

North Warren Central School District
Regular Meeting of the Board of Education
North Warren Central School
November 16, 2020

Mr. Maday called the meeting to order at 6:30 PM, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

School Board Members Absent: None

Also Present: Michele G. French, Superintendent; Christopher Lail, Business Official; Judith McAvey, District Clerk; Caleb Martin, 7-12 Principal; Maggie Kelly, PreK-6 Principal.

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

10/19/20
Minutes
Approved

Motion by Mr. Freebern, seconded by Mrs. LaGuerre to approve the minutes of the October 19, 2020 Regular Meeting of the Board of Education.
 Motion carried unanimously.

Jeff Beecher of Jenkins, Beecher & Bethel reviewed the 2019-2020 Independent Audit. Overall a good audit though the district is over the 4% of unappropriated fund balance allowed by the state. He discussed the district's financial statements. Discussion on money remaining in the capital projects was held. He will get clarification and see how much is left.

Motion by Mr. Erickson, seconded by Mr. Freebern to accept the 2019-2020 Independent Audit.

Motion carried unanimously.

Warrant
Approved

Motion by Mr. Erickson, seconded by Mr. Freebern to approve warrant 20.
 Motion carried unanimously.

Budget Status
Report
Accepted

Motion by Mr. Buckman, seconded by Mrs. Swan to accept the Budget Status Report.
 Motion carried unanimously.

IEP's
Approved

Motion by Mrs. LaGuerre, seconded by Mr. Buckman to accept the recommendation of the Committee on Special Education for students 7497, 7483, 7309, 7481, 7486.
 Motion carried unanimously.

Policies
Approved

Motion by Mr. Erickson, seconded by Mrs. Hill to approve the second reading and adopt board policies: 5676 Privacy and Security for Student Data and Teacher and Principal Data, 6215 Probation and Tenure, 6550 Leaves of Absence, 7240 Students Records: Access and Challenge, 7511 Immunization of Students, 8241 Patriotism, Citizenship, and Human Rights Education.

Motion carried unanimously.

Discussion was held regarding employees that are out with COVID. Mrs. French and Mr. Lail discussed the "Families First" rules and what employees are entitled to regarding employment if they are out of school.

Motion by Mrs. Swan, seconded by Mrs. LaGuerre to accept the Central District Treasurer's quarterly report for the period July – September 2020.

Motion carried unanimously.

Quarterly
Report
accepted

First Reading of Policy 3421 – Title IX and Sex Discrimination. Mrs. French reports this is a required policy and the Policy Committee has met to discuss it.

Motion by Mr. Freebern, seconded by Mr. Erickson to approve the Memorandum of Agreement between North Warren Teachers Association and North Warren Central School District.

Motion carried unanimously.

MOA
approved

Motion by Mr. Buckman, seconded by Mr. Freebern to declare two storage tanks as surplus property and of no value to the district as the items are damaged beyond repair and authorize disposal of storage tanks in accordance with Board Policy.

Motion carried unanimously.

Storage Tanks
declared
surplus

The Board discussed a surplus sale to dispose of the items as they are worth something even as scrap.

Motion by Mrs. Swan, seconded by Mr. Freebern to delete Policy 7243 Student Data Breaches.

Motion carried unanimously.

Policy Deleted

Motion by Mrs. LaGuerre, seconded by Mrs. Hill to appoint Maja Tlokiska-Scroggins to a permanent position as Account Clerk effective November 16, 2020.

Motion carried unanimously.

M. Tlokiska-
Scroggins
Appoint to
Permanent
Position

Mr. Lail discussed investing in a money market account at Glens Falls National Bank that would allow the district to make interest at a higher rate than the current investment account. Mr. Lail reports that Glens Falls National works with multiple banks so the entire investment is collateralized.

First Reading of revised Policy 5220 District Investments.

