## North Warren Central School District Regular Meeting of the Board of Education North Warren Central School January 11, 2021

Mr. Maday called the meeting to order at 6:35 PM, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

School Board Members Present: Buckman (remote), Erickson, Freebern, Hill, LaGuerre, Maday, Swan.

School Board Members Absent: None

Also Present: Michele G. French, Superintendent; Christopher Lail, Business Official; Judith G. McAvey, District Clerk, Margaret Kelly, Elementary Principal (remote); Caleb Martin, Jr./Sr. Principal.

Motion by Mr. Freebern, seconded by Mr. Erickson to approve the agenda changes.

Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Mr. Erickson, seconded by Mrs. LaGuerre to approve the minutes of the December 14, 2020 Regular meeting of the Board of Education.

Motion carried unanimously.

12/14/20 Minutes Approved

Motion by Mrs. LaGuerre, seconded by Mr. Freebern to approve warrants 34, 35 and 37.

Warrants Approved

Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Mrs. Hill, seconded by Mr. Freebern to accept the Budget Status Report.

Motion carried unanimously.

Budget Status
Report
Accepted

Motion by Mrs. LaGuerre, seconded by Mr. Erickson to approve the recommendations from the Committee on Special Education for students 7428, 7121, 7494, 7297, 7480, 7078 and 4944.

IEP's Approved

Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Mrs. Hill, seconded by Mr. Freebern to approve the second reading and adopt policies:

Policies Approved

3520 Extraordinary Circumstances

5670 Records Management

6570 Remote Working

Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Mr. Freebern, seconded by Mrs. LaGuerre to authorize Christopher Lail as Primary User of Bank of America credit card with a credit limit of \$7,000.

Motion carried unanimously.

C. Lail
Primary User
BOA card

Mrs. French reports the contracts are completed for the three parts of the project that have been bid. One final bid for the baseball field is outstanding and the architect is currently drafting the bid paperwork. The bid award will be contingent upon voter approval of transferring money into the Capital Reserve fund and expending money remaining from other projects. The money transfer will not affect the tax levy.

First Reading of policies 1330 Appointments and Designations by the Board; 1640 Absentee Ballots; 7150 Remote Learning; 7420 Sports and the Athletic Program.

Spring Coaches Appointed Motion by Mr. Erickson, seconded by Mr. Freebern to appoint the following coaches for the Spring 2021 season, pending student participation:

Varsity Baseball - Jim Conway

Robert Smith, Volunteer

Varsity Softball – Ralph Bartlett Varsity Tennis – Chris Nelson

Motion carried unanimously.

Independent Audit Response Letter Approved Motion by Mr. Erickson, seconded by Mr. Freebern to approve the Independent Audit response letter.

Motion carried unanimously.

Transportation
Supervisor
Position Created

Motion by Mr. Buckman, seconded by Mr. Freebern to create the position of Transportation Supervisor. This will be a Management/Confidential position.

Motion carried unanimously.

Claims Auditor Report Approved Motion by Mrs. LaGuerre, seconded by Mr. Erickson to accept the quarterly report from the Claims Auditor for the period October 2020 through December 2020.

Motion carried unanimously.

Erin Gadjo asked about the intended mask duration. Mrs. French reports there is no date in mind, the requirement to wear masks is based on cases and will remain in effect for now. It will be reviewed as cases change. Mrs. Gadjo asked if the masks must be worn for the entire year. Mrs. French reports she cannot answer that, it will depend on number of cases, etc. Mr. Maday hopes that the masks will be able to come off. Mrs. Swan stated if this is not policy why are the kids made to wear masks. She believes that if people do not want to wear a mask they should not have to. Discussion about students going remote and not being able to return until September was held. French reports that remote learning is done by semester only. Mr. Buckman is hopeful that in a couple of weeks the cases of COVID-19 will go down and mask restrictions can Mrs. French reports she is working with the school be loosened for the students. physician and health department to keep everyone as safe as possible. Mrs. Gadjo asked what the district is doing for families that are not comfortable with the numbers and do not want to send the kids to school - is remote for the remainder of the school year the only option. Mrs. French reports it is.

Greta Johnson stated she is happy with the mask program but is concerned about the cases rising every day. She is hoping school could shut down for a couple of weeks or a month until things settle down. Mrs. French reports schools are following all protocols and she feels the school is pretty safe. The idea is to keep kids in person unless absolutely unable.

Mr. Gadjo states he thinks it is asking too much of kids this year, if students can sit 6 feet apart in class then he feels they should not have to wear masks. He asked where the district needs to be with numbers to change mask rules. Mr. Martin believes that without the new mask rules many students would have been quarantined.

Mr. Lail reports the district is getting reading for budget workshops, investments have been made and the CARES Act application has been resubmitted and we are awaiting approval. Federal money has been allocated to districts in NYS to help offset COVID related costs. Mr. Lail has received no additional information on state aid cuts.

Mr. Martin report Friday January 21 is the end of the 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter. Mr. Nelson and Mr. Henke are running the afterschool program. He thanked the bus garage.

Mrs. Kelly reports grades 3 and 4 will have a computer based test simulation, it is unknown if the tests will be held this year.

The next meeting will be February 8, 2020 at 6:30 PM

Motion by Mr. Erickson, seconded by Mrs. LaGuerre to adjourn to Executive Session at 7:29 PM to discuss CSEA negotiations.

Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Mr. Erickson, seconded by Mr. Freebern to come out of Executive Session at 7:48 PM.

Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Mrs. LaGuerre, seconded by Mr. Freebern to adjourn at 7:49 PM. Motion carried unanimously.

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