



Warwick School District Committee of the Whole

January 2, 2024

Board Room

7:00 p.m.

MINUTES

CANCELLED

The Committee of the Whole meeting was not held in January.

Next meeting: February 6, 2024



Warwick School District
Building and Property Committee

January 8, 2024

Conference Room A

6:00 p.m.

MINUTES

Cancelled

*Due to the lack of agenda items, no meeting was held
during the month of January.*

Next meeting: February 12, 2024

Warwick School District

Education Committee



January 8, 2024

Board Room

6:00 p.m.

MINUTES

IN ATTENDANCE: Amy Balsbaugh, Sadia Batool, Melanie Calender, Shelly Chmil, Ashley Driscoll, Ross Kramer, Scott Landis, Angie Lingo, Kellye McMillion, Joyce Stephens, Steve Szobocsan, Zoe Wiker

COMMUNITY MEMBERS: Ken Gible, Cidy Wingenroth, Susan Woolley

1. Welcome - *Mr. Scott Landis & Mrs. Angie Lingo, School Board Members*

Mr. Landis welcomed everyone to the meeting and wished everyone a happy new year. Mr. Landis introduced Mrs. Lingo as his co-chair. The committee members rotated around the circle and introduced themselves to the group.

2. Review of Purpose of Education Committee - *Dr. Melanie Calender, Assistant Superintendent*

Dr. Calender reviewed the purpose of the Education Committee. In Pennsylvania, public school districts have a board of directors that makes decisions on board policy and budgeting for the district.

The Education Committee is a sub-committee of the Warwick School Board. The Education Committee is a team of stakeholders that meets approximately one time per month to review educational initiatives, curriculum, and programming and serve as a team to refine recommendations made by our school staff. This team does not approve or deny initiatives, curriculum, or programming. Your discussion points are helpful to the school board representatives as they take the information and feedback to the school board for review, recommendation, and approval. The school board has the final say in our school district approval process.

As an Education Committee representative, you should provide feedback and insights on how to strengthen programming for all of our students. Your individual perspective is important, but the role requires you to serve as a student advocate who can look beyond individual preferences to create even better opportunities for ALL students. It is important to not come to the table with a specific agenda but with an open mind, curiosity, and commitment to support the district as we continue our work.

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- The purpose of the committee is to review and vet items to determine if they warrant being sent to the full School Board for consideration.
- The committee needs to have a majority of its present membership in favor of moving an item for full School Board consideration to make a recommendation.
- All committee members have an equal voice in that decision.
- A recommendation to the full School Board does not require a unanimous vote by the committee.
- Committees do not utilize roll call votes but instead, the collective group discusses the item and uses an informal voice vote to determine if an item has majority support.
- A committee making a recommendation to the full School Board for review does not guarantee in any way that the recommendation will be accepted. The full Board will discuss and vote on that recommendation in their public meeting.

3. Student Representative Report - *Ms. Zoe Wiker, Student Representative*

Zoe noted that John Beck is planning on a family math night on Feb. 8, funded by the Warwick Education Foundation. Kissel Hill has a math night planned on Feb. 13. Elementary students are participating in mid-year testing to prepare for academic growth. The middle school is focusing on a theme of kindness this month. The middle school is also beginning to assist students with course selection. High school creative writing students went to Lititz Elementary to share stories they had written with the students.

4. “Breaking the Silence” - *High School Counseling Team*

Breaking the Silence is a Mental Health Awareness program presented through the Byrnes Health Education Center. This is a continuation of the pilot program that was completed during the 2022-2023 school year. The funds to support this program have been secured via the Warwick Education Foundation and The Ryan Brubaker Foundation.

Last year, this program was piloted and the program went well. The counseling team came to present in hopes of having the program approved moving forward. Tiffany Miller, Jody Mateyak, and Mary Beth Johnson, counselors from the high school came to share. Mental health needs continue to be on the rise and the team desires to have a full scope of resources to support students. A history of the mental health lessons that were shared with students in 9th grade was shared. Last year, the Byrnes Foundation was brought in to pilot the program being shared with 9th graders. The presentation of the content shared within the lesson is in the curriculum and gets taught no matter who is selected to present, it just depends what resource is selected for the presentation (school team or the Byrnes foundation). Byrnes Foundation programs are science based, prevention-oriented and mapped to National and State Education Standards, made by health and education experts. The focus of the Breaking the Silence course is to replace

