



# Warwick School District

## Committee of the Whole

September 6, 2016

Board Room

7:00 p.m.

### *MINUTES*

**Members Present:** Michael Landis, Leslie Penkunas, Millard Eppig, Timothy Quinn, Debra Wenger, Nelson Peters, Ben Sahd, Todd Rucci, April Hershey, Nate Wertsch

**Guests:** Laurie Knowles, Mark Leidich, Lori Zimmerman, Tom Becker

#### **1. GAPP Exchange - Presentation**

Mrs. Wendy Andrews and Warwick High School students shared their experience of traveling to Germany. Frau Andrews explained that the GAPP exchange has been taking place since 1989. Twenty-eight students lived with host families for 3 weeks, went to school, traveled the area and embedded themselves in the daily lifestyle of the German culture. Students from Germany will then come to Lititz for approximately ten days in the spring. WHS students and their parents shared their personal experiences in Germany related to their culture, politics, educational differences, historical sites, etc. The students are looking forward to their host family partners coming to Warwick. Parents were thankful for the support of the School Board in providing this learning opportunity for their children.

#### **2. Feasibility Study – Presentation**

Mr. Craig Kimmel and Ms. Erin Hoffman – RLPS Architects shared how a feasibility study is developed for the district in planning for the future. Mr. Kimmel provided an overview of RLPS and shared the process of a feasibility study, goals and next steps. He explained how the study focuses on improvements which may be needed to meet future needs based on a twenty-year timetable. Ms. Hoffman explained the components of a feasibility study and the process for gathering information from all stakeholders to determine the best options in meeting the district's needs.

### **3. Board Policy 817 – Video/Audio Surveillance – Review**

A review of Policy 817 regarding Video/Audio Surveillance was shared.

### **4. Other Relevant Items**

The committee adjourned at 7:57 p.m.  
Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Lisa Bonfield".

Lisa Bonfield



**Warwick School District**  
**Building and Property Committee**

September 12, 2016

Conference Room A

6:00 p.m.

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***MINUTES***

**No meeting was held.**

# Warwick School District

## Education Committee



September 12, 2016

Board Room

6:00 p.m.

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### Attendance:

Lisa Miller, Kathy Steinour, Mike Neuman, Ron Hallett, Melanie Calender, Deb Wenger, Connor Wentworth, Lisa Gleason, Sarah Bromirski, Leslie Penkunas, Ms. Maria Navea Mitchell, Jill Lutz, Jennifer Shettel

1. Welcome – *Mrs. Deb Wenger*

Comments on agenda items

2. Student Representative Report – *Connor Wentworth*

See attached

3. Introduce New Member(s) – *Mrs. Melanie Calender*

4. Purpose of Committee, Vision and Goals for the District – *Dr. Ron Hallett & Mrs. Melanie Calender*

Mrs. Calender reviewed the District mission, vision and shared values. The comprehensive plan goals for the District were provided as well.

5. Building Data Review - PSSA – *Dr. Ron Hallett*

A preliminary report for PSSA scores was shared with District results by grade level. Discussion was held regarding Kissel Hill's experience with online testing last year for third grade.

6. Other Items

The next committee meeting is scheduled on a non-teacher day. We will not be meeting in October. The next meeting will be November 14, 2016.

Respectfully submitted,

Stacie E. Bardell

Next Meeting: October 10, 2016

## **Student Report**

### **Connor Wentworth - Student Representative**

August-September 2016

#### **Warwick High School; Mrs. Szobacan**

Link Crew Orientation was on 8/30 resulting in another year of successful transition activities for the incoming freshman class. The Link Crew mentors, juniors and seniors, did an amazing job keeping the energy high to reduce the amount of nervousness each incoming freshman began the day with. Freshman and new student parent orientation followed two night later, 9/1, providing a general overview of what freshman and new students should expect at the high school.

The fall sports season is underway and between both the high school and middle school over 500 students are participating! What a great way to kick off the school year.

Homecoming celebrations begin the week of 9/26 and conclude on 10/1 with the dance. The activities that will take place are a spirit week, pep rally and a tailgate prior to the football game. The theme for this year's homecoming is the circus.

