets, which raised over \$400 during the weekend to support the STUCO States Trip. The next fundraiser, Open Mic Night, is scheduled for December 18.

Student Representative Nataly expressed gratitude to all who attended the NHS Induction Ceremony and provided a brief recap of the NHS Rake and Run event. In club news, she announced that HOSA is organizing a visit to a local nursing home, offering students an opportunity to give back to the community.

For classroom activities, Nataly shared details about the upcoming Boat Regatta, scheduled for the day before Thanksgiving Break. Students from AP Physics, Advanced Chemistry/Physics Essentials, and Physics classes will compete to see which cardboard boat remains afloat the longest. Additionally, on Tuesday, students from the Leadership class will take a field trip to the MISD to meet with Fraser High School's Peer 2 Peer group

Mr. Zannetti commented that the NHS Induction Ceremony was very enjoyable.

Student Achievement:

Director of Curriculum Michelle Voelker informed the Board of a Grant offering from the Department of Defense. This grant will bring a new STEM program into all three of our elementary buildings. It is free to the district with the agreement that the district will supply feedback on the program. The grant funding is available for five years and will include all needed curriculum including consumables.

Adoption: WWT Social Studies Textbooks

Michelle Voelker presented the DSAT approved purchase of books from McGraw Hill. This purchase includes 200 books with online access and an additional 100 online licenses. The digital access and the books are for Adult Education, Enterprise, and WWT. Classes will be able to utilize the online access second semester to evaluate the program.

It was moved by Fitzpatrick supported by Spicer to approve the

Adoption: WWT Social Studies Textbooks as presented. The motion carried 6 – 0.

Appointment: Leadership Committee

Superintendent Denwith-Fici explained that the Board is looking for 2-3 people to serve on a new Leadership Development Committee. This committee will be charged with providing feedback on leadership development and succession planning across the district. The committee will meet to review leadership readiness in all positions from building to Board level leadership. They will gather and review input from stakeholders, both staff and community, and guide the succession process. The Leadership Development Committee will provide feedback to ensure the growth of leadership capacity across the district remains transparent and ensure that when leadership transitions occur, that they do so seamlessly.

New Business (continued)

It was moved by Fitzpatrick supported by Garcia that the Board appoint Hiller, Nitz, and Spicer to serve as the 2025/2026 Board Leadership committee. The motion carried 6 – 0.

Student Handbook Update: Extended Absences

Superintendent Denewith-Fici explained the request from Pupil Accounting that we include the following two new statements in our student handbooks.

Student Drops From Consecutive Absences: Students who have accumulated more than ten (10) consecutive absences may be dropped for non-attendance if absences are found to not be for medical reasons or other school/district approved absences. If students are dropped for non-attendance, parents must re-enroll students with the district.

Student No Shows: Students who do not attend school within the first five (5) days of school, will be dropped from Warren Woods Public Schools. If students are dropped for non-attendance, parents must re-enroll students with the district. After an extended period of time of attempting to contact the parent/guardian, and without parent contact to the school, law enforcement will be notified to investigate the whereabouts of a student.

It was moved by Hiller supported by Nitz, to approve and accept the **Student Handbook Updates** as presented. 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:

Amaya Council – Childcare Assistant – ECC – date of hire 11/10/25.

Marselle Mtanious – WWT Sideline and Competitive Cheer Coach – date of hire 11/7/25.

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

Public Expression

Lisa Grzywacz questioned if the Handbook change includes traveling out of the country. Superintendent Denewith-Fici responded that it is included in the update.

Superintendent Denewith-Fici gave an update on the 31AA funding. She recommended that the district opts in by the deadline of December 4, 2025. The option would be then to rescind based on the results of the State and Federal lawsuits. The board would need to vote on a resolution at the December 15 meeting to allow the Superintendent to make decisions over the holiday break. Final opt out is December 30, 2025.

Mr. Hiller questioned if the board needed to do anything to opt in, of which Denewith-Fici responded no but that if we do not opt in then we would receive nothing.

Mr. Hiller commented on the success of the annual Craft Show. There was 3500 shoppers and 180 vendors. He gave a thank you to Director of Facilities and Maintenance Don Ball for the hard work of his crew and their support of the event.

Adjournment

It was moved by Hiller supported by Nitz to adjourn the meeting at 6:25 PM. The motion carried 6 – 0.

Respectfully submitted,

Scott Hiller
Secretary