

WARREN TOWNSHIP SCHOOLS

Board of Education Meeting * January 16, 2018 * 7:00 PM

Warren Middle School

I. Call to Order and Statement of Presiding Officer David Brezee, President

Re: Chapter 231 P.L. 1975: "The adequate notice of this regular meeting as required by the open public meetings act was provided by the posting, mailing/delivery, and filing of this notice on January 8, 2018. This notice was on that date posted on the bulletin board in the Township Office, sent to the Courier News, the Echoes Sentinel and TAP into Warren, and filed with the Township Clerk of the Township of Warren, all in accordance with the requirements of the Open Public Meetings Act."

II. Pledge of Allegiance

III. Roll Call

___ Paige Albano	___ Lisa DiMaggio	___ Jeannine Sarosy
___ Christian Bellmann	___ Andrea Freijomil	___ Ayanna Taylor-Venson
___ David Brezee	___ Ilana Goldstein	___ Patricia Zohn

IV. Minutes

- RESOLVED, that the Board of Education approves the public and private session minutes of the January 2, 2018 Board Meeting.

V. Correspondence and Information

· HIB Information

Total # of Investigations:

2

Total # of Determined Bullying Incidents:

1

VI. President's Remarks – Mr. David Brezee

VII. Superintendent's Remarks – Dr. Matthew Mingle

VIII. Presentations

- Quarter 2 Goals - Dr. Matthew Mingle
- Mid-Year Update on Active Learning Space Pilot - Mrs. Stacey Hann-Modugno

IX. Public Commentary (agenda items only)

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X. Items for Board Consideration/Action

A. Education

A.1. HIB Report

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education approves the HIB Report submitted by the Superintendent for the period ending on January 11, 2018.

B. Finance/Operations/Transportation

B.1. Payment of Bills

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education approves the payment of bills for the month of January 2018 in the amount of \$2,357,387.69.

B.2. Travel Approval

Whereas, in accordance with State of New Jersey School District Accountability Act (A-5) and the Warren Township Schools' policy number 4133-Travel and Work Related Expense Reimbursement, travel by school district employees and Board of Education members must be approved in advance.

Now Therefore Be It RESOLVED, the Warren Township Schools Board of Education approves the following expenses for faculty, staff, administrators, and board members for seminars, conferences and workshops. The expense includes travel costs, if applicable:

Name	School	Workshop/ Conference	Location	Month/Yr	Cost
Michele Wolkun	CS	Strategies and Structures for Teaching Reading and Writing	Livingston	Mar 2018	\$209
Christina Tommaso	CS	Strategies and Structures for Teaching Reading and Writing	Livingston	Mar 2018	\$209
Michele Kurilla	CS	Strategies and Structures for Teaching Reading and Writing	Livingston	Mar 2018	\$209
William Kimmick	MS	ASCD Empower 18 Conference	Boston, MA	Mar 2018	\$1,812
Alison Hales	ALT	Astronaut Training - A Sound Activated Vestibular-Visual Protocol	Doylestown, PA	Feb 2018	\$415
Nicole Runfola	MH	PECS Level 2 Training	New York, NY	June 2018	\$416
Matthew Mingle	BOE	Techspo 2018	Atlantic City	Jan 2018	\$698

Jeffrey Heaney	WS	ASCD Empower 18 Conference	Boston	Mar 2018	\$1,783
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All of the above travel has been approved by the Superintendent. The School Business Administrator shall track and record these costs to insure that the maximum amount is not exceeded.

B.3. BOE Meeting Date Correction
RESOLVED, that the Board of Education approves the correction of its 2019 reorganizational meeting date to Monday, January 7, 2019.

B.4. Field Trip Destination
RESOLVED, that the Board of Education hereby approves Somerset County Courthouse as a field trip destination for the 2017-2018 School Year.

