



Warwick School District

Committee of the Whole

October 3, 2023

Board Room

7:00 p.m.

The school board's Committee of the Whole meeting on Tuesday, October 3, 2023 was held in the district office board room. An overflow area was set up in the lobby should attendance warrant.

Committee of the Whole meetings are not voting sessions. These meetings are held for the board to hear presentations, review policies, evaluate data, and hold discussions. Individuals interested in providing public comments must provide their name, their address, and their topic of comment to the Board Secretary at boardsecretary@warwicksd.org before 4:00 p.m. on the day of the meeting. The board may or may not elect to respond to comments.

This meeting was held in person as well as virtually using this link:
<https://youtube.com/live/0le5q63FF60?feature=share>

MINUTES

In attendance

- Nate Wertsch, Nelson Peters, James Koelsch, Todd Rucci, Edward Browne, Leslie Penkunas, Lisa Miller, Emily Zimmerman, Dan Woolley, Melanie Calender, April Hershey, Fred Griffiths, Noelle Brossman, Zoe Wiker, Kristy Szobocsan, Janice Boyer

Visitors In Attendance (Utilized Sign-In Sheets)

- Reggie Weaver, Angie Lingo, Ella Lingo, Chance Wilson, Rachel Wilson Snyder, Melissa Sabol, Kim Regennas, Cindy Wingenroth, Brian Wiker, Annie Wiker, Mike Brown, Tannia Carpenter, Amy Martin, Shelly Chmil, Lisa Hochreiter, Kellye McMillion, Sarah Miller, Jessica Musser, Donata Kline, Bethany Tomasetti, Bryan Zimmerman, Kerri Hample, Mike Wilson, Violet Weitzel, Lynn Brubaker, Penny Mason, Polly Gainer, Jason Burkholder, Chrissy Ovalle, Stacey Hernandez

Visitors In Attendance (virtually)

- 39 concurrent users were present and able to observe this meeting via YouTube. No names are available through YouTube.

1. A Better Way Athletics
~ Heath Eslinger and Danny Sterling gave a presentation and the board engaged in a conversation
2. Administrative Reorganization - Presentation
~ Dr. April Hershey, Superintendent gave a presentation and the board engaged in a conversation

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3. Other Relevant Items

None

4. Public Comment

The following individuals contacted the school board secretary and indicated their desire to address the board with comments regarding items not specific to any Agenda items. Individual addresses were verified by the school board secretary prior to the meeting, and these individuals spoke following the Committee of the Whole meeting on topics as listed.

Cindy Wingenroth	Question regarding district climate survey
Sarah Miller	Leadership Reorganization
Chance Wilson	School content
Shelly Chmil	Library Opt Out Policy

Emily Zimmerman read a prepared statement in which she provided her thoughts related to recent email concerns received by the board.

The meeting adjourned at approximately 8:27 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by
Dr. Kristy Szobocsan

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Warwick School District

Building and Property Committee

October 12, 2023**

Board Room

6:00 p.m.

** Original date of meeting was October 9, 2023.
Then rescheduled to October 10, 2023
& rescheduled an additional time to October 12, 2023

MINUTES

IN ATTENDANCE: *Dr. April Hershey, Nathan Wertsch, Jeff Weber, Jim Koelsch, Todd Bergman, Dan Woolley, Keith Meckley, George Nissley, Dennis Quinn*

GUESTS: *Craig Kimmel from RLPS, Dan Cicala from Fidevia, Board Members - Nelson Peters, Emily Zimmerman, Leslie Penkunas*

ABSENT: *Phil Saleet*

GUESTS FROM PUBLIC: *Amy Martin, Reggie Weaver, Angie Lingo, Cindy Wingenroth, Kellye McMillion, Keith Penkunas*

1. Welcome and Public Comment
2. New Committee Member Welcome and Introductions - New committee member, all members introduced themselves.
3. High School Bid Review - Were reviewed today at 1:30pm. Presentation of Cost/Bid Comparison / General Construction: Lobar Inc / Mechanical: North Bay Mechanical / Plumbing: Myco Mechanical, Inc. / Electrical: Pagoda Electrical, Inc. / Bid total came in over \$10.5M better than expected/projected. Detailed discussion on bid favorability, contractors, alternatives, contingency, variables, construction phases and timing of 28 month project. The committee ultimately supported the bids, contractors, and alternatives. Will discuss with the board on thresholds for change orders.
4. Field House Light Pole Banners - approached by community member to add banners to light poles in the field house concourse. The committee reviewed proposed graphics and supported the addition. No estimated costs yet but will research.
5. Other Relevant Items - Plaque for Field House is here and will be put up. New scoreboard will add Grosh Field sign that is in production as the old sign didn't fit on the new scoreboard.

