

**Warwick School District**

Lititz, PA 17543

April 19, 2016

A meeting of the Warwick Board of School Directors of the Warwick School District convened in the District Board room on Tuesday, April 19, 2016 at 7:00 p.m.

Dr. Timothy Quinn, President, called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**ROLL CALL**

The Board Secretary called the roll of the Board: Dr. Timothy Quinn, Millard P. Eppig, Jr., Michael R. Landis, Leslie Penkunas, Nelson L. Peters, Todd L. Rucci, Benedict R. Sahd, Scott A. Shaub, and Debra J. Wenger, were present. Abigael Weit, Student Representative, was absent.

Others attending the meeting: Dr. April Hershey, Superintendent; Dr. Robin Felty, Assistant Superintendent; Melanie Calender, Assistant to the Superintendent; Nathan Wertsch; Dr. Doreen Packer; Dr. Ryan Berardi; Fred Griffiths; Lori Zimmerman; Lisa Bonfield; Jennifer Murphy; Sid Harrision; Laura Knowles of Lancaster Newspapers/Lititz Record Express; Christine Landis; Lisa Ballantyne; Sue Ellen Hendricks; Jennifer Roth; Amy Sechrist; Katie Peters; Morgan McGlinsey, Blue Ridge Cable 11; Brooke Miller; Mary Turner; Sam Cassinera; Elena Smith; Chloe Harris; Jenna Leonard; Chloe Bossler; Julia Kofroth; and Maggie Turner.

**RECOGNITION OF CITIZENS**

Sue Ellen Hendricks addressed concerns over re-voting on full day Kindergarten.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Mr. Eppig moved, Mrs. Wenger seconded, the motion to approve the agenda as presented. Motion passed 9-0.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES** ([Regular meeting](#) of March 15, 2016)

Mr. Eppig moved, Mrs. Wenger seconded, the motion to approve the minutes of the Regular meeting of March 15, 2016.

Motion passed 9-0.

**TREASURERS REPORT**

Mr. Landis presented the Treasurer’s Report. A copy of the report is attached to these minutes. The Treasurer’s Report was accepted 9-0 by the Board.

**PAYMENT OF BILLS**

The following bills were presented for payment by Mr. Landis. A copy of the bills with wire transfer information is attached to these minutes.

General Fund	\$1,203,095.93
Wire Transfers	\$6,205,953.23
Construction Fund	None
Cafeteria Fund	\$152,776.29
Middle School Fund	\$7,485.00
High School Fund	\$18,086.92

Mr. Landis moved, Mr. Peters seconded, the motion to approve payment of the bills as presented.

**On roll call vote:**

**Ayes:** Dr. Quinn , Mr. Eppig, Mr. Landis, Mrs. Penkunas, Mr. Peters, Mr. Rucci, Mr. Sahd, Mr. Shaub, and Mrs. Wenger

**Abstain:** None

**Nays:** None

**Absent:** None

## COMMUNICATIONS

Dr. Hershey shared a letter from Mindy Fee, as well as a letter from Ryan Aument, addressing the disappointment in funding dilemma with the state in the Governor's formula versus the commission, highlighting how our local districts would receive less funding. *A copy of the letter from Senator Aument is included with these Minutes.*

## REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT

### 1. PERSONNEL

#### A. Retirement

It was recommended that the Board approve the retirement of the following individual:

##### Non-Instructional

Susan Clemo as a Learning Support Assistant at Lititz Elementary School, effective on the last day of the 2015/2016 school year.

Mr. Eppig moved, Mr. Peters seconded, the motion to approve the retirement of the individual named above.

##### **On voice vote:**

**Ayes:** Dr. Quinn, Mr. Eppig, Mr. Landis, Mrs. Penkunas, Mr. Peters,  
Mr. Rucci, Mr. Sahd, Mr. Shaub, and Mrs. Wenger

**Abstain:** None

**Nays:** None

**Absent:** None

#### B. Resignations

It was recommended that the Board approve the resignation of the following individuals:

##### Instructional

Trista Todd as a Learning Facilitator at Lititz Elementary School, effective August 1, 2016.

