

**Warwick School District**

Lititz, PA 17543

January 17, 2017

A meeting of the Warwick Board of School Directors of the Warwick School District convened in the District Board room on Tuesday, January 17, 2017 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. Connor Wentworth, Student Representative, was not present.

Others attending the meeting: Dr. April Hershey, Superintendent; Melanie Calender, Assistant Superintendent; Mark Leidich; Nathan Wertsch; Dr. Ryan Axe; Fred Griffiths; Lori Zimmerman; Kevin Martzall; Kristy Szobocsan; Dr. Ryan Berardi; Michelle Harris; Stacie Bardell; Karen Miller; Nancy Reddig; Kristin Testerman; Laura Knowles of Lancaster Newspapers/Lititz Record Express; Kaitlyn Bryant; and Tracey Barrell.

**BOARD RECOGNITION**

The meeting opened with Dr. Hershey thanking the School Board Members for their countless hours volunteering, at meetings, events, workshops, and in thought and prayer over the Warwick School District, as part of the National School Directors Recognition Month. Dr. Hershey acknowledged the gifts of appreciation from each of the buildings.

**RECOGNITION OF CITIZENS**

None.

**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 December 20, 2016)**

Mr. Eppig moved, Mrs. Wenger seconded, the motion to approve the minutes of the Regular meeting of December 20, 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	\$1,022,669.32
Wire Transfers	\$3,652,285.88
Construction Fund	None
Cafeteria Fund	\$152,957.65
Middle School Fund	\$1,376.17
High School Fund	\$8,007.96

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**

None.

**REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT**

**1. PERSONNEL**

**A. Resignations**

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

Administrative

Jonathan Bucher as Interim Assistant Principal at Warwick High School, effective January 12, 2017.

Instructional

Janell Banack as an Intervention Specialist at John Beck Elementary School, effective January 20, 2017.

Non-Instructional

Stephen Jones as a Building Services employee at Warwick School District, effective January 3, 2017.

Anna Kinser as a Computer Assistant at Kissel Hill Elementary School, effective January 6, 2017.

Mr. Eppig moved, Mrs. Wenger 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

**B. Elections**

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

Administrative

Kristin Testerman as an Assistant Principal at Warwick High School, at the annual salary of \$85,000.00, effective January 23, 2017, pending receipt of the appropriate paperwork. Mrs. Testerman is replacing Steve Szobocsan who received a change of status.

Instructional

Kaitlyn Bryant as a Science Teacher at Warwick High School, at the annual salary of \$48,722.00, effective January 26, 2017, pending receipt of the appropriate paperwork. Ms. Bryant is replacing John Mousetis pending his retirement.

Tracey Barrell as a Learning Support Teacher at Warwick Middle School, at the annual salary of \$65,953.00, effective pending receipt of the appropriate paperwork and upon release from her current school district. Ms. Barrell is replacing Katie Drakely who resigned.

#### Instructional – LTS

Jeffrey Oberholtzer as a Long Term Substitute (LTS) Technology Ed. Teacher (2<sup>nd</sup> semester) at Warwick Middle School, at the annual salary of \$48,722.00, effective pending receipt of the appropriate paperwork. Mr. Oberholtzer is replacing Ed Hartmann who is on a medical leave of absence.

Linnea Martin as a Long Term Substitute (LTS) Gifted Teacher at John Beck Elementary School and Kissel Hill Elementary School, at the annual salary of \$48,722.00, effective February 1, 2017 (*incorrectly listed on Agenda as February 2, 2017*). Ms. Martin is replacing Erin Smith.

Michelle Tyson as a Long Term Substitute (LTS) Art Teacher at John R. Bonfield Elementary School, at the annual salary of \$48,722.00, effective on the first day of the second semester of the 2016/2017 school year. Ms. Tyson is replacing Chrissy Casella who has extended her childcare leave through the end of the 2016/2017 school year.

