

WARREN CONSOLIDATED SCHOOLS
WARREN, MICHIGAN
MINUTES OF THE
SPECIAL WORKSHOP MEETING
OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION
WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 18, 2021

The Special Workshop Meeting of the Board of Education was held in the Superintendent's Office at Angus Elementary School, 3180 Hein, Sterling Heights, Michigan.

I. CALL TO ORDER BY PRESIDENT TROMBLEY

President Trombley called the meeting to order at 5:03 p.m.

Members present: Berdy, Kattula (5:48 p.m.), Papasian-Broadwell, Trombley, Weckerle, White

Members absent: Jozwik

Others present: Livernois, Bernia, Elenbaas, Grigg, Papak, Pitrone, Scholz, Greg Van Kirk of Plante Moran Cresa, District Legal Counsel Representatives Gary Collins and Donald DeNault of O'Reilly Rancilio P.C.

II. ACCEPTANCE OF AGENDA

A motion was made by Ms. Papasian-Broadwell, supported by Mr. White, for the Board of Education to accept the agenda of the Special Workshop Meeting of August 18, 2021.

Yes: All

No: None

Motion Carried: 5-0

III. AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION

There was no audience participation.

IV. DISCUSSION

A. BOND UPDATE

Superintendent, Dr. Robert D. Livernois introduced Mr. Greg Van Kirk of Plante Moran Cresa who presented on overview of the Capital Improvement Review as listed in Addendum No. 2.

B. TO CONSIDER AN ATTORNEY CLIENT PRIVILEGED COMMUNICATON EXEMPT FROM DISCLOSURE.

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

A motion was made by Ms. Berdy, supported by Ms. Weckerle, that the Board of Education accept the recommendation of the Superintendent and move into Closed Session at 5:50 p.m. To Consider an Attorney Client Privileged Communication Exempt from Disclosure and to Discuss Strategies and Negotiations Concerning a Collective Bargaining Agreement.

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

Yes: All

No: None

Motion Carried: 6-0

The Board returned to Open Session at 6:58 p.m.

IV. DISCUSSION (Cont'd.)D. DIVISION UPDATE

Dr. Livernois opened the Division Update by distributing various handouts pertaining to the 2021-2022 school year as listed in Addendum No. 3.

Business & Finance: Ms. Kari Elenbaas, Chief Financial Officer, discussed the process of the upcoming annual audit which will start next week along with a few changes to the budget since it was first presented to the Board on June 16, 2021. The first amended budget will be presented to the Board of Education after the fall student count day. Ms. Elenbaas commented that we had great results from our hiring campaign for additional bus drivers. The Nutrition Services Department has been contacted by some of our vendors who stated they are experiencing some supply shortages. These shortages may result in periodic menu changes throughout the year. Ms. Elenbaas stated that our buildings look good and we are ready to welcome back staff and students. In addition, Ms. Elenbaas commented that with the increasing concern over cybersecurity there will be a resolution for the Board's consideration at this evenings Regular Board of Education meeting to allow us to purchase software that will strengthen the internet security throughout the district.

Dr. Livernois handed out a second set of handouts which contained the MI Blueprint for Comprehensive Student Recovery, a memo from Dr. Livernois which addresses questions from the Board of Education, as well as the Post Pandemic Strategic Plan as listed in Addendum No. 4.

OCI Department: Mr. John Bernia, Chief Academic Officer, discussed the division updates for the Office of Curriculum and Instruction which included the K-3 reading legislation, summer programs, Pupil Services Department, Curriculum Steering Committee, Social Emotional Learning Committee, Multi-Tiered Support System, Cognia Accreditation visit scheduled in late November, High School Culture/Equity Audit Plan with Dr. Anthony Muhammad, World of Fours and Great Start Readiness Programs, and WCS Latchkey as detailed in Addendum No. 5.

Special Workshop Meeting recessed at 7:33 p.m.

Ms. Kattula left at 9:00 p.m.

Special Workshop Meeting reconvened at 9:04 p.m.

Security & Crisis Management: Mr. Rich Scholz, Director of Security and Crisis Management, presented an update on the changes that were made to the Student Code of Conduct for the 2021-22 school year as listed in Addendum No. 6.

Human Resources Department: Ms. Jennifer Grigg, Chief Human Resources Officer, discussed the efforts WCS has made on recruitment of additional staff. Ms. Grigg discussed the mental health information available to staff and students, planned diversity training for all staff, as well as the changes that were made to Title IX. Ms. Grigg discussed the Virtual Academy and enrollment process for this school year. Lastly, Ms. Grigg presented on update on the Warren Consolidated Schools Pandemic Management System which includes the Return to School 2021/2022 COVID FAQ's and the 2021-2022 School Year Guidelines as listed in Addendum No. 7.

E. RETURN TO SCHOOL UPDATE

Dr. Livernois discussed with the Board of Education the return to school plan for the 2021-22 school year.

V. QUESTIONS and/or COMMENTS

There were no questions and/or comments.

VI. ADJOURNMENT

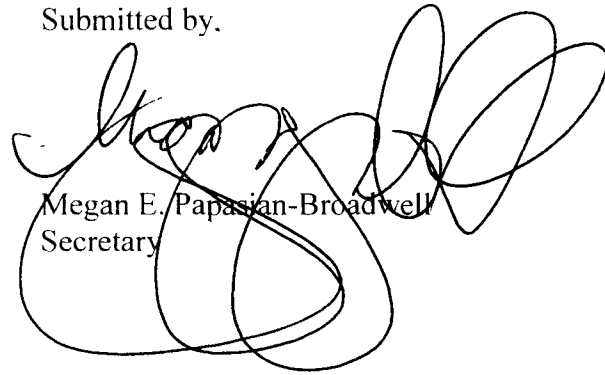
A motion was made by Ms. Papsian-Broadwell, supported by Ms. Berdy to adjourn the meeting at 9:46 p.m.

Yes: All

No: None

Motion Carried: 5-0

Submitted by.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Megan E. Papasian-Broadwell', written over the printed name and title.

Megan E. Papasian-Broadwell
Secretary

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