##### Non-Instructional

David Harnischfeger as Security Officer at Warwick High School, effective March 15, 2016.

Kimberly McCardell as a Special Needs Assistant at Warwick High School, effective May 6, 2016.

Joellyn Powers as a Library Assistant at Warwick High School, effective March 23, 2016.

Angela Messersmith as a Cafeteria Monitor/Learning Support Assistant/Special Needs Assistant at John Beck Elementary School/Lititz Elementary School, effective April 8, 2016.

##### Extra-Duty/Extra Curricular

Regina Bowe as Musical Choreographer at Warwick High School, effective March 14, 2016.

Nicole Bomberger Wingert as an Assistant Field Hockey Coach at Warwick High School, effective March 10, 2016.

Craig Wagaman as Head JH Boys Basketball Coach at Warwick Middle School, effective March 10, 2016.

Mr. Eppig moved, Mr. Rucci seconded, the motion to approve the resignation of the individuals named above.

**On voice vote:**

**Ayes:** Dr. Quinn , Mr. Eppig, Mr. Landis, Mrs. Penkunas, Mr. Peters,  
Mr. Rucci, Mr. Sahd, Mr. Shaub, and Mrs. Wenger

**Abstain:** None

**Nays:** None

**Absent:** None

C. **Elections**

It was recommended that the Board approve the election of the following individuals subject to all pre-employment requirements and clearance checks:

Non-Instructional

Suzette Gibbs as a Cafeteria Monitor at John R. Bonfield Elementary School, 3.0 hours/day, at the hourly rate of \$9.70, effective upon receipt of the appropriate paperwork. Ms. Gibbs is replacing Karen Eberly who resigned.

Robert Summers as a Building Services Employee at Warwick High School, 8.0 hours/day (2<sup>nd</sup> shift), at the hourly rate of \$11.95, effective upon receipt of the appropriate paperwork. Mr. Summers is replacing Jill Tipton who resigned.

Extra-Duty/Extra Curricular

Chris Adams as a Boys Lacrosse Assistant Coach at Warwick High School (50%), at the annual salary of \$1,181.50, effective for the 2015/2016 school year. Mr. Adams is replacing Mark Galway who resigned, and will be sharing this position with Gary Minnich.

Volunteers

It was recommended that the Board approve the election of the individuals listed below as volunteers, effective April 20, 2016, until they submit their resignations or have their active status changed by the district.

Kristen Bock	Leo Hegarty	Margaret Nemeth	Aarin Seprinski
LeaAnn Care	Joni Hilbert-Hess	Doreen Ober	Alicia Sheppard
Dino Cesarini	Farrah Hummel	Stephanie Phillips	Alyssa Waite
Tina Checchia	Stephanie Kegel	Shannon Pipkin	Antonella Weidman
James DeBiasi	Susanne Lucas	Maura Pluta	Katharine Weiler
Beth Esterbrook	Michael Martin	Brooke Rhoads	Jeffrey Wilber
Robin Fenty-Davis	Wanda McFarlane	Elizabeth Rowe	Eric Yoder
Daniel Giffin	Caryn Miller	Amanda Sauder	Joseph Zoccolo

Volunteer Coaches

It was recommended that the Board approve the election of the individuals listed below as volunteer coaches, effective April 20, 2016, until they submit their resignation or have their active status changed by the district.

Lea Care	Mark Reedy
Amanda Darling	Wyatt Wingenroth

Mr. Eppig moved, Mr. Peters seconded, the motion to approve the election of the individuals named above.

**On voice vote:**

**Ayes:** Dr. Quinn , Mr. Eppig, Mr. Landis, Mrs. Penkunas, Mr. Peters,  
Mr. Rucci, Mr. Sahd, Mr. Shaub, and Mrs. Wenger

**Abstain:** None

**Nays:** None  
**Absent:** None

2. **CHANGE OF STATUS**

It was recommended that the Board approve the change of status requests for the following individuals:

Administration

Frederick Griffiths from Secondary Technology Coordinator at Warwick School District, to the Director of Technology at Warwick School District, at the annual salary of \$96,266.00, effective July 1, 2016. Mr. Griffiths is replacing Doreen Packer who retired.