#### Non-Instructional

~~Jan Stoeckl as a Special Needs Assistant at Warwick High School, 5.5 hours/day, at the hourly rate of \$11.25, effective January 18, 2017. Mr. Stoeckl is replacing India Rao who received a change of status.~~  
*No action was taken on the above position.*

#### Extra-Duty/Extra Curricular

Deborah Incorvati as Yearbook Advisor (25%) at Warwick High School, at the annual salary of \$1,092, effective for the 2016/2017 school year. Ms. Incorvati shares this position with Mrs. Rhodeside and Dr. Lynch.

Jay Ridinger as an Assistant Football Coach at Warwick High School, at the annual salary of \$4,574.00, effective January 18, 2017, pending receipt of the appropriate paperwork. Mr. Ridinger is replacing Alex Daecher who resigned.

Bethany Mueller as Technology Resource - JRB at John R. Bonfield Elementary School, at the annual salary of \$684.00, effective for the 2016/2017 school year. Mrs. Mueller is replacing Shelly Chmil who received a change of status.

#### Independent Volunteers

It was recommended that the Board approve the election of the individuals listed below as independent volunteers, effective January 18, 2017, until they submit their resignations or have their active status changed by the district.

Ann Beiler

Debora Lobb

Claude (Sam) Young Jr.

#### District Approved Photographers

It was recommended that the Board approve the election of the individual listed below as district approved photographer, effective for the 2016/2017 school year, pending receipt of the appropriate paperwork, until she submits her resignation or has her active status changed by the district.

Natalie Bennett

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 REQUEST**

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

Instructional

Megan Cupo-Fisher from Child Rearing Leave, to a Specialized Tutor (28%) at Warwick High School (*incorrectly listed on Agenda as John R. Bonfield Elementary School*), 2.0 hours/day, effective January 2, 2017 through the end of the 2016/2017 school year. Ms. Cupo-Fisher is returning from Child Rearing Leave on a part-time basis for the remainder of the 2016/2017 school year.

Non-Instructional

Kurt Shreiner from a Maintenance Specialist at Warwick School District, 8.0 hours/day, to Assistant Director of Buildings and Grounds at Warwick School District, at the annual salary of \$54,000.00, effective March 10, 2017. This change of status is due to restructuring.

Jeffrey Weber from a Maintenance Specialist at Warwick School District, 8.0 hours/day, to Director of Buildings and Grounds at Warwick School District, at the annual salary of \$70,000.00, effective March 10, 2017. Mr. Weber is replacing Tom Becker who retired.

SueAnn DeLemos from a Food & Nutrition Services Assistant at Warwick High School, 3.0 hours/day, to a Food & Nutrition Services Assistant at Warwick High School, 4.0 hours/day, effective January 18, 2017. Ms. DeLemos is replacing Tracy Salsgiver who received a transfer.

Wendy Zimmerman from a Food & Nutrition Services Assistant at Warwick High School, 3.0 hours/day, to a Food & Nutrition Services Assistant at Warwick High School, 4.0 hours/day, effective January 18, 2017. Ms. Zimmerman is replacing Linda Brossman who resigned.

Jami Stacey from a Learning Support Assistant at Warwick High School, 6.5 hours/day, to a Learning Support Assistant at Warwick High School, 7.0 hours/day, effective January 9, 2017. This change of status is needed to meet a student's temporary medical needs.

Extra-Duty/Extra Curricular

Joanna Lynch from Yearbook Advisor (50%) at Warwick High School, to Yearbook Advisor (25%) at Warwick High School, at the annual salary of \$627.00, effective for the 2016/2017 school year. This change of status was necessary to reflect the appropriate division of this position.

Austen Lambert from Science Fair Advisor (33.3%) – 1<sup>st</sup> semester at Warwick Middle School, at the annual salary of \$304.00, to Science Fair Advisor (33.3%) – Full Year at Warwick Middle School, at the annual salary of \$608.00, effective for 2016/2017 school year. Mr. Lambert is replacing Ruth Gallagher who resigned.

Mr. Eppig moved, Mr. Shaub 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 REQUEST**

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

Instructional

Lindsey Buckwalter is requesting a Family and Medical Leave of Absence (FMLA), beginning approximately March 17, 2017 and continuing June 8, 2017. Mrs. Buckwalter is anticipating her return to work date as June 9, 2017.