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Reggie Weaver addressed the committee about ensuring we have protections for our side of contingency and construction costs.

6. Board Recommendations Recap - None

The meeting adjourned at approximately 6:58p.m.

Respectfully submitted by,

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Warwick School District

Education Committee



October 9, 2023

Board Room

6:00 p.m.

MINUTES

IN ATTENDANCE: Amy Balsbaugh, Melanie Calender, Shelly Chmil, Ashley Driscoll, Kellye McMillion, Becky Noon, Leslie Penkunas, Joyce Stephens, Steve Szobocsan, Zoe Wiker, Emily Zimmerman

COMMUNITY MEMBERS: Cynthia Winenroth, Kimberly Regennas, Annie Wiker

1. Welcome - *Mrs. Leslie Penkunas, School Board Member & Mrs. Emily Zimmerman, School Board Member*

Mrs. Penkunas welcomed everyone to the meeting and had the committee introduce themselves as several new members have begun terms.

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

Zoe shared updates about the school year across the district. Fire Safety Month education efforts have begun, with opportunities in all buildings to interact with firefighters sponsored by the Warwick Emergency Services Commission. 5th graders across the district participated in the fire prevention poster contest. At the secondary level, the last month has been filled with career readiness activities. The middle school held the Reality Fair for 7th graders and 8th graders had the chance to tour the CTC. Juniors at the high school had Real Life Day last week where they learned about financial literacy, retirement, and debt. High school students also had the chance to experience an Ecuadorian music performance sponsored by the Warwick Education Foundation, with opportunities to interact with and learn from native speakers. Zoe mentioned her thoughts on current events and shared an experience in New York City walking through a protest, noting she was not aware of the event in the world. Zoe suggested a current events or news based class in the future as part of student learning experiences at Warwick.

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3. WHS- [Principles of Economics](#) course proposal - *Mr. Lyle Ressler & Mr. Brian Pearson*

Mr. Ressler and Mr. Pearson presented on behalf of the social studies department. Principles of Economics came from the department realizing the course was missing from the curriculum in the CMAP, though the course was taught in the past. The general idea of the course is that it summarizes macro economic and micro economic principles. Critical thinking, analytical skills, and problem solving will be built into the course. The course will be made up of 5 units covered over a semester as a 90 day elective. Fundamental Economic Concepts, Microeconomics, Macroeconomics of Institutions, Macroeconomics Policies, and International and Global perspectives on Economics will be the unit structure of the course. Because there was no prior curriculum for this course in the curriculum map, everything being proposed is new. The curriculum is based upon the textbook Economics: Principles and Practices. Some hard copies of the digital textbook for students needing accommodations may be needed. Dr. Calender noted we will provide a time for the community to preview the text. The text will be prepared for community review prior to board approval of the new course.

4. WHS- [New and Revised Computer Science Courses](#) - *Mr. Jeffrey Wile*

Mr. Wile's goal is to open the door to computer science to all students. The vision for the computer science offerings at Warwick is to provide a greater breadth and depth of courses. The changes would also allow for multiple entries into various courses, not limiting students by math skills only. Expanding, the focus will not just be computer programming but rather expanding to computer science, including cybersecurity, implications of computer science, and computing ethics. The first prerequisite for all computer science courses would be the Carnegie Mellon computer science academy, available starting in 9th grade. The course focuses on python programming and aligns with algebra readiness standards, aligned with CSTA standards. The course would be a semester course. AP Computer Science Principles will also be a new course. It is an AP Course that focuses on all facets of computer science and would be useful for anyone going into any field to develop a basis of computer science. This course would be a year long course. Internet Programming is revamped to have a changed pace and a more enhanced opportunity. Students would learn to build websites through codes, as well as working with HTML, CSS, and JavaScript. This course would be a semester course. Graphic Java Programming would be the

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new name for the Structured Programming course. The course allows for software building experiences. A new course called cybersecurity would be a semester course. The curriculum comes from cyber.org and focuses on the ethics of computing and various cyber attacks. AP Computer Science A will continue as a course offered to students to prepare students for the college level. Mobile App Development is also continuing as an offering for students as a semester course. There would be 7 total computer science courses offered. Mr. Wiles would teach all the courses, moving different courses over different semesters. Mrs. Stephens asked if there is a text requirement. Dr. Szobocsan and Dr. Calender will check and if there is a text portion required, it will be available for committee review prior to presentation to the board.

