

**North Warren Central School District
Regular Meeting of the Board of Education
North Warren Central School
October 21, 2020**

Mr. Maday called the meeting to order at 6:30 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; Caleb Martin, Jr./Sr. Principal.

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

Motion by Mrs. LaGuerre, seconded by Mrs. Hill to approve the minutes of the September 21, 2020 Regular meeting of the Board of Education.
Motion carried unanimously.

9/21/20
Minutes
Approved

Motion by Mr. Freebern, seconded by Mrs. Swan to approve warrants 12, 17 and 18.
Motion carried unanimously.

Warrants
Approved

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

Budget Status
Report
Accepted

Motion by Mr. Erickson, seconded by Mr. Freebern to approve the recommendations from the Committee on Special Education for students 7121, 6837, 6612, 4882, 7473, 7479, 7486, 7480 and 7474.
Motion carried unanimously.

IEP's
Approved

Mrs. French reports districts have been asked preliminary questions regarding winter sports by the Adirondack League. The Board agreed that they would like to see sports start on the November 30th date. They will allow high-risk sports and would like to see league play as well as sectional play. The Board agreed to no spectators and North Warren will livestream the games. When asked if they would allow games on weekends Mrs. French discussed the difficulties the district will have with custodial and cleaning needs. The Board will allow weekend games. The Board agreed that all levels of sports would play with the normal number of students on teams. The question of masks was discussed but no determination was made.

Mr. Buckman left the meeting at 6:50 PM.

Town of Chester
Agreement
approved

Motion by Mr. Freebern, seconded by Mr. Erickson to approve the license agreement with the Town of Chester for the Chester Challenge Trail on North Warren property.

Motion carried unanimously.

First Reading of revised policies 5676 Privacy and Security for Student Data and Teacher and Principal Data, 6215 Probation and Tenure, 6550 Leaves of Absence, 7240 Student Records: Access and Challenge, 7511 Immunization of Students, 8241 Patriotism, Citizenship, and Human Rights Education.

J. Cappella
Appointed
Cleaner

Motion by Mr. Erickson, seconded by Mr. Freebern to appoint Joshua Cappella to a temporary position as Cleaner effective October 19, 2020 to June 30, 2021. Mr. Cappella will be appointed for 4 hours per day on Step 1 of the CSEA contract.

Motion carried unanimously.

Mrs. French reports Point O' Pines Camp is interested in leasing school buses from the district this summer. She has checked with the insurance company and there is no insurance problem with doing so. Mr. Hill had agreed but would potentially like to rotate buses every two weeks for mileage purposes and requested that North Warren do the maintenance on the buses. The Board agreed to move forward with potential leasing.

Claims Auditor's
Report accepted

Motion by Mrs. Swan, seconded by Mrs. LaGuerre to accept the Claims Auditor's quarterly report for July – September 2020.

Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Mr. Freebern, seconded by Mr. Erickson to accept the donation from the Ross/Lambert Celebration of Life tournament for \$3,000. In scholarships, \$500. To first grade for library books, \$297.50 for Kindergarten for t-shirts, with thanks.

Motion carried unanimously.

The tournament has also donated money to several clubs.

Mrs. French discussed the NYS chart for areas in red, orange and yellow zones. If North Warren is in the yellow zone, we must do weekly testing on staff and students. Warren County has a plan for a satellite testing program at the school. Warren County will write all the policies and procedures and train our staff, if the plan is approved by NYDOH. If a parent does not consent to testing, the student would have to go remote. North Warren nurses are willing to be trained. If necessary, another meeting will be held to approve the plan.

Mrs. French thanked everyone for all the support and shared a memo to the Board that went to the staff.

Mr. Lail reports the independent audit is complete and the draft report will be issued this week. Tax collection is going well with just over 90% collected. The CARES Act application has been submitted which restores the state aid that was withheld over the summer.

Mr. Martin reports the 7-12 students will be back to in person learning on Thursday (October 22). He reviewed the remote schedule and reports some students are having attendance issues. Mr. Martin explained that if a student goes to a full remote schedule they would not have all of the same courses. A virtual Financial Aid night will be held on Wednesday (October 21). At this time, the NYS exams for grades 3 – 12 are still moving forward.

Mrs. Kelly reports the Elementary School has had discussions on remote learning if it should be needed. Currently, review packets are sent home to elementary student if the school closes for a few days. If the school closes for more than a week they will have to get the Chromebooks to students. Unity Day is this week. Todd Lawson taught the Elementary student fire prevention this year. He did an excellent job. Mrs. Kelly reports there are enough Chromebooks for the elementary students if the school closes.

Motion by Mr. Freebern, seconded by Mrs. Hill to adjourn at 7:33 PM.

Motion carried unanimously.

District Clerk