Mr. Eppig moved, Mr. Wenger seconded, the motion to approve the leave of absence request of the individual 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 policy revisions per [ATTACHMENT #1](#) (Policies: 007, 336, 810.2 and 827).

Mr. Eppig moved, Mrs. Wenger seconded, the motion to approve, as a second reading, the policy revisions, 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. **TEACHER TENURE**

The following teacher has met the teacher tenure requirements as set forth by the Pennsylvania School Code and was recommended for tenure, effective January 17, 2017.

Elementary

Julie Schutte

John R. Bonfield Elementary School

Mr. Eppig moved, Mr. Rucci seconded, the motion to approve the teacher tenure, 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. **BOARD COMMITTEE ELECTION**

It was recommended that the Board approve the election of the following individuals for the Board Committees listed below, effective January 18, 2017:

Student Activities Committee

Penn Ketchum

Education Committee

Stacy Geesaman

Mr. Rucci moved, Mrs. Wenger seconded, the motion to approve the election of the individuals for the Board Committees, 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. DISTRICT CALENDAR 2017-2018**

It was recommended that the Board approve the District Calendar for the 2017-2018 school year, as set forth on [ATTACHMENT #2](#).

Mr. Eppig moved, Mr. Shaub seconded, the motion to approve District Calendar for the 2017-2018 school year, 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

**8. NON-BARGAINING EXTRA-DUTY, PARKING LOT ATTENDANTS**

It was recommended that the Board approve adding a HS Parking Lot Attendant AM & PM (1) at an annual stipend of \$2,475 and a HS Parking Lot Attendant AM (1) at an annual stipend of \$619 to assist with high school parking lot safety.

Mr. Eppig moved, Mr. Shaub seconded, the motion to approve the addition of a HS Parking Lot Attendant AM & PM (1) and a HS Parking Lot Attendant AM (1), 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

**9. SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT**

It was recommended that the Board approve the settlement agreement in Warwick School District v. Agora Cyber Charter School, Docket # BBFM-06-2013-02, as per [ATTACHMENT #6](#).

Mr. Eppig moved, Mr. Peters seconded, the motion to approve the settlement agreement, 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 shared with the Board at their chair that there is a date saver for the next few months, a flyer for 2017 Legislative Breakfast at IU13, and a ballot for the CTC budget. She also shared it's been a great start for students in 2017, and thanked the Board again for their service. She also shared a student internship opportunity of one of our students.

## COMMITTEE REPORTS

### Student Representative

The student representative, Mr. Connor Wentworth, was unable to attend tonight's meeting, but provided an overview of student activities across the district for January. A copy of Mr. Wentworth's report has been attached to these Minutes.

### Building and Property Committee

The Building & Property Committee met on Monday, January 9, 2017. The committee completed the non-repetitive maintenance tour and discussed the options related to the High School chiller replacement. The Committee had the following recommendation for board approval:

1. It was recommended that the board approve the COSTARS contract with Trane for the replacement of the high school chiller as presented on [ATTACHMENT #3](#).

Mr. Eppig moved, Mr. Shaub seconded, the motion to approve the contract with Trane, 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

### Education Committee

The Education Committee met on Monday, January 9, 2017. Mrs. Wenger welcomed the committee. Mr. Connor Wentworth provided a review of student activities and events across the district. Mr. Nate Nixdorf presented information on Fundamentals of Sculpture, a .5 credit course focusing on all forms of three-dimensional art. Mrs. Calender reviewed an early enrollment agreement with Thaddeus Stevens College of Technology. The agreement would be for seniors who meet the eligibility criteria and who are accepted into the program by Thaddeus Stevens. Dr. Hallett reviewed the proposal for an additional text, The Jungle, for 9<sup>th</sup> grade Honors US History and the new process for teachers to create electronic textbooks. Mrs. Calender presented information on comprehensive planning, including a timeline change for submission and distributed a survey for all committee members to complete. The team discussed the school district calendar. The Committee had the following recommendations for Board approval.

1. It was recommended that the Board approve the request for adoption of the Fundamentals of Sculpture curriculum to be implemented during the 2017/2018 school year.

