

**North Warren Central School District  
Regular Meeting of the Board of Education  
Budget Hearing 7:00 PM  
North Warren Central School  
May 9, 2022**

Mr. Maday called the meeting to order at 6:32 PM, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

School Board Members Present: Buckman (arrived at 6:50 PM), Freebern, Hill, LaGuerre, Maday, Swan.

School Board Members Absent: Erickson

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

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

Agenda  
Change  
Approved

Motion by Mr. Freebern, seconded by Mrs. LaGuerre to approve the minutes of the April 11, 2022 Regular meeting of the Board of Education.  
Motion carried unanimously.

4/11/22  
Minutes  
Approved

Motion by Mrs. Hill, seconded by Mrs. Swan to approve the minutes of the April 26, 2022 Special Meeting of the Board of Education.  
Motion carried unanimously.

4/26/22  
Minutes  
Approved

Mr. Gross asked the district if they plan to take any money for DEI and if they did how would community members be made aware of curriculum change. Mrs. French reports all monies received from federal have been used for COVID relief purposes only. All students are included in all programs at North Warren if they choose.

Motion by Mr. Freebern, seconded by Mrs. LaGuerre to approve warrants 67 and 68.

Warrants  
Approved

Motion carried unanimously.

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

Budget Status  
Report  
Approved

Motion by Mrs. LaGuerre, seconded by Mrs. Hill to accept the recommendation of the Committee on Special Education for students 6762, 6968, 6865, 6612, 6614, 6944, 6719, 6924, 7563, 6409, 7480, 7251, 7049, 6947.

IEPs Accepted

Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Mrs. LaGuerre, seconded by Mr. Freebern that upon recommendation of the Superintendent, Holley Bedell who is Provisionally Certified in the School Counselor area, is hereby appointed to the position as School Counselor tenure area for a probationary period commencing July 1, 2022 and anticipated to end June 30, 2025. Mrs. Bedell will be placed on Step 20 of the NWTa contract. This position requires a minimum of 10 days during the summer at the Superintendent's discretion. This is a transfer for Mrs. Bedell.

Motion carried unanimously.

M. Tlokiska-  
Scroggins  
Promoted to  
Senior Acct  
Clerk

Motion by Mrs. Hill, seconded by Mrs. Swan to appoint Maya Tlokiska-Scroggins to a promotional position as Senior Account Clerk effective July 1, 2022.

Motion carried unanimously.

M. Tlokiska-  
Scroggins  
Contract  
Approved

Motion by Mrs. LaGuerre, seconded by Mr. Freebern to approve the Terms and Conditions of Employment Contract for Maja Tlokiska-Scroggins effective July 1, 2022 to June 30, 2026.

Motion carried unanimously.

BPD designated  
Municipal  
Advisor

Motion by Mrs. Hill, seconded by Mrs. LaGuerre to approve the following resolution authorizing execution of letter for municipal advisor services:

BE IT RESOLVED BY THIS BOARD OF EDUCATION AS FOLLOWS:

- (1) The firm of Bernard P. Donegan, Inc., is hereby designated Municipal Advisor to the North Warren Central School District.
- (2) Said firm shall be compensated for its services to be rendered in accordance with its letter of services dated April 27, 2022.
- (3) The President of the Board of Education is hereby authorized to execute and deliver said letter of services.
- (4) This resolution shall take effect immediately.

Motion carried unanimously.

MOA with  
CSEA

Motion by Mrs. LaGuerre, seconded by Mrs. Hill to approve the Memorandum of Agreement between North Warren Central School and the North Warren Central School Unit of the CSEA.

Motion carried unanimously.

Physics  
Textbook  
Approved

Motion by Mrs. Hill, seconded by Mr. Freebern to approve a new textbook for Physics class, College Physics: Explore and Apply.

Motion carried unanimously.

Intro to Personal  
Finance textbook  
approved

Motion by Mrs. Hill, seconded by Mr. Freebern to approve a new textbook for Introduction to Personal Finance.

Motion carried unanimously.

Mrs. Hill and Mrs. Swan had questions about how the Cougar Club funds are spent. Mrs. French will have Ms. Lewis give a report on the fund.

Motion by Mr. Freebern, seconded by Mrs. Swan to accept the Central District Treasurer's quarterly report for January – March 2022.

Motion carried unanimously.

Mrs. Kelly reports a curriculum committee was formed to choose the best curriculum for grades K-4. After looking at 10-11 different programs they concluded McGraw Hill: Wonders would be the best for the district needs. Discussion followed.

Motion by Mrs. Swan, seconded by Mr. Freebern to table K-4 Curriculum textbooks to June 13, 2022 board meeting.

Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Buckman arrived at 6:50 PM.

Motion by Mrs. Swan, seconded by Mrs. Hill and upon recommendation of the Superintendent, Leslie Soresino who is Pending Initial/Professional certification in the Technology Education area, is hereby appointed to the position of Technology Teacher in the Technology tenure area for a probationary period commencing on September 1, 2022 and anticipated to end on August 31, 2026. Mrs. Soresino will be appointed on Step 10 of the NWTA contract.

L. Soresino  
Appl.  
Technology  
Teacher

Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Mrs. Swan, seconded by Mrs. LaGuerre to approve a request from SUNY Adirondack for transportation for students enrolled in the Upward Bound program from North Warren CSD and Warrensburg CSD to SUNY Adirondack for the summer 2022 session.

Transportation  
to Upward  
Bound  
Approved

Motion carried unanimously.

Mrs. French reports the district is advertising for many positions. The Board discussed the paper calendar.

Mr. Lail reports with the interest rates rising Glens Falls National Bank has a program where we can purchase treasury bonds directly. The district would make more in interest.

The meeting moved to the Budget Hearing at 7:00 PM.

Mrs. French and Mr. Lail presented the 22-23 proposed budget. Budget highlights and propositions were reviewed. The total budget is \$14,596,630 which represents a 1.17% increase over last year. The tax levy will increase 1.02% with \$670,000 from fund balance being applied to reduce the levy. The district is seeking approval of a Capital project for ventilation systems in the amount of \$2,750,000. Which is to be funded from the Capital Reserve with no additional impact on the tax levy or taxpayers.

Budget Hearing ended at 7:15 PM.

Mr. Martin reports the AP exams are wrapping up this week and there is a planned AP meeting on 6/7 with students and parents about the program. Academic awards will be June 7, the first Regents exam is June 1 and there are 2 regents field tests this month. The Principal's List breakfast will be Friday and students can now bring one guest. Art students have been recognized, the prom is in Thurman and June 2<sup>nd</sup> is a 9-12 Concert.

Mrs. Kelly reported 3-8 grades ELA and math tests are completed and thanked Mrs. Davis and Ms. Peters for all of their help with the makeup exams. The 1<sup>st</sup> grade students had a career project and the Elementary reading project for Ronald McDonald house is finished.

Mrs. Swan asked if the students are eating in the cafeteria next year. Mrs. French said that is the goal. Mrs. Swan asked when the state test results come in to which Mrs. Kelly reported usually in September.

Mr. Buckman inquired about graduation tickets. Mrs. French explained there are six reserved seating tickets given to each family. Anyone else can attend and use the lawn seating but they must bring their own chairs. If graduation is moved inside due to weather, ticket holders will have reserved seating and any extra seats will be on a first come first served basis.

Motion by Mr. Hill, seconded by Mrs. Swan to adjourn until the Annual Meeting and Elections at 7:28 PM.

Motion carried unanimously.

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District clerk