MINUTES
SPECIAL BOARD MEETING
BOARD OF EDUCATION
WARREN WOODS PUBLIC SCHOOLS
July 27, 2026

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: Garcia, Nitz, Spicer, Fitzpatrick, and Schulte. Late with notice will be Hiller. Also present were Superintendent Stacey Denewith-Fici, Deputy Superintendent Neil Cassabon, Curriculum Director Michelle Voelker, Director of Facilities and Transportation Don Ball, Business Supervisor Linda Renno, 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 5 – 0.

Minutes

It was moved by Garcia supported by Spicer to approve the Minutes of the Regular/Organizational Meeting of July 13, 2026 and the Minutes of the Workshop Meeting of July 13, 2026 as presented. The motion carried 3 – 0 with Fitzpatrick and Nitz abstaining due to absence at that meeting.

Correspondence

Follow up email from the Pinewood building substitute regarding the 27l(2) funds.

It was moved by Fitzpatrick supported by Garcia to receive and file the correspondence as presented. The motion carried 5 – 0.

Payment of the Bills

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

Building & Site	$	-
2020 Bond Series I	$	-
2023 Energy Bond	$	-
2025 Capitol Projects Fund	$	28,566.16

The motion carried 5 – 0.

Old Business

None.

New Business

Reports

Staff Recognition

Superintendent Denewith-Fici shared that Business Services Supervisor Linda Renno has successfully completed the Business Manager Academy, an intensive 11-month program that combines professional learning, mentorship, and hands-on application of essential school business management skills.

Deputy Superintendent Cassabon noted that this achievement reflects a strong commitment to professional growth and sets a high standard for the department. With 19 years of experience, Mrs. Renno continues to seek opportunities to expand her knowledge and enhance her contributions to the district.

Resolution: Offsite Meeting Dates

Superintendent Denewith-Fici presented the three dates for Offsite meetings for 26/27.
*October 26, 2026 @ Warren Woods Middle School
*February 22, 2027 @ Westwood
*April 26, 2027 @ Briarwood

It was moved by Fitzpatrick supported by Nitz, to approve and accept the **Resolution:** Offsite Meeting Dates as presented. The Motion carried 5-0.

Policy: Second Reading

The Policy Committee met on June 23, 2026 to review policy updates as per NEOLA recommendation. The first reading occurred on July 13, 2026. This is the Second Reading of the following Policies being recommended for adoption 0100, 1410, 2370.01, 4210, 6320, 6325, 7540.09, 8120.09, 8402, 5121, 5136. Recommended to rescind: 3120.09, 4120.09, 5122, 5895..

It was moved by Fitzpatrick supported by Spicer, to approve and accept the **Policy:** Second Reading as presented. The Motion carried 5-0.

Appointment: Board Member

Superintendent Denewith-Fici recapped that at the previous meeting two candidates were interviewed. Since that time one has withdrawn.

It was moved by Fitzpatrick, supported by Nitz, to **nominate Jason Chamberlain** to be appointed as WWPS Board Trustee.
The Motion carried 5-0.

President Schulte stated that Mr. Chamberlain will be sworn in formally at the next meeting in August.

New Business (continued)

Change Order: Bid Pack #3

Deputy Superintendent Cassabon explained that this change does not represent an increase in cost, but rather a reduction. The original bid included expenses for insulating the canopy at Briarwood however, it was later determined that insulation is unnecessary because the canopy is not attached to the building.

It was moved by Fitzpatrick supported by Garcia, to approve and accept the **Change Order:** Bid Pack #3 as presented. The Motion carried 5-0.

Personnel Items

Leaves:

1-Extended Employee FMLA

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

Mr. Hiller arrived at 6:09pm

New Hires:

Rochelle Aldrich – Cook - ECC – date of hire 8/19/26. .

Jane Bondy - Substitute Teacher – date of hire 8/24/26. .

Han Min (Emily) Brandt – Language Acquisition Assistant - WWMS – date of hire 8/24/26.

Naomi Sennett – Marching Band Paraprofessional, Certified Substitute Teacher, and Substitute Paraprofessional – WWT- date of hire 7/22/26.

Kwame Williams – Assistant Varsity Football Coach – WWT – date of hire 7/16/26

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

Public Expression

President Schulte welcomed Mr. Chamberlain to the Board and expressed what a great asset he will be to the District

Superintendent Denewith-Fici expressed the District's excitement for the new Marching Band Paraprofessional. She explained that this will be the first time a visually impaired student will be taking the field with the Marching Band and that we are excited to offer this opportunity.

Public Expression (continued)

Mr. Hiller commented that he lives across the street from the Marching Band student and that the student and his family are extremely excited that he can participate. Mr. Hiller also took the time to congratulate Mr. Chamberlain on his appointment. He expressed his excitement to continue working with him.

Mrs. Nitz expressed her amazement on the progress of the projects in the District and that she is excited for the public to see all of the work.

Adjournment

It was moved by Fitzpatrick supported by Nitz to adjourn the meeting at 6:12 PM. The motion carried 6 – 0.

Respectfully submitted,

Nicole Spicer
Secretary