Mrs. Wenger moved, Mrs. Penkunas seconded, the motion to approve the adoption of the Fundamentals of Sculpture curriculum, 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 request for adoption of the Early Enrollment Agreement with Thaddeus Stevens College of Technology for eligible seniors beginning for the 2017/2018 school year, as per [ATTACHMENT #4](#).

Mrs. Wenger moved, Mrs. Penkunas seconded, the motion to approve the adoption of the Early Enrollment Agreement with Thaddeus Stevens College of Technology, 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. It was recommended that the Board approve the addition of “The Jungle” to the 9<sup>th</sup> Grade Honors US History Course for the 2017/2018 school year.

Mrs. Wenger moved, Mrs. Penkunas seconded, the motion to approve the addition of “The Jungle” to the 9<sup>th</sup> Grade Honors US History Course, 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

**Finance and Legal Committee**

The Finance & Legal committee did not meet in January, however, there was one recommendation for Board approval:

1. It was recommended that the Board approve the 2017-18 Lancaster County Career & Technology Center budget as presented on [ATTACHMENT #5](#).

Mr. Landis moved, Mr. Peters seconded, the motion to approve the 2017-18 Lancaster County Career & Technology Center budget, 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

**Student Activities Committee**

The Student Activities Committee met on Thursday, January 12, 2017. The meeting began with Connor Wentworth’s report about all of the events in our buildings K-12. Mr. Landis discussed a recent article in the paper. SAC heard a presentation about our Adult Education Programs. A number of Sunday requests and out of state/overnight trips were then discussed for recommendation to the Board. SAC also made a recommendation to add another committee member and accepted the resignation of Dawn Rissmiller from the committee. The Committee had the following recommendations for Board approval:

1. It was recommended that the board approve the following Sunday Use Request.
  - a. ThinkLax tournaments to use varsity field hockey field 1, turf football stadium 14, multi-purpose fields 3, 4, 7 & 8, running track field 12, JV baseball field 11, soccer field 10, varsity soccer field 9, lighted soccer field 6, and varsity softball field 5 for Girls Lacrosse Club Summer Genesis on June 11, 2017 from 1:00 pm. – 6:00 p.m.

Mr. Rucci moved, Mr. Sahd seconded, the motion to approve the Sunday use facilities 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 Overnight/Out-of-State Trip Requests.
  - a. HS students and staff to Eastern York High School to participate in the PMEA District 7 Lower Band Festival from February 10, 2017 to February 11, 2017.
  - b. HS students and staff to Lehigh Valley Charter School for the Performing Arts, Bethlehem, PA to participate in Regional Chorus from February 23, 2017 to February 25, 2017.
  - c. HS students and staff to East Stroudsburg North High School to participate in the PMEA Region V Band Festival from March 23, 2017 to March 25, 2017.
  - d. HS students and staff to Erie, PA to participate in the PMEA All State Band Festival from April 19, 2017 to April 22, 2017.
  - e. HS students and staff to Erie, PA to participate in the PMEA All-State Chorus from April 19, 2017 to April 22, 2017.

Mr. Rucci moved, Mr. Sahd seconded, the motion to approve the out of state/overnight field trip 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 various personnel matters.

**Labor and Management Committee**

It was reported that no meeting was held in January.

**Lititz Recreation Center Representative**

It was reported that a meeting was held on January 17, 2017, and it was business as usual. It was noted that RecRoc is now open.

**Legislative Committee**

It was reported that there is a huge push now for property tax elimination with major implications to schools as it doesn't have a viable replacement plan – contact Senator Aument to oppose the bill.

**IU Representative**

It was reported that a meeting was held in January, and the following items were noted from the meeting:

- General business meeting was held.
- The Legislative Breakfast will be held March 13.
- Stay tuned for information regarding the Reinventing Learning Showcase.

**Lancaster County Career and Technology Center Representative**

It was reported that a meeting will be held next week.

**PRIOR BUSINESS**

None.

**NEW BUSINESS**

None.

**INFORMATION**

None.

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

Dr. Quinn thanked everyone for attending the meeting tonight and welcomed all the new staff on board.

Mr. Peters thanked those involved with the chorus/band successes.