Non-Instructional

Martin Sommers from a Special Needs Assistant at Warwick High School, 4.0 hours/day, to a Special Needs Assistant at Warwick High School, 5.5 hours/day, effective March 14, 2016. This change of status is needed to meet student needs.

Robert Turgyan from a Special Needs Assistant at Warwick High School, 4.0 hours/day, to a Special Needs Assistant at Warwick High School, 5.5 hours/day, effective March 14, 2016. This change of status is needed to meet student needs.

Lisa Winters from a Learning Support Assistant at John Beck Elementary School, 2.0 hours/day, to a Learning Support Assistant/Special Needs Assistant at John Beck Elementary School, 2.0 hours/day (LSA)/2.5 hours/day (SNA), effective March 29, 2016. This change of status is needed to meet student needs.

Deborah Marks from a Special Needs Assistant at John R. Bonfield Elementary School, 5.5 hours/day, to a Learning Support Assistant at Warwick High School, 5.5 hours/day, effective March 21, 2016. This change of status is a result of the resignation of Shama Dawood.

Mr. Eppig moved, Mrs. Wenger seconded, the motion to approve the change of status requests of the individuals as presented.

**On voice vote:**

**Ayes:** Dr. Quinn, Mr. Eppig, Mr. Landis, Mrs. Penkunas, Mr. Peters,  
Mr. Rucci, Mr. Sahd, Mr. Shaub, and Mrs. Wenger

**Abstain:** None

**Nays:** None

**Absent:** None

3. **LEAVE OF ABSENCE REQUESTS**

It was recommended that the Board approve the following leave of absence requests:

Instructional

Chrissy Casella is requesting a Family and Medical Leave of Absence (FMLA) with concurrent Child Rearing Leave, to begin August 31, 2016, and continuing through the end of the first semester of the 2016-2017 school year. Mrs. Casella is anticipating returning to work on the first day of the second semester of the 2016-2017 school year, pending release by her doctor.

Megan Cupo-Fisher is requesting an extension of her previously approved Family Medical Leave of Absence, to add Child Rearing Leave, beginning April 13, 2016 and continuing through the remainder of the 2015-2016 school year. Mrs. Cupo-Fisher is anticipating returning to work at the beginning of the 2016-2017 school year.

Mr. Eppig moved, Mrs. Wenger seconded, the motion to approve the leave of absence requests as presented.

**On voice vote:**

**Ayes:** Dr. Quinn , Mr. Eppig, Mr. Landis, Mrs. Penkunas, Mr. Peters,  
Mr. Rucci, Mr. Sahd, Mr. Shaub, and Mrs. Wenger

**Abstain:** None

**Nays:** None

**Absent:** None

**4. BOARD POLICY REVISIONS – SECOND READING**

It was recommended that the Board approve, as a second reading, the following existing policy revisions to Board Policy 916 - Volunteers, per [ATTACHMENT #1](#).

Mr. Eppig moved, Mr. Peters seconded, the motion to approve the Board Policy Revisions, as a second reading, as presented.

**On voice vote:**

**Ayes:** Dr. Quinn , Mr. Eppig, Mr. Landis, Mrs. Penkunas, Mr. Peters,  
Mr. Rucci, Mr. Sahd, Mr. Shaub, and Mrs. Wenger

**Abstain:** None

**Nays:** None

**Absent:** None

**5. MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT- USE OF SICK LEAVE BANK SPECIAL EXCEPTION**

It was recommended that the Board approve the following Memorandum of Agreement for Special Exception for Use of Sick Leave Bank, as set forth on [ATTACHMENT #2](#).

Mr. Eppig moved, Mrs. Wenger seconded, the motion to approve the Memorandum of Agreement for Special Exception for Use of Sick Leave Bank, as presented.