Motion by Mr. Erickson, seconded by Mr. Freebern, in accordance with Policy 1410, waive the second reading of, and adopt Policy #5220 District Investments.

Motion carried unanimously.

Policy 5220
Approved

Motion by Mrs. Swan, seconded by Mrs. LaGuerre to set a substitute rate for Licensed Practical Nurse at \$20.00 per hour.

Motion carried unanimously.

LPN Substitute
Rate Approved

Budget Calendar
Approved

Motion by Mrs. Hill, seconded by Mr. Erickson to approve the 2020-2021 Budget calendar.

Motion carried unanimously.

Mrs. French reports the Building and Grounds Committee held a workshop regarding the Capital project and how best to proceed. The Board discussed completing what we can now including the elevator, LED lighting and welding projects then rebidding site work contingent on voter approval for additional funding.

Gallo
Construction Bid
accepted

Motion by Mrs. LaGuerre, seconded by Mr. Freebern to accept the bid from Gallo Construction for the General Construction Contract of the North Warren capital project in the total amount of \$234,200. (base bid at \$217,000. add Alternate #2 \$17,200).

Motion carried unanimously.

Hewitt Young
Electric, LLC bid
accepted

Motion by Mr. Erickson, seconded by Mrs. Hill to accept the bid from Hewitt Young Electric, LLC for the Electrical Work Contract of the North Warren Capital project in the total amount of \$92,700. (base bid of \$34,500, add alternate #1 \$53,000. and add alternate #2 \$5,200.)

Motion carried unanimously.

T. McElligott
Bid accepted

Motion by Mr. Freebern, seconded by Mr. Erickson to accept the bid from T. McElligott, Inc. for the Mechanical work contract of the North Warren Capital project in the total amount of \$149,000.(base bid of \$104,000. and add Alternate #2 \$45,000.)

Motion carried unanimously

Sitework bids
rejected

Motion by Mr. Freebern, seconded by Mrs. LaGuerre to reject all bids for the Sitework contract of the North Warren capital project.

Motion carried unanimously.

Approval for
Rebid of
Sitework with
Contingency

Motion by Mr. Freebern, seconded by Mr. Erickson to approve a rebid for the Sitework contract of the North Warren capital project with the contingency the voters approve additional funding in May 2021.

Motion carried unanimously.

Mrs. French shared the new protocols for winter sports in 20-21. Low risk sports could potentially being on December 14 while high risk sports could star January 4. The Board agreed that North Warren would have a winter sports season if approved by the league and Section.

Donation
Accepted

Motion by Mr. Buckman, seconded by Mr. Freebern to accept the donation of two Cybex treadmills, Legacy Model 750T from The 518 gym, with appreciation.

Motion carried unanimously.

Tax Collector's
Report Accepted

Motion by Mr. Buckman, seconded by Mr. Freebern to accept the Tax Collector's report.

Motion carried unanimously.

Mrs. French reports letters will be mailed to remote learners requesting their decision for the remainder of the school year. The reply must be returned by December 14 if they are planning to go in person or continue remote learning for the remainder of the school year. Mrs. French thanked Mr. Dexter and the BOCES staff for their support during the COVID cases. The health-screening questionnaire has been updated for everyone. Remote learning was discussed.

Mr. Lail reports the audit and reports for last year are all complete. The budget process has begun and the district had no state aid cuts in November.

Mr. Martin reports the January regents are cancelled and the first marking period is ending on Friday (11/20).

Mrs. Kelly reports the district received a generous donation from Son Rise Lutheran Church of Halloween candy (all individually wrapped). The District recently celebrated Unity Day.

Mrs. French discussed remote learning and sports. Remote students must be in attendance in the remote classes to play sports.

Mr. Maday would like to see the tanks in a surplus sale.

The next meeting will be December 14, 2020 at 6:30 PM.

Motion by Mrs. Swan, seconded by Mrs. Hill to adjourn at 7:58 PM.
Motion carried unanimously.


District Clerk