

WARREN TOWNSHIP SCHOOLS

Board of Education Meeting * March 23, 2020 * 7:00 PM

Board of Education Office

PLEASE NOTE: Due to extraordinary public health concerns, public commentary is encouraged to be electronically transmitted, either in advance (preferred) or live during the meeting, via email to Mrs. Leonhardt at pleonhardt@warrentboe.org. While in person attendance is strongly discouraged, Dr. Mingle will be at the Board Office (213 Mt. Horeb Road, Warren) in order to maintain a physical presence for the meeting. All board member participation will be virtual.

I. Call to Order and Statement of Presiding Officer Christian Bellmann, 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 March 17, 2020. 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

___Aaron Bellish	___David Brezee	___Marc Franco
___Christian Bellmann	___Susie Chu	___Ayanna Taylor-Venson
___Mark Bisci	___Lisa DiMaggio	___Patricia Zohn

IV. Minutes

- RESOLVED, that the Board of Education approves the public and private session minutes of the March 9, 2020 Board Meeting.

V. Correspondence and Information

· HIB Information

Total # of Investigations:

2

Total # of Determined Bullying Incidents:

0

· Suspension Report

In School:

0

Out of School:

0

- VI. President's Remarks – Mr. Christian Bellmann
- VII. Superintendent's Remarks – Dr. Matthew Mingle
- VIII. Presentation
- IX. Discussion
- X. Committee Reports
- XI. Public Commentary (agenda items only)

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- 2. Each statement made by a participant shall be limited to three minutes' duration. If necessary, the public comment portion of the meeting may be extended fifteen minutes with Board approval;
- 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;
- 4. All statements, questions, or inquiries shall be directed to the presiding officer and any questions or inquiries directed by a participant to another Board member shall be redirected to the presiding officer who shall determine if such statement, question, or inquiry shall be addressed by the presiding officer on behalf of the Board;

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

The Superintendent recommends that it be:

A. Education

A.1. HIB Report

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education accepts the HIB Report submitted by the Superintendent for the period ending on February 9, 2020.

B. Finance/Operations/Transportation

B.1. Payment of Bills

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education approves the payment of bills for the month of March 2020 in the amount of \$3,865,518.28.

B.2. Joint Agreements between SCESC and Warren BOE

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education approves entering into the following joint agreements between Somerset County Educational Services Commission (SCESC) and the Warren Township Board of Education for the 2020-21 School Year:

- Nonpublic School Textbook Services agreement, dated July 1, 2020, with no administrative fee charged;
- Nonpublic School Technology Initiative Program agreement, dated July 1, 2020, with a state-approved administrative percentage (5% in 2019-20);
- Nonpublic School Nursing Services agreement, dated July 1, 2020, with an administrative fee of 6%
- Nonpublic School Security Aid Program agreement, dated July 1, 2020, with no administrative fee charged;

- Coordinated Transportation Services agreement, dated July 1, 2020, with an administration fee of 4.5%
- Nonpublic Instructional Services Agreement and Addendum for Chapters 192/193, with no administrative fee charges;
- Nonpublic Instructional Services Agreement for Individuals with Disabilities Education Improvement Act, dates July 1, 2020, with no administrative fee.

C. Personnel/Student Services

C.1. Employment for the 2019-2020 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 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., if applicable Staff members shall be paid in accordance with provisions in their collective bargaining agreement and/or in accordance with a schedule provided to all employees prior to the beginning of the contract or school year.

Name	Position/PCR	Location	Degree	Step	Salary	Effective Date	Tenure	Discussion
Michelle Ceccato	1:1 Paraprofessional 32.5 hours 08-30-08/bjg	CS	N/A	4-8	\$28,655 (with stipend)	On or about: 4/13/2020 - 6/30/2020	No	Replacing employee #3254

C.2. Retirement/Resignation

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education approves the retirement/resignations of the following staff:

Name	Position	Location	Retirement/Resignation	Dates of Service
Jeanne Vecchione	Special Education Teacher 02-50-19/bct	WS	Retirement	1/12/1998 - 6/30/2020

C.3. Leave Request

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education approves the following leave requests:

Employee ID	Paid/Unpaid
#3450	Extended Leave of Absence - April 13, 2020 through April 23, 2020 (paid) Extended Leave of Absence - April 24, 2020 through on or about June 1, 2020 (unpaid) (This motion supersedes the previous motion approved October 28,2019)
#3201	FMLA - February 28, 2020 through March 17, 2020 (paid) (This motion supersedes the previous motion approved February 24, 2020)

- XIII. Unfinished Business
- XIV. New Business
- XV. Public Commentary (any topic)

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- XVI. Adjourn

2019-2020 Board Goals

- 1. Negotiate successor collective bargaining agreements with the WTAA and WTEA.
- 2. Adopt a five-year capital improvement plan.
- 3. Adopt a strategic plan.

2019-2020 District Goals

- 1. Develop programs and practices that support each student and staff member in learning about and practicing a lifestyle that is socially, emotionally, and mentally healthy.
 - Whole Child connection - Healthy, Safe, Supported
- 2. Implement consistent safety and security procedures and practices throughout the district.
 - Whole Child connection - Healthy, Safe
- 3. Collaboratively develop a strategic plan with community stakeholders by Spring 2020.
 - Whole Child connection - Healthy, Safe, Engaged, Supported, Challenged