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stigmas with compassion. In 2023, the program was presented to 9th grade students during U.S. History II course and was fully funded by the Brubaker Foundation. If approved, the WEF would cover ½ of the cost and the Brubaker Foundation would cover the over ½. Pre and post-test data on student growth demonstrated an understanding about stigmas, mental illness and treatment for people living with mental illness. Dr. Calendar noted that the counselors were present for each session and asked what student engagement and response looked to the sessions. Mrs. Johnson shared the 9th grade counselor last year reported the kids were very engaged and seemed to enjoy the lessons. Dr. Szobocsan also attended last year and noted the presenter was engaging and the students followed along well, asking questions, and the presentation was interactive. Mr. Landis asked if we have the right to review the presentation in advance. They do not give the presentation because it is proprietary material, but they will share the standards that programming is aligned to. Mrs. Lingo asked about how bipolar and schizophrenia are being talked about and asked how much time was devoted to that. Dr. Szobocsan said the program focused on the stigma that some people hold towards mental health, but the program focused on that there are resources to support and help is available, along with what signs to look for to seek help for self or peers. Dr. Szobocsan shared this is a one-day lesson. Mrs. Stevenson asked a question about how follow-up occurs after the program. Mrs. Miller shared that the 10th grade health curriculum and other courses touch on these topics as students age up. Counselors also support flex classes at the end of the day to meet with students. It was shared that the Teen Hope Screener occurs in 10th grade. Dr. Calendar reviewed what the screener is, that parents have the opportunity to opt-out, and parent notification with the screener (choosing to notify the school team or keep confidential). Questions were asked from the committee to see if there are earlier age programs that would align to share this information earlier. Dr. Calendar noted some of these themes are covered in the elementary counseling curriculum as well. Mr. Landis asked if parents have the right to opt out of this programming, and the team noted that parents do have the right to opt their child out. No concerns were shared by the committee for moving this forward to the board next week.

5. Dual Enrollment Agreements - *Dr. Steve Szobocsan, Assistant Superintendent*

Dual enrollment agreements were provided and reviewed as optional resources and opportunities for our students. 11th and 12th graders receive presentations on what dual enrollment is and how they can gather more information on it and begin to start the process if interested. This information is provided to all students. Dr. Szobocsan shared that some of these agreements were student-driven by students who have been seeking the options out. It was recommended the agreements be approved by the board.

- a. Lancaster County Career & Technology Center
- b. Alvernia University
- c. PA College of Art & Design

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6. Notice of Statutory Merger of PA College of Health Sciences and Saint Joseph's University - *Dr. Steve Szobocsan, Assistant Superintendent*

The dual enrollment agreement was approved in the past, but the language needed changed because St. Joseph's University is taking over PA College of Health Sciences. Mr. Landis asked if this agreement allows for greater opportunities from St. Joseph's University. Dr. Szobocsan will look into that. It was recommended the agreement be approved by the board.

7. Targeted School Improvement (TSI) - *Dr. Steve Szobocsan, Assistant Superintendent*

Dr. Szobocsan shared that the district was notified that the high school was identified as a targeted school improvement school. There are 3 levels (comprehensive support and improvement, additional targeted support and improvement, and targeted school improvement). The district is in the lowest tier of targeted improvement. In the spring of 2023, the high school was identified as a TSI school and a steering committee was developed to create a plan. The plan was published in July 2023 and the boards approved the plan in August 2023. Implementation of the plan began with training of teachers and roll-out to students. In the winter of 2023, WHS was identified again using data from Spring 2023. This data comes from before the approved plan was in place. The student group of students with disabilities was the area identified, which was the same area as 2023. Achievement, growth, and graduation rate of the students with disabilities subgroups contributed to the identification. Dr. Szobocsan attended a webinar on December 18 with PDE and many schools could not even get in the webinar due to so many schools being identified (over 500). The designations will be posted publicly on January 22. Dr. Szobocsan met with a representative from PDE on January 5 for clarification. He learned that we do not have to reconvene the steering committee because the plan will need time to be impactful. The current plan will pre-populate within the system and minor changes can be made as needed. The board will need to re-approve the plan again this year. The representative from the state shared that plans may take multiple years to see an impact. The goal should be based upon seeing improvement in students' scores. The path out of CSI is nebulous because the cut scores change each year and it is based upon a bell curve, thus there will always be scores identified each year.