**On voice vote:**

**Ayes:** Dr. Quinn , Mr. Eppig, Mr. Landis, Mrs. Penkunas, Mr. Peters,  
Mr. Rucci, Mr. Sahd, Mr. Shaub, and Mrs. Wenger

**Abstain:** None

**Nays:** None

**Absent:** None

**6. APPROVAL OF AUTHORIZED AGENT**

It was recommended that the board authorize Mr. Nathan Wertsch, Business Manager, (*listed on Agenda as Dr. April M. Hershey, Superintendent*) to act as an agent for the purpose of obtaining financial assistance under the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act (Public Law 93-288 as amended by Public Law 100-717) for the winter storm 'Jonas' cleanup expenses.

Mr. Eppig moved, Mr. Peters seconded, the motion to approve Mr. Nathan Wertsch as the Authorized Agent for the purpose of obtaining financial assistance, as presented.

**On voice vote:**

**Ayes:** Dr. Quinn , Mr. Eppig, Mr. Landis, Mrs. Penkunas, Mr. Peters,  
Mr. Rucci, Mr. Sahd, Mr. Shaub, and Mrs. Wenger

**Abstain:** None

**Nays:** None

**Absent:** None

**7. APPROVAL OF SCHOOL RESOURCE OFFICER**

It was recommended that the Board approve the addition of a School Resource Officer (SRO), in partnership with Lititz Borough Police, at an annual cost of \$40,000.00, for the 2016/2017 school year.

Mr. Eppig moved, Mr. Sahd seconded, the motion to approve the addition of a School Resource Officer (SRO), as presented.

**On voice vote:**

**Ayes:** Dr. Quinn , Mr. Eppig, Mr. Landis, Mrs. Penkunas, Mr. Peters,  
Mr. Rucci, Mr. Sahd, Mr. Shaub, and Mrs. Wenger

**Abstain:** None

**Nays:** None

**Absent:** None

**Information from the Superintendent**

Dr. Hershey noted the following items:

- Congratulations to the HS Jazz Band who won Cavalcade Grand Champion.
- This Sunday, April 24, 2016, is the Middle School/High School orchestra concert at 3:00 p.m.
- Two High School Seniors were chosen for All-State Chorus this year.
- This week is the 2<sup>nd</sup> week of PSSA testing. Last week included a visit from a state auditor at Bonfield Elementary, in which everything went extremely well.
- The budget process is still underway.
- All are welcome to attend all the committee and workshop sessions.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**Student Representative**

The student representative, Ms. Abigail Weit, provided an overview of student activities across the district through the Education and Student Activities Committee meeting in April, and was shared by Dr. Hershey. *A copy of the Student Representative Report is attached to these Minutes.*

**Building and Property Committee**

The Building & Property Committee met on April 11, 2016. The committee discussed various landscaping options, heard updates related to the Bonfield roof, and discussed the status of 2015-16 and 2016-17 non-repetitive projects. The committee did not have any recommendations for the Board at this time.

**Education Committee**

The Education Committee met on Monday, April 11, 2016. Dr. Robin Felty shared information from Ms. Abigael Weit, student representative, regarding student activities occurring throughout the district. Mrs. Melanie Calender sought agreement from the group about the full-day kindergarten program proposal for the 2016-2017 school year, as follow up to the presentation and discussion at last month's meeting. Mr. Steve Szobocsan shared a proposal from the high school administration to move forward in the provision of non-weighted class exemptions. The group was very open to this idea and offered positive feedback. He also discussed plans for the high school to provide science credit for the existing *Anatomy & Physiology* course. The committee was also open to this idea and provided positive feedback. Ms. Carolyn Hoy and Mr. Michael Smith presented information about the Grades 7-12 Gifted Education Program, to be implemented during the 2016-2017 school year. Dr. Felty reviewed the status of educational programming for the 2016-2017 school year, explaining that the district is reviewing all available positions and identifying strategies for operating programs in the most fiscally responsible way. Given that the district is facing a 3.9 million deficit and experiencing a decline in student enrollment, it is still charged with the responsibility to maximize current staffing while still focusing on the education of the whole child. The Committee made the following recommendations to the Board:

1. It was recommended that the Board approve the request for implementation of the Grades 7-12 Gifted Education Program. The program will be implemented during the 2016-2017 school year.

