

WARREN TOWNSHIP SCHOOLS

Board of Education Meeting * January 19, 2016 * 7:00 PM

Warren Middle School

- I. Call to Order and Statement of Presiding Officer Tia Allocco, 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 5, 2016. 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
 - PA, CC, LD, LD, AF, KH, JS, JS, CA
- IV. Minutes
 - RESOLVED, that the Board of Education approves the public and private session minutes of the January 4, 2016 Board Meeting.
- V. Correspondence and Information
 - HIB Information

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| Total # of Investigations: | Total # of Determined Bullying Incidents: |
| 0 | 0 |
- VI. President's Remarks – Tia Allocco
- VII. Appointment of District Superintendent of Schools
BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education hereby approves the appointment of a new Superintendent of Schools effective July 1, 2016.
- VIII. Superintendent's Remarks – Elizabeth Nastus
- IX. Committee Reports
- X. Discussion
 - STEEP - Expanded Scope
- XI. Public Commentary (including opportunity to speak about items for Board Consideration/Action)

Note on public input at BOE meetings: Board Policy #9322, adopted on April 14, 2008, provides for and encourages public participation in Board of Education meetings. Such participation is governed by the following rules:

1. A participant must be recognized by the presiding officer and must preface comments by an announcement of his/her name and place of residence;
2. Each statement made by a participant shall be limited to three minutes' duration (limit may be adjusted at the discretion of the presiding officer as circumstances dictate);
3. No participant may speak more than once on the same topic until all others who wish

- to speak on that topic have been heard; and
4. All statements shall be directed to the presiding officer—no participant may address or question Board members individually.

The portion of the meeting during which participation of the public is invited shall be limited to fifteen minutes (limit may be adjusted at the discretion of the presiding officer as circumstances dictate).

XII. 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 14, 2016.
- A.2. HIB Summary Report
RESOLVED, that the Board of Education approves the HIB Summary Report submitted by the Superintendent for the period of July 1, 2015 through December 31, 2015.

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 2016 in the amount of \$2,293,961.25.
- 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 |
|-----------------|----------|---------------------------------------|----------------|----------|-------|
| Lauren Valera | WS | Best Practice in Literacy Development | New Brunswick | Feb 2016 | \$156 |
| Ashley Peterson | District | Power School Users Group | Atlantic City | Mar 2016 | \$332 |
| Trish Morris | CS | Personality Disorders | Edison | Feb 2016 | \$200 |
| Trish Morris | CS | ADHD in Children and Adolescents | Manalapan | Mar 2016 | \$200 |
| John Seremula | MS | NJMEA Music Teachers' Conference | East Brunswick | Feb 2016 | \$194 |

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. Contract for Voice and Internet Service
RESOLVED, that the Board of Education approves a contract with Optimum Lightpath for Voice and Bandwidth at a total cost of \$15,594 per month (current cost for reduced bandwidth is \$17,198). Three year contract to begin on or about May 1, 2016. Contract terms for Internet services through MRESC DRLAP WAN and Internet Cooperative Purchasing Initiative.

C. **Personnel/Student Services**

- C.1. Employment for the 2015-2016 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 2015-2016 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.” **(Updates reflected in bold.)**
- a. Alexis Bracken, Leave Replacement Teacher, Woodland School, BS, Step 1 of the 2015-2016 salary guide, \$56,670 (prorated), effective February 17, 2016 through on or about May 20, 2016. (Ms. Bracken will be LRT for Employee #2060.)
 - b. Jonathan Carrillo, Transportation Driver, District, increase to 7 hours per day at an annual salary of \$22,680 (prorated), effective January 25, 2016 through June 30, 2016.
 - c. **Claudia Falconieri, Leave Replacement Teacher, Angelo L. Tomaso School, BA, Step 1 of the 2015-2016 salary guide, \$56,670 (prorated), effective January 20, 2016 through June 30, 2016. (Ms. Falconieri will be LRT for Employee #0718.)**
- C.2. Curriculum Writing
RESOLVED, that the Board of Education approves the following staff members for Curriculum Writing for Science and Mathematics, starting February through June, 2016, outside of school hours, at a cost of \$40 per hour, at a total cost not to exceed \$1,920:
- Kelly Brown
 - Susan Cooper
 - Simone Miller
 - Dan Ticchio
- C.3. Leave Request
RESOLVED, that the Board of Education approves the following:
- a. Employee #1598 for leave (unpaid according to legal and contractual entitlement), under FMLA/NJFLA, from on or about January 22, 2016 through on or about February 12, 2016, with an anticipated return date of February 15, 2016.
- C.4. Additional Hours
RESOLVED, that the Board of Education approves the additional hours for Leslie Mupo to accompany Student #9590854088, to Culture Club for up to 20 sessions, starting January 20, 2016, at a cost not to exceed \$575.

- XIII. Old Business
- Local Wellness/Nutrition Policy and Regulation - Next steps
- XIV. New Business
- Committee Operations
 - Make-up date for Woodland School

XV. Public Commentary

XVI. 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 may 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.

XVII. Adjourn