8. Old Business
None

9. Public Comment
No citizens requested to share during public comment

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The meeting was adjourned at approximately 7:06 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Amy Balsbaugh

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Warwick School District

Finance and Legal Committee

January 9, 2024**

Conference Room A

6:00 p.m.

**** This meeting was originally scheduled for Tuesday, January 2nd, but has been rescheduled for January 9th.**

MINUTES

IN ATTENDANCE: Mr. Dan Woolley, Mrs. Amy Martin, Mr. Nathan Wertsch, Mr. Kevin Martzall, Dr. April Hershey, Mr. Justin Welker, Mrs. Michelle Helderma, Mr. Mike Brown, Mrs. Kellye McMillion

Absent: Mr. Matt Snavelly, Mrs. Lisa Miller

1. Welcome and Public Comment

- Mr. Wertsch thanked everyone for being flexible with the schedule change.
- No public comments
- Introduction of members
- Mr. Wertsch reviewed the **Purpose/Role Review** of the committee
 - Questions about wording in the Purpose/Role Review.
 - Question who decides the number of participants for the committee.
 - Members would like to see the Purpose/Role Review posted somewhere on the website for public viewing.

2. 2024-25 Lancaster County Career & Technology Center Budget

- Reviewed the budget packets.
- Increase in total budget expenditures of 5.3%.
- Warwick's total cost decreases.
- The committee supports recommending approval

3. 2023-24 Budget Transfers

- Shift in charged accounts by PDE
- The committee supports recommending approval

4. Obsolete Equipment (including music)

- Review of obsolete equipment value of tech items and music items
 - Question how equipment is determined to be obsolete.
 - The tech team uses industry norms and life cycle
 - The committee supports recommending approval

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5. Other Relevant Items

- Emailed Treasurer's Report/List of Bills
 - Present committee members do not have a preference.
 - Mr. Wertsch will review with absent committee members.

6. Board Recommendations Recap

- Recommending CTC Budget, Budget Transfers, and Obsolete Equipment

Meeting concluded at 6:30 PM.

Respectfully submitted by

Justin Welker

Next Meeting: February 6, 2024

Warwick School District

Student Activities Committee



January 11, 2024

Board Room

6:00 p.m.

MINUTES

Attendance: Mr. Hazel, Dr. Szobocsan, Mr. Koelsch, Mr. Brown, Mr. Todd, Mrs. Rossi, Mr. Cordero, Mrs. Medini, Mrs. Wood, Ms. Harnick, Mr. Bernstein, Zoe Wiker

Audience: Cindy Wingenroth and Kellye McMillion signed in. There were a few others in attendance that did not sign in.

- If you have any questions or considerations before or during the meeting, please email Dr. Szobocsan @ sszobocsan@warwicksd.org

1. Greetings - *Mr. Jim Koelsch and Mr. Mike Brown, School Board Members*
2. Student Representative Report - *Zoe Wiker, Student Representative*
Gave positive report of multiple activities and events hosted at all district schools.
3. Extra-Curricular Report - *Mr. Earl Hazel, Athletic Director*
Game time radio begins Friday. Commercials added such as HR. Excited to hear feedback. Sports news, all positive. Discussion about girls junior high wrestling. Youtube switched over to huddle.
4. Review of Purpose of Student Activities Committee and Roles of Members
- *Dr. Steve Szobocsan, Assistant Superintendent*
Dr. Szobocsan read the one page committee purpose and role
5. A Better Way Athletics - *Dr. Steve Szobocsan and Mr. Earl Hazel*
 - a. Additional information has been gathered since the SAC meeting in December and will be presented at this meeting.
Reviewed timeline of A Better Way process, reviewed coaches survey 56% responded (each question reviewed with results), open discussion with committee members, after discussion decision to send to the board for final approval, all agreed.

Request to send the data from the survey to board of ed members

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6. Out-of-State/Overnight Trip Requests - *Dr. Steve Szobocsan*,
[Nothing New](#)

None

7. Old Business

8. Additional Considerations

[Discussion on moving our Student Activity Committee Meeting to the 1st Thursday of the Month in order to reduce conflict with posting of the monthly board meeting agenda. This recommendation is to begin in March.](#)

9. Public Comment

[Commendation from the public regarding the positive interactions between committee members and our collaboration in resolving and working through difficult conversations.](#)

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 7:19 pm.

Respectfully submitted by
Heriberto Cordero

*Next Meeting: **February 8, 2024***