Mrs. Wenger moved, Mrs. Penkunus seconded, the motion to approve the request for implementation of the Grades 7-12 Gifted Education Program, as presented:

**On voice vote:**

**Ayes:** Dr. Quinn , Mr. Eppig, Mr. Landis, Mrs. Penkunus, Mr. Peters,  
Mr. Rucci, Mr. Sahd, Mr. Shaub, and Mrs. Wenger

**Abstain:** None

**Nays:** None

**Absent:** None

2. It was recommended that the Board approve the request for implementation of full-day kindergarten at all district elementary schools during the 2016-2017 school year. The option of half-day kindergarten will also be provided for families choosing this option.

Mrs. Wenger moved, Mrs. Penkunus seconded, the motion to approve the request for implementation of full-day kindergarten, as presented:

**On voice vote:**

**Ayes:** Dr. Quinn , Mr. Eppig, Mr. Landis, Mrs. Penkunus, Mr. Peters,  
Mr. Rucci, Mr. Sahd, Mr. Shaub, and Mrs. Wenger

**Abstain:** None

**Nays:** None

**Absent:** None

### **Finance and Legal Committee**

The Finance & Legal Committee met on April 5, 2016. The committee discussed our bus contracts, specifically as it relates to the installation of camera/GPS systems in all buses, as well as reviewed the 2016-17 IU13 Core Program Services and Instructional Materials Services budgets for 2016-17, heard 2016-17 general fund budget updates, and reviewed 2015-16 budget transfers. The committee had the following recommendations for Board approval:

1. It was recommended that the Board approve a new 10 year contract with Shultz Transportation, to be reflected in next year's contract with a new contract end date of 2026 in lieu of the current end date of 2024, in exchange for Shultz installing camera and GPS systems, at no cost to the district, in all busses by the start of the 2016-17 school year and in all vans by the start of the 2017-18 school year.

Mr. Landis moved, Mr. Peters seconded, the motion to approve a new 10 year contract with Shultz Transportation, as presented:

**On voice call vote:**

**Ayes:** Dr. Quinn , Mr. Eppig, Mr. Landis, Mrs. Penkunus, Mr. Peters,  
Mr. Rucci, Mr. Sahd, Mr. Shaub, and Mrs. Wenger

**Abstain:** None

**Nays:** None

**Absent:** None

2. It was recommended that the Board approve the IU13 Core Program Services and Instructional Materials Services budgets for 2016-17 as presented on [ATTACHMENT #3](#).

Mr. Landis moved, Mr. Peters seconded, the motion to approve the IU 13 Core Program Services and Instructional Materials Services budgets for 2016-17, as presented:

**On roll call vote:**

**Ayes:** Dr. Quinn , Mr. Eppig, Mr. Landis, Mrs. Penkunus, Mr. Peters,  
Mr. Rucci, Mr. Sahd, Mr. Shaub, and Mrs. Wenger

**Abstain:** None

**Nays:** None  
**Absent:** None

3. It was recommended that the Board approve the 2015-16 budget transfers as presented on [ATTACHMENT #4](#).

Mr. Landis moved, Mr. Peters seconded, the motion to approve the 2015-16 budget transfers, as presented:

**On voice call vote:**

**Ayes:** Dr. Quinn , Mr. Eppig, Mr. Landis, Mrs. Penkunas, Mr. Peters,  
Mr. Rucci, Mr. Sahd, Mr. Shaub, and Mrs. Wenger  
**Abstain:** None  
**Nays:** None  
**Absent:** None

**Student Activities Committee**

The Student Activities Committee met on Thursday, April 14, 2016. The student representative, Ms. Abigail Weit, provided an overview of student activities across the district. The committee engaged in dialogue with Mr. Bob Kelly, President of the Lititz Youth Soccer Club (LYSC), regarding the LYSC's request for use of district athletic facilities for their summer tournament, and the appropriate payment structure to be applied for the usage. Dr. Ryan Axe provided information about planned end-of-year activities, including prom and graduation. Dr. Axe also presented the requests for an out-of-state field trip and Sunday facility use. The committee had the following recommendations to make to the Board at this time:

1. It was recommended that the Board approve the following Out-of-State Trip Request:
  - a. HS students and staff to Washington, D.C. on May 18, 2016. Students will visit various museums/educational sites. This trip enhances the curriculum for several HS social studies courses.