#### **Warwick Middle School; Mr. Szobacan**

On August 16th we held our 7th Grade and New Student Orientation. We had over 280 students attend along with their parents/guardians. The biggest hits of the evening were walking schedules and practicing combination locks! We held a make-up orientation on August 24th for anyone who could not make it on the 16th

We welcomed our teachers back on August 31st with numerous activities and professional learning experiences.

During the month of September we are look forward to welcoming our students on September 7th. On September 22nd we will be kicking off our annual magazine sale with grade level assemblies and we will be hosting our Back to School Night that same evening. Everyone will be starting off October with our first WMS Dance of the year on Friday, October 7th.

#### **Lititz Elementary; Mrs. Murphy**

We have been busy welcome our kindergarten students of the class of 2029 with bus orientation, parent, student & teacher conferences and their own Lititz Elementary t-shirt compliments of our LE PTO! On 8/31 and 9/1 the staff spent two days together collaborating on differentiation, data review and goal setting for the 16-17 school year before welcoming students on 9/7. The first week of school we excitedly welcomed students back while also taking time to review how to access the school and learning safety by reviewing the Lititz Elementary Cool Tools including how to walk home safely, be safe on the playground, and while moving around the school. We look forward to an awesome year at Lititz Elementary!

### **Kissel Hill; Dr. Berardi**

1. Kissel Hill had a well attended "New Kid Camp" this summer with close to 30 attendees. This is a special program that is designed to welcome new families to the district and school.
2. In response to our community feedback (from the Comprehensive Plan) indicating a desire for increased communication from school to home, Dr. Berardi started a "Happy Birthday Call" program in August. Dr. Berardi calls every child on their birthday or on the days leading up to their birthday (accounting for weekends). This happens year round to ensure all birthdays are covered and includes students in our programs run by the IU.
3. Kissel Hill teachers have been producing large quantities of innovative tools to enhance learning. Many of these skills were learned at a recent technology/engagement session offered by district professionals. These tools are designed to inspire students to question, engage in academic dialogue, and leave the teacher with qualitative and quantifiable data to make future teaching decisions.

### **John Beck; Mrs. Bonfield**

Each month John Beck has a Character Building Assembly centered around a theme - for September it is Respect, Responsibility, and Ready to Learn. Students of the Month are selected by their grade level teachers for exemplifying the character trait of the month and recognized at the beginning of each PTO meeting. As part of this assembly The Ned Show is coming September 9. It will be a great opening for our school year with a positive message of Never Give Up, Encourage Others and Do Your Best. This is a free program due to a Pay It Forward program.

\*Our 6th grade will be holding it's annual Specialty Fair on Sept. 15th.

\*Our staff is also looking forward to meeting with parents at Back To School Night to share curriculum highlights, grade level expectations, and building procedures and routines.

### **John R Bonfield; Mrs. Bardell**



**Warwick School District**  
**Finance and Legal Committee**

**September 6, 2016**

**Conference Room A**

**6:00 p.m.**

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***MINUTES***

**No meeting was held.**

# Warwick School District

## Student Activities Committee



September 8, 2016

Board Room

6:00PM

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In attendance:

Todd Rucci, Benedict Sahd, Marisa Tocci, Jennifer McMullin, Marie Meeder, Jeffrey McSparran, Dave Emrhein, Lorrie Schonour, Connor Wentworth, Ryan Landis, Ryan Axe, Kristy Szobocsan

