

WARREN CONSOLIDATED SCHOOLS  
WARREN, MICHIGAN  
MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING  
OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION  
WEDNESDAY, JUNE 3, 2020

The Special Meeting of the Board of Education was held via virtual and telephonic participation in accordance with Executive Order 2020-75.

I. CALL TO ORDER BY PRESIDENT TROMBLEY

President Trombley called the meeting to order at 6:03 p.m.

Members present: Berdy, Jozwik, Kattula, Papasian-Broadwell, Trombley, Weckerle, White

Members absent: None

Others present: Livernois, Elenbaas, Lewis, Papak, Pitrone, and District Legal Counsels Gary Collins and Donald DeNault from O'Reilly Rancilio P.C.

II. ACCEPTANCE OF AGENDA

A motion was made by Ms. Berdy, supported by Mr. Weckerle, for the Board of Education to accept the agenda of the Special Meeting of the Board of Education of June 3, 2020.

Yes: All

No: None

Motion Carried: 7-0

III. AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION

There was no audience participation.

IV. DISCUSSION

A. TO CONSIDER AN APPEAL OF AN EXPELLED CARLETON MIDDLE SCHOOL STUDENT

The parents of an expelled Carleton Middle School student requested a closed session with the Board of Education to appeal the expulsion of their child as confirmed by Ms. Meredith Reynolds, University of Michigan Student Rights Project community advocate, who was invited by the parents to participate in the appeal during the closed session. The Board voted by roll call to move into closed session to consider the appeal at 6:03 p.m. Ms. Papasian-Broadwell, Board Secretary, was unable to verbally communicate due to technology issues during this portion of the virtual meeting. President Trombley requested Ms. Kattula assume the role of Acting Secretary. Ms. Kattula accepted the role of Acting Secretary for the special meeting.

Due to the technology issues and general preparation for proceeding with the appeal in a virtual closed session, the Board did not vote to begin the virtual closed session. Instead, the Board began the virtual closed session with the concurrence of the student's family and representatives. No members of the public were present, and therefore no members of the public were excluded or impacted by the "locking" of the meeting for the virtual closed session.

After the student and the family departed from the virtual closed meeting, the Board returned to Open Session (virtually) at 6:22 p.m. before concluding its discussion of the matter. District Legal Counsel Donald DeNault recommended at that time that the Board remain in the virtual closed session until its discussion was concluded. The Board returned to its virtual closed session at 6:25 p.m.

The Board returned to Open Session (virtually) at 6:48 p.m. Because the Board began the virtual closed session without a formal motion, District Legal Counsel Donald DeNault recommended that the Board re-enact the process for convening a closed session. President Trombley confirmed with the student's representative, Ms. Meredith Reynolds, that the student and the family had requested a closed

IV. DISCUSSION (Cont'd.)

A. TO CONSIDER AN APPEAL OF AN EXPELLED CARLETON MIDDLE SCHOOL STUDENT (Cont'd)

session for the appeal. President Trombley requested a roll call vote of the Board of Education to move into closed session to consider the appeal of an expelled Carleton Middle School Student as requested by the student's family and representatives, and in accordance with Section 8(a) of the Open Meetings Act.

Roll Call: Berdy, Jozwik, Kattula, Papasian-Broadwell, Trombley, Weckerle, White

Yes: All

No: None

Motion Carried: 7-0

A motion was made by President Trombley, supported by Mr. White, that the Board of Education deny the appeal of the expelled Carleton Middle School student for the reasons and findings set forth in the Superintendent's Review Committee recommendation of February 14, 2020, and for the reason that no due process was violated when the Board of Education approved the expulsion on March 18, 2020.

Roll Call: Berdy, Jozwik, Kattula, Papasian-Broadwell, Trombley, Weckerle, White

Yes: All

No: None

Motion Carried: 7-0

B. FISCAL YEAR 2021 BUDGET PLAN REVIEW

Kari Elenbaas, Chief Financial Officer, presented the Fiscal Year 2021 Budget Plan to the Board as listed in addendum No. 2.

C. TO DISCUSS STRATEGIES AND NEGOTIATIONS CONCERNING A COLLECTIVE BARGAINING AGREEMENT

A motion was made by Ms. Jozwik, supported by Mr. White, that the Board of Education accept the recommendation of the Superintendent and move into Closed Session at 7:06 p.m. to discuss strategies and negotiations concerning a collective bargaining agreement.

Roll Call: Berdy, Jozwik, Kattula, Papasian-Broadwell, Trombley, Weckerle, White

Yes: All

No: None

Motion Carried: 7-0

The Board returned to Open Session at 7:34 p.m.

V. QUESTIONS and/or COMMENTS

There were no questions and/or comments.

VI. ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Ms. Jozwik, supported by Ms. Kattula, to adjourn the meeting at 7:35 p.m.

Yes: All

No: None

Motion Carried: 7-0

Submitted by,



I. Susan Kattula  
Acting Secretary