



Warwick School District

Committee of the Whole

March 1, 2022

Board Room

7:00 p.m.

MINUTES

Members Present: Leslie Penkunas, Lisa Miller, Millard Eppig, Matt Knouse, James Koelsch, Nelson Peters, Todd Rucci, Emily Zimmerman
C. Edward Browne, April Hershey, Nate Wertsch, Melanie Calender, Liam Zee

Guests: Noelle Brossman, Kevin Martzall, Fred Griffiths, Kayla Cook, Reggie Weaver, Tannia Carpenter, Kimberly