1. Welcome – Mr. Todd Rucci
2. Student Representative Report – Mr. Connor Wentworth
  - Connor introduced himself- senior, has attended the district since kindergarten, a member of the hockey team, a UNITE commissioner and a Link Crew mentor
  - Shared level reports
    - High School
      - Link Crew Freshman Orientation took place on 8/30
      - Freshman parent orientation night on 8/31
      - Fall sports is underway
      - Homecoming activities at the end of the month
    - Middle School
      - Teacher professional development went well
      - Looking forward to the first dance of the year
      - Excited for students to return to the building
    - Lititz Elementary
      - Welcoming back the class of 2029
      - Bus safety days went well
      - Excited to teach the new kindergarten students
    - Kissel Hill
      - Happy birthday call program- Mr. Berardi calls every child on their birthday year round
      - Teacher Trade Day focused on technology- teachers are excited to bring these things to the classroom
      - Excited for Back to School Night
    - John Beck
      - Respect, Responsibility and Ready to Learn will be the theme for the month
      - NED Show on 9/9
      - Looking forward to back to school night
  - Ms. McMullin shared that Link Orientation helped her freshman daughter tremendously before beginning on the first day of school
  - Dr. Axe shared that the High School is a full link school for the first time this year

September 8, 2016



3. Facility Use – Dr. Ryan Axe
  - As a Student Activities Committee we will approve items to go to the board for a final vote.
  
4. Athletic Report – Mr. Ryan Landis
  - A community member would like to donate money to the baseball program. Mr. Landis is working with this anonymous donor on what we can and cannot do. Mr. Landis shared in his lens he needed to help guide what could and could not do with Title 9 regulations and previous commitments (lights will not be installed due to houses near the field). An area we are looking to support with these donations is to replace the fence (add a warning area), update the batting gages, baseball dugouts and a large netting from the dugout to the large press box to keep foul balls off of the street. Mr. Landis is working with Tom Becker on the best ways to address some of these needs (new verses updating). A few of the items being requested would also require equipment to be purchased for softball and the donor is in support of this.
    - Mr. Emrhein asked would this effect spring ball. Mr. Landis said no it would take place prior to the season.
    - Mr. Sahd asked if there are any strings attached and how long ago did this donor reach out. Mr. Landis replied last month he reached out and there are no strings attached.
  - September 23 football game theme is open currently. There has been conversation about naming it “Hometown Hero” night. Mr. Landis asked for feedback on the idea. Mr. Sahd said something is happening tomorrow night at 2<sup>nd</sup> Friday and suggested reaching out to Venture Lititz for help. Ms. Meeder suggested tying it into the 15<sup>th</sup> anniversary of 9/11 and focusing on first responders. Mr. McSparran suggested making a list of everyone who qualifies for free entrance. Mr. Rucci suggested narrowing it down to Warwick and Wilson residents. Mr. Emrhein suggested asking them to stand and be recognized during the game and Ms. McMullin suggested adding a moment of silence.
  - Honoring veterans at home events was suggested another option moving forward.
  
5. Sunday Use Requests – Dr. Ryan Axe
  - a. Str8dnsports – MLK Junior Girls Volleyball to use the HS small and large gyms, HS gym lobby, HS indoor concession stand, and HS parking lot/grounds on January 15, 2017 from 1:00 – 8:30 p.m. for a tournament.
    - a. Approved for board vote
  
  - b. Sutter’s Brigade to use turf football stadium 14 on November 6, 13 & 20, 2016 from 2:00-4:00 p.m. for practice sessions.
    - a. Approved for board vote

6. Out of State/Overnight Trip Requests – Dr. Ryan Axe
  - German Gap exchange board report was well received. Mr. Rucci spoke about how the parent presentation at the board meeting was another reminder how appreciated the support was from the board.
  - Mr. Sahd stated how great the board presentation was and how much they learned on the trip. He expressed his support of the trip and how the students were keep safe.
  - Mr. Rucci reminded the SAC members that the purpose of this committee is to ask all of the questions possible when determining if an approval for trips like these should be given due to the changes happening in the world.
  
7. Additional items for discussion – SAC
  
8. Closing Comments – SAC
  - Mr. Rucci gave kudos to Dr. Felty for taking on a new role and is excited about the new leadership and direction of the district.
  - Connor shared that at his cousin’s school district the graduating class visits the elementary schools in their cap and gown. He would like to see this happen at Warwick.
  - Mr. Emrhein asked if all the coaching positions are filled and Mr. Landis said presently yes.

Respectfully submitted, Kristy Szobocsan