**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, Mr. Landis moved to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Shaub seconded the motion and the meeting adjourned at 7:39 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



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Nathan Wertsch, Board Secretary

# **January, 2017 Student Representative Report**

## **Connor Wentworth**

### **Warwick High School**

Mr. Tenaglia held his first Winter Band Concert on 1/8 with both the middle and high school. The students sounded great and we are excited for future band performances under his direction.

The 8th grade students will be visiting the high school on 2/8 for an elective fair and tour. The link leaders will highlight all of the elective courses students can take while in the high school, lead small groups of 8th grade students on a tour of the building and answer any questions 8th graders may have about high school.

The Warwick Intern Program has several opportunities for current seniors to gain real work experience, in the community, during the second semester. Students are required to apply and go through a selection process, requiring an interview with the potential employer, prior to being selected for an internship. The students who have currently interviewed have done a great job.

We are looking forward to hearing and seeing their success in these positions

### **Warwick Middle School**

The month of December flew by at WMS! We had a number of great activities but the highlight was our drama students presenting a wonderful rendition of Charles Dickens' A Christmas Carol for the winter play. They presented a preview to the students and did two live performances for the community. During the month of January students will be learning about their next Habit, "Put First Things First." This is to help students recognize that life management is important and it is ok to say no to things when they shouldn't be a priority. Our band is performing along with the high school band for a show on January 8th. We will also be holding our annual WMS Spelling Bee on January 18th. We are looking forward to kicking off 2017 in style!

### **Bonfield**

January brings lots of activity at Bonfield Elementary including an All Pro Dads' breakfast on January 5, and the kick-off Assembly on January 6 for our One School, One Book project. This project is intended to create a shared reading experience within a school community. A single chapter book has been chosen and with the support of the Warwick Education Foundation every family in the school will receive a copy of that selected book. We will be asking all families to read the book at home over the course of a few weeks. A variety of things are planned at school to heighten and promote interest and discussion of the book including daily trivia questions, and school-wide art and writing activities.

Benchmark Assessments will also be done at Bonfield during the month of January. The information gained from these assessments will help monitor student growth and aid in establishing tier groups.

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### **Connor Wentworth**

Victoria Myers, Grace Witmer, Grayson Miller, and Carter Ludwig will be representing Bonfield at the District-wide Spelling Bee on January 18.

#### **John Beck**

Happy New Year! John Beck will be rolling out the title of the new One Book, One School read for this school year. All four elementary schools will be reading the same book this year. Students will be asked to read specific chapters each night as a family. The following day students will be asked a trivia question. It is so exciting to hear students discussing the book throughout the day. The One School, One Book initiative is possible due to the generous contributions of the Warwick Education Foundation.

Students in 6th grade are looking forward to some friendly competition as they participate in the building Spelling Bee. The top 4 winners from each elementary school then move on to compete against middle school students. This competition is scheduled for January 18th.

John Beck students are also looking forward to Spirit Week which starts January 30th. Students participate in special theme days, make their best guess for the "Guessing Jars" and cheer on teachers from John Beck vs. players from the Warwick Boys' Basketball team at our annual Pep Rally foul shooting contest. Spirit week concludes with a Spirit Night at the Friday night basketball game, where students and their families support our Warriors.

#### **Kissel Hill**

- Kissel Hill will be conducting their second round of benchmark assessments to further fine-tune instructional practices.
- Kissel Hill (as well as all other elementary schools) will be revealing our One Book One School program to inspire literacy in our students and families.
  - Kissel Hill Musical practices will begin the second week of January. This year students will be performing the Wizard of Oz.

#### **Lititz El**

- Lititz Elementary School, along with all of the other elementary schools, are kicking off their One School, One Book activity to encourage the home and school connection of reading. Each family will receive a copy of the book with at home reading and connected school activities. Thanks to Warwick Education Foundation for funding this community-connected project!
- All students in grades K-6 will participate in our January benchmark assessments as the school teams work to measure student progress and adjust instruction according to student needs.

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### **Connor Wentworth**

- Lititz Elementary's PTO sponsored talent show is coming up on January 29th. We look forward to learning more about our students talents that they refine both in school and out of school!