Mr. Rucci moved, Mr. Sahd seconded, the motion to approve the overnight trip request as presented:

**On voice vote:**

**Ayes:** Dr. Quinn , Mr. Eppig, Mr. Landis, Mrs. Penkunas, Mr. Peters,  
Mr. Rucci, Mr. Sahd, Mr. Shaub, and Mrs. Wenger  
**Abstain:** None  
**Nays:** None  
**Absent:** None

2. It was recommended that the Board approve the following Sunday Use Requests.
  - a. The Lancaster Evangelical Free Church to use the MS and HS parking lot/grounds for the Sunday in the Park event on Sunday, June 5, 2016 from 1:00 p.m. to 5:30 p.m.
  - b. The Post 56 American Legion Baseball to use the Varsity Baseball Field 13 for the Lititz Legion Baseball Games on Sunday, June 5, 2016 from 1:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Mr. Rucci moved, Mr. Sahd seconded, the motion to approve the Sunday Use requests as presented:

**On voice vote:**

**Ayes:** Dr. Quinn , Mr. Eppig, Mr. Landis, Mrs. Penkunas, Mr. Peters,  
Mr. Rucci, Mr. Sahd, Mr. Shaub, and Mrs. Wenger  
**Abstain:** None  
**Nays:** None  
**Absent:** None



**Executive Session/Personnel Committee**

It was announced that there would be a meeting immediately following this Board meeting to discuss current personnel and collective bargaining issues.

**Labor and Management Committee**

It was reported that no meeting was held in April. A meeting will be held in May.

**Lititz Recreation Center Representative**

It was reported that no meeting was held in April.

**Legislative Committee**

It was reported that no fiscal code is in place, allowing Governor Wolfe to distribute education funding as he sees fit. Things are still unsettled in Harrisburg.

**IU Representative**

It was reported that the IU Convention was held at Pequea Valley School District, which included tours of buildings as well as presentations about technology integration.

**Lancaster County Career and Technology Center Representative**

It was reported that a meeting was recently held, and included the following items:

- The Planning & Development Committee reviewed enrollments, which are now over 1,800 applications, while looking at enrollments of low and high programs.
- Grants were received allowing for summer work experiences for students, as well as funding for equipment.
- April JOC meeting will be held at Clipper Stadium with CTC now being lead sponsor at the Barnstormers.

**PRIOR BUSINESS**

None.

**NEW BUSINESS**

None.

**INFORMATION**

None.

**COMMENTS OR QUESTIONS FROM BOARD MEMBERS OR CITIZENS**

Dr. Quinn thanked everyone for showing up tonight and encouraged everyone to keep coming out. A special thank you to the Girl Scouts for coming out.

Amy Siechrist addressed concerns over full day Kindergarten around focused learning time.

Mr. Eppig shared his positive experience on his building visit at the High School and the engagement of the students.

**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, Mr. Eppig moved to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Sahd seconded the motion and the meeting adjourned at 7:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Nathan Wertsch, Board Secretary

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April 11, 2016 .

April Hershey, Superintendent  
Warwick School District  
301 W. Orange Street  
Lititz, Pennsylvania 17543

Dear Dr. Hershey:

I am writing to you and your Board of School Directors to update you on the 2015-16 state budget.

On March 16, 2016, the General Assembly, through a bipartisan vote, passed House Bill 1801 ("HB 1801"). HB 1801 was a supplemental appropriations act designed to restore monies vetoed by Governor Wolf on December 29, 2015, which included approximately \$3 billion in funding for basic education.