5. New Teacher/Staff [Video](#) - *Dr. Steve Szobocsan*

Dr. Szobocsan shared the orientation overview with the 2023-2024 new staff members introducing themselves.

6. Elementary Science/Life Skills Update - *Mr. Steven Lin*

Due to the booklets that were available from the LGH Life Skills health curriculum no longer being available, a team of teachers was asked to prepare a replacement to share the information that was previously shared via the workbooks from LGH. The content of the curriculum remains untouched, (except for one update), with the instructional materials being updated. The 6th grade team has requested to develop a section on vaping, recognizing that vaping has become a prevalent issue not represented by the LGH curriculum. Mrs. Zimmerman recommended having parents notified prior to the vaping unit occurring to provide opportunity for conversation at home. Dr. Calender shared the potential for a tip sheet for parents to support them conversing with their children at home. This update will be taken to the board for review and approval.

7. Pre-K Counts Grant Update - *Dr. Melanie Calender*

Dr. Calender shared that the district currently hosts a districtwide pre-K program at Kissel Hill for children ages 3 and 4, who are eligible, at no cost to families. This school year, a Pre-K Counts grant was applied for to allow for some reimbursement for our program. Warwick is partners with Owl Hill for the program and the funds will come in incrementally, with \$138,000 to support costs of the program, used for supporting staffing salaries and benefits as well as some

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supplies. The Warwick Education Foundation historically funded a great deal of the start up for the program.

8. Title Programs Updates & Feedback:

Dr. Calender shared that the district receives 4 different title grants: Title 1 (reading improvement) with projected support of \$465,473 which go towards reading support with the funds based upon free and reduced lunch eligibility to support students with literacy development needs. A majority of the fund goes towards salaries of reading specialists and intervention specialists at Lititz Elementary and Bonfield. Title IIA currently has been used for class size reduction for \$82, 851, supporting two teacher salaries at Kissel Hill. Title III is the English Language Acquisition federal program, supporting about \$240,000 a majority of which supports salaries of those who support by providing the English Language Development instruction. Title IVA is about \$40,000, used for a target area that is innovative yet supportive of curriculum, so those dollars have gone towards STEM education K-6. As part of federal programs, non-public schools get a share of this funding. They receive set aside dollars for local non-public schools who are interested in getting the funds through Warwick, with the same target areas for support as the district areas. We have 4 non-public schools engaged with the district, Lindel Hall, Lititz Christian, LAMS, and St. John Newman Catholic School. We also support students classified as homeless students through the funding. Dr. Calender shared she would like feedback into our title programming as we progress through the year.

9. Old Business

10. Public Comment

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 7:29 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Amy Balsbaugh

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Warwick School District

Finance and Legal Committee

October 3, 2023

Conference Room A

6:00 p.m.

MINUTES

IN ATTENDANCE: *Mr. Nathan Wertsch, Mr. Nelson Peters, Mrs. Lisa Miller, Mr. Kevin Martzall, Dr. April Hershey, Mrs. Michelle Helderman, Mr. Don Haverstick, Dr. Michelle Harris, Mrs. Kellye McMillion, Mrs. Cynthia Wingenroth*

ABSENT:

1. Welcome and Public Comment
 - No public comment
2. 2024-25 Budget Calendar
 - Mr. Wertsch reviewed the calendar
 - The base index is 5.3%
 - Recommends the opt out resolution, try for as close to 0% as possible
 - November/December is when we will recommend for school board to adopt the opt out resolution in conjunction with last year's audit
3. 2022-23 Audit / Fund Balances Update
 - Audit is in good shape
 - Reviewed general fund year end snapshot, current funding balance commitments, capital reserve fund
 - Reviewed recommendation of \$1,575,000 transfer to capital reserve
 - Helps to offset debt cost and decrease borrowing costs
 - Interest earnings was a large driver of earnings and what can be transferred into the capital reserve
 - No concerns with proposed transfer by the committee
4. 2022-23 Budget Transfers
 - Related to PDE direction
5. 2023-24 Budget Transfers
 - Related to PDE direction
6. Other Relevant Items
 - None at this time
7. Board Recommendations Recap
 - Recommend the transfer to capital reserve \$1,575,000.00
 - Recommend budget transfers for both years

Meeting concluded at 6:12 PM.

Respectfully submitted by

Michelle Harris

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Warwick School District

Student Activities Committee



October 12, 2023

Conference Room A**

6:00 p.m.

** moved from the Board Room to Conference Room A

MINUTES

Attendance: Dr. Szobocsan, Mr. Hazel, Mr. Landis, Mr. Browne, Mr. Todd, Mrs. Shari Medini, Mrs. Rossi, Ms. Jami Zimmerman, Ms. Wiker, Mrs. Weitzel

- If you have any questions or considerations before or during the meeting, please email Dr. Szobocsan @ sszobocsan@warwicksd.org
- 1. Greeting - Ed Browne / Scott Landis
- 2. Student Representative Report - Zoe Wiker
 - a. *JB Fun Run Fundraiser, LE Fun Run, Bonfield "Great Escape" fundraiser and a Talent Show upcoming as well as upcoming Field Trips, WMS Fall Dance, WHS Homecoming & Pep Rally w/ Band. Friday tailgate before game.*
- 3. Extra-Curricular Report - Mr. Earl Hazel
 - a. *Homecoming Game Friday Night Football, Saturday AM Soccer Games and Field Hockey (Districts, LL Play-offs). Cross-Country heads into postseason. Coaching Positions continue to move forward. Digital ticketing increases.*
- 4. Belize - Post Trip Recap - Ms. Jami Zimmerman
- 5. Out of State/Overnight Trip Request - Dr. Steve Szobocsan
 - a. Elementary students and staff from JB, JRB, KHE & LE to Washington, D.C. on May 23, 2024. Students will tour the national mall and museums. They will experience and witness topics that have been discussed in class first hand rather than in a book.
- [Recommended for Board Approval](#)
- 6. Sunday Facilities Use Requests - Dr. Steve Szobocsan
 - a. PA Classics AC to use Turf Football Stadium 14 and Turf Field 1 for PA Classics Winter College Showcase - Boys Weekend on December 3, 2023 from 1:00 to 4:30 p.m.

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- b. PA Classics AC to use Turf Football Stadium 14 and Turf Field 1 for PA Classics Winter College Showcase - Girls Weekend on December 10, 2023 from 1:00 to 4:30 p.m.
- c. Warwick Football to use Running Track Field 12 and Multi-Purpose Field 3 for Flag Football from March 24, 2024 through April 28, 2024 from 1:00 to 5:00 p.m.
- d. Warwick Football to use Turf Football Stadium 14 and HS Large Gym for a youth football clinic on March 17, 2024 from 1:00 to 5:00 p.m.

[Recommended for Board Approval](#)

7. Old Business- *Dr. Steve Szobocsan*

- a. Sunday Use Requests- Recommendation to treat these the same as all other facility use requests. Approved via a school process that does not require formal board approval.

[Recommended for Board Approval](#)

- b. Cooperative Athletic Agreements- Presentation of additional information related to these agreements, their impact on WSD programs, and finalizing a decision on how to handle these moving forward.

[Recommended for Board Approval : WSD will discontinue Cooperative Athletic Agreements for any sports that have more than 2 PIAA classifications. We will continue to offer a Cooperative Athletic Agreement for all sports with 1-2 PIAA classifications. Effective 24-25 school year.](#)

- c. A Better Way Athletics- Review the presentation that was given to the full school board at the committee of the whole meeting on October 3 and make a recommendation regarding the program.

8. Additional considerations

- [Recommendation to have SAC approve Facility Use Request - no recommendations need to go to full Board.](#)

9. Public Comment

None

The meeting was adjourned at 6:48 pm.

Respectfully submitted by
Melissa Weitzel

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