C. Personnel/Student Services

C.1. Employment for the 2017-2018 School Year

RESOLVED, upon recommendation from the Superintendent that the Board of Education approve the following Personnel items including the emergent employment of the following employees (indicated by *) conditional upon the final approval by the New Jersey Department of Education, for the 2017-2018 school year and the Board further authorizes the submission of an application for emergency hiring pursuant to N.J.S.A. 18A:6-7.1, et. Seq., N.J.S.A. 18A:6.14.12, et. Seq."

- a. Leave Replacement Principal, Central School, effective on or about March 28, 2018 through on or about June 1, 2018, which is not creditable service toward tenure acquisition. (LR for Employee #3106).
- b. Casey Hardy, Bus Monitor, District, increase from 5 hours to 7 hours per day, at an annual salary of \$16,871 (prorated), effective January 17, 2018 through June 30, 2018.
- c. Benedicto Frech, Night Custodian, Central School, at an annual salary of \$36,000 (prorated), effective March 1, 2018 through June 30, 2018, pending successful completion of final employment testing. (Mr. Frech replaces Wandee Loithadthong.)
- d. Shannon Regan, Communications/Human Resources Coordinator, District, at an annual salary of \$60,000 (prorated), effective February 1, 2018 through June 30, 2018. (Ms. Regan replaces Mary Ann McGann.)
- e. Ashley Martin, Leave Replacement Kindergarten Teacher, Central School, BA, Step 2 of the 2017-2018 salary guide, \$58,320 (prorated), effective January 17, 2018 through June 30, 2018, which is not creditable service toward tenure acquisition. (Ms. Martin is LRT for Employee #1797.)

C.2. Leave Request

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education approves the following:

- a. Employee #2277 for extended leave (paid according to legal and contractual entitlement) from January 17, 2018 through on or about April 20, 2018.
- b. Employee #1797 for extended leave (unpaid according to legal and contractual entitlement) from January 2, 2018 through June 30, 2018.
- c. Employee #0547 for extended leave (unpaid according to legal and contractual entitlement) from January 16, 2018 through January 19, 2018.

C.3. Long Term Substitutes

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education approves the following as Long Term Substitutes:

- a. Zaida Hernandez, effective on or about January 17, 2018 through on or about February 28, 2018. (Ms. Hernandez is LTS for Employee #1680.).

b. Yuliana Barone, effective January 16, 2018 through on or about March 14, 2018.

C.4. School Safety Specialist
RESOLVED, that the Board of Education hereby appoints Business Administrator Patricia Leonhardt to serve as the district's School Safety Specialist.

C.5. Substitute Pay Rate
RESOLVED, that the Board of Education approves an increase in the substitute pay rate to \$100 per day effective February 1, 2018.

C.6. Interim Grade 6 Team Leader
RESOLVED, that the Board of Education approves Ann Marie Christou as Interim Grade 6 Team Leader as per the WTEA agreement, effective on or about December 1, 2017 through on or about March 29, 2018. (Ms. Christou is interim team leader for Employee #2088.)

XI. Unfinished Business

XII. New Business

XIII. Public Commentary (any topic)

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XIV. Executive Session

WHEREAS, the Open Public Meetings Act, N.J.S.A.10:4-11, permits the Board of Education to meet in closed session to discuss certain matters, now, therefore be it

RESOLVED, the Board of Education adjourns to closed session to discuss:

specific prospective or current employees unless all who could be adversely affected request an open session

Action will not be taken upon return to public session;

the length of the meeting is anticipated to be approximately 10 minutes; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, the minutes of this closed session be made public when the need for confidentiality no longer exists.

XV. Adjourn

2017-2018 Board Goals

1. Approve updated policies managing all facets of district operations.
2. Develop a long range capital improvement and financial plan that addresses maintenance needs and aspirational projects.
3. Support the consistent application of security practices across the district.
4. Engage with the community about Board of Education business by researching, discussing and making decisions about public availability of audio and/or video recordings of meetings.

2017-2018 District Goals

1. Implement new elementary and middle school schedules.
2. Support each student and staff member in learning about and practicing a lifestyle that is both physically and mentally healthy.
3. Ensure that security practices are consistently implemented across the district.
4. Increase access to opportunities that enrich the student experience (such as field trips, extracurricular activities, and athletics).