On March 28, 2016, HB 1801 became law without Governor Wolf's signature. This legislation included an additional \$200 million in funding for Pennsylvania's public schools to help school districts meet their obligations.

To ensure that the new basic education monies were fairly distributed, HB 1801 contained language that prohibited the new funding from being dispersed until an authorizing law (a funding formula) was enacted. I have enclosed the relevant section of budget detailing this requirement.

The General Assembly attempted to accomplish that task by utilizing the Basic Education Funding Commission's new bipartisan school funding formula, which would finally create fairness and greater equity in how state monies are distributed to each of Pennsylvania's school districts. Lancaster County schools, including Warwick School District, benefit from that formula. These changes were encapsulated in House Bill 1327.

Unfortunately, while the 2015-16 state budget was finally allowed to become law, Governor Wolf vetoed the accompanying Fiscal Code (House Bill 1327), which included the requirement that the new school funding formula be utilized. As such, the Governor lacks the authority to disperse the new school monies until a subsequent formula is enacted.

Notwithstanding that legal requirement, Governor Wolf has chosen to ignore the law and is unilaterally distributing the new basic education funds as he deems appropriate. He has already announced that he sent these funds to the Philadelphia and Pittsburgh School Districts, as well as Chester Upland School District.

**This means that the Warwick School District, which would have received a total of \$9,947,726, or a 3.6% increase from 2014-15 levels according to the Senate Appropriations Committee, will now only receive \$9,776,046, or a 1.8% increase. Essentially, by Governor Wolf's unlawful action, Warwick is losing \$171,680 in new state monies.**

Additionally, by vetoing the Fiscal Code, Governor Wolf eliminated an important PlanCon reimbursement program that was authorized by the General Assembly to assist school districts with their school construction projects.

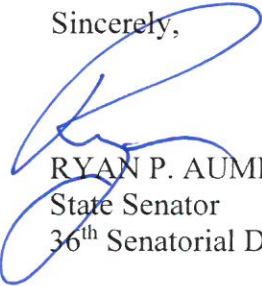
I know that there is great frustration with how the 2015-16 state budget progressed, however I believe we can all agree that ignoring the requirements of the law, no matter what the reason, is not just inappropriate, it raises other serious constitutional questions.

Beyond those issues, this action has resulted in a direct loss to your school district, which is both unfair and punitive.

Please know that the Senate is considering all its legal options to remedy this problem. Until then, I wanted you to be updated with the latest information I have.

As always, you are welcome to call me if you have any questions.

Sincerely,



RYAN P. AUMENT  
State Senator  
36<sup>th</sup> Senatorial District

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cc: Dr. Timothy Quinn, President  
Warwick School District Board of Directors

Enclosure

1 FOR PAYMENT OF BASIC EDUCATION  
2 FUNDING TO SCHOOL DISTRICTS,  
3 PROVIDED THAT IF THE AMOUNT  
4 APPROPRIATED FOR PAYMENT OF BASIC  
5 EDUCATION FUNDING IS LESS THAN OR  
6 EQUAL TO THE AMOUNT APPROPRIATED  
7 FOR PAYMENT OF BASIC EDUCATION  
8 FUNDING UNDER THE ACT OF JULY 10,  
9 2014 (P.L.3051, NO.1A), KNOWN AS  
10 THE GENERAL APPROPRIATION ACT OF  
11 2014, OR IF NO LEGISLATION TO  
12 DISTRIBUTE THE FUNDING CONTAINED  
13 IN THIS APPROPRIATION IS ENACTED,  
14 THE PAYMENTS MADE TO SCHOOL  
15 DISTRICTS FROM THIS APPROPRIATION  
16 SHALL BE RECONCILED SO THAT, WHEN  
17 ADDED TO PAYMENTS FOR BASIC  
18 EDUCATION FUNDING TO SCHOOL  
19 DISTRICTS DISBURSED UNDER THE ACT  
20 OF DECEMBER 29, 2015 (P.L. ,  
21 NO.10A), KNOWN AS THE GENERAL  
22 APPROPRIATION ACT OF 2015, EACH  
23 SCHOOL DISTRICT RECEIVES THE SAME  
24 AMOUNT AS PAID FOR THE 2013-2014  
25 SCHOOL YEAR OR, IF INSUFFICIENT  
26 FUNDS ARE APPROPRIATED, A PRO  
27 RATA SHARE OF THE AMOUNT AS PAID  
28 FOR THE 2013-2014 SCHOOL YEAR.

