

WARREN CONSOLIDATED SCHOOLS
WARREN, MICHIGAN
MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING
OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION
THURSDAY, AUGUST 6, 2020

The Special Meeting of the Board of Education was held via virtual and telephonic participation in accordance with Executive Order 2020-154.

I. CALL TO ORDER BY PRESIDENT TROMBLEY

President Trombley called the meeting to order at 7:07 p.m.

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

Members absent: None

Others present: Livernois, Bernia, 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. White, for the Board of Education to accept the amended agenda of the Special Meeting of the Board of Education of August 6, 2020 with Item V. A. – Discussion - To Discuss Strategies and Negotiations Concerning a Collective Bargaining Agreement being moved to IV. A., and IV. A. – Action Item - Return to School Plan being moved to V.A.

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

Yes: All

No: None

Motion Carried: 7-0

III. AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION

Several parents addressed the Board of Education regarding the educational options for students returning for the 2020-2021 school year.

IV. DISCUSSION

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

A motion was made by Ms. Kattula, supported by Mr. White, that the Board of Education accept the recommendation of the Superintendent and move into Closed Session at 7:43 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 10:09 p.m.

V. ACTION ITEM

A. RETURN TO SCHOOL PLAN

A motion was made by Ms. Jozwik, supported by Ms. Kattula, that the Board of Education accept the recommendation of the Superintendent and approve the Return to School Plan as listed in the attached addendum.

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

Yes: 6

No: 1 (Weckerle)

Motion Carried: 6-1

V. ACTION ITEM (Cont'd.)

Dr. Livernois acknowledged that during the vote on Action Item – V.A. - Return to School Plan, the virtual meeting was unintentionally locked which did not allow the listening audience to hear the Board of Education's vote on this item. Dr. Livernois requested that the Board reintroduce this motion. Ms. Jozwik confirmed her motion and Ms. Kattula confirmed her support for the Return to School Plan. President Trombley stated that there was discussion with Mr. Weckerle before the vote was taken and that he was not in a position to support this item. President Trombley reread the motion and the Board of Education reaffirmed their vote.

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V. QUESTIONS and/or COMMENTS

Dr. Livernois commented that the most important thing is to keep students and staff safe and that we will do the right thing with the best possible outcomes for the students and staff. Dr. Livernois asked the community to give us a chance to work through this so that we can make the best possible decisions as half of our district families want to return to in-school instruction and the other half want virtual instruction. Dr. Livernois stated that he has full faith and confidence in the Board of Education to lead this process and take care of our students and staff.

President Trombley asked Dr. Livernois to comment on the on-line survey that is available to families which allows them the opportunity to express their instructional preference for the 2020-2021 school year. Dr. Livernois stated that a robo-call will be sent out to our community encouraging families to participate in the on-line survey which will help us with our planning.

Mr. Weckerle expressed that he has full faith that we will get to a plan that is best for our students and staff, but unfortunately at this time he is unable to support the plan as it stands.

President Trombley requested that another Special Board of Education meeting be scheduled for August 13, 2020 to reconvene. In addition, President Trombley stated that the August 19, 2020 Board of Education Workshop will be dedicated to the Return to School Plan.

President Trombley thanked the listening audience and those that expressed their comments. In addition, President Trombley thanked Dr. Livernois and his staff for their hard work and for the comments expressed tonight by Warren Education President, Mr. Robert Callender.

VI. ADJOURNMENT

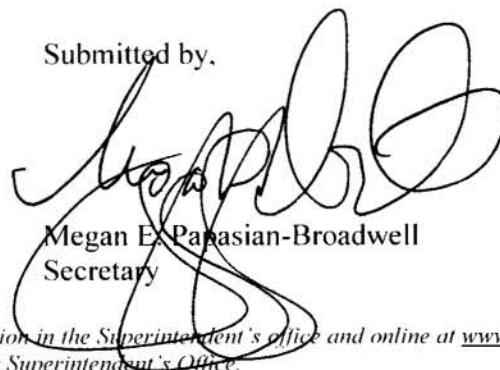
A motion was made by Ms. Jozwik, supported by Mr. Weckerle, to adjourn the meeting at 10:28 p.m.

Yes: All

No: None

Motion Carried: 7-0

Submitted by,



Megan E. Papasian-Broadwell
Secretary