29 STATE APPROPRIATION.....

3,147,540,000

30 FOR MOBILE SCIENCE AND MATH

## **Report from Student Representative**

### **April Meetings**

#### **Kissel Hill Elementary-**

Kissel Hill has opened April with a strong focus on the Arts. The student body held its Fine Arts Day which included experiences such as: Irish dancing, stained glass window creation, pottery throwing, museum curation, guitar, drum, and jewelry making. Additionally, Kissel Hill wishes to thank the community for attending two showings of their musical, Shrek Jr. Finally, as they approach PSSAs their students are reminded these assessments are not to cause anxiety, but rather provide an opportunity to showcase their talents. As they embark upon the next few weeks, they approach this opportunity as they do all other aspects of their academic journey...with integrity, perseverance, and a desire to grow.

#### **Bonfield Elementary-**

March 2 – The Brush, Brush Smile program was presented to all students in grades K-2.

March 3 - All Pro Dad's breakfast was held.

March 7 – Kindergarten through grade 2 students were treated to a preview of Disney's The Little Mermaid performed by the Warwick High School students. The students and staff gave rave reviews of the show!

March 21 – April 1- Art Goes to School came to Bonfield. The students enjoyed learning about the various paintings and the artists who created them.

April 4 and 5 - Bonfield held parent/teacher conferences for the tier 2 and 3 students. Approximately 31 conferences were held.

April 6 - Thanks to a generous donation from Ephrata National Bank to The S.P.A.R.K.S Foundation, students at Bonfield were treated to a day of hands-on science presented by Science Explorers, Inc. The day kicked off with a 50-minute "Let's Get Energized!" assembly where students were introduced to the topic of energy in a way they've never seen before. The students learned the secret of the 'golden lever', watched as energy was transferred and then helped to make things fly with a

giant slingshot, saw a floating hovercraft in action, and were part of a human extension cord to make a light glow! After the assembly, each of the 4<sup>th</sup> grade classrooms participated in a 50-minute program of science hypotheses and experiments. Students enjoyed dressing as real scientists, wearing lab coats and safety goggles as they saw the surprising results of endothermic and exothermic reactions.

April 7 - Another successful All Pro Dad's breakfast was held.

### **John Beck Elementary-**

- \* 5th and 6th grade students participated in the school musical – The Emperor's New Clothes
- \* Science Explorers presented to their students in grades 3-5 on the 6 types of Energy. This program brought science to life, was engaging and educational.
- \* Their 6th graders learned all about science with regards to STEM related careers, what those jobs entail, the training needed, and how they benefit from the contributions these individuals make. Students worked in small groups and were provided with the opportunity to ask questions and tap into the expertise of the presenters.
- \* John Beck's Student Council traveled to Luther Acres where they participated in various activities with the residents as a Community Service project.
- \* John Beck students participated in Jump Rope for Heart. Their families raised over \$13,000 for this worthwhile cause, while promoting healthy lifestyles!
- \* Their 6th grade students collected over 100 pairs of shoes for the Soles 4 Souls organization. This community service project was inspired by a true story, A Long Walk to Water, by Linda Sue Park.

### **Middle School-**

Warwick Middle started PSSA testing on Monday, April 11 and will be conducting 4 tests this week in English Language Arts.

On April 18 they will begin math testing for the PSSA and on Monday April 25 they will begin the science portion of the PSSA. They have their annual Orchestra Concert on Sunday, April 24 at 3pm at the high school performing arts center. Also, they have our annual Chorus and Jazz band concert on Tuesday, May 3 at 7:30pm.

### **High School-**

The high school has a lipdub taping this Friday, prom at the Country Barn on May 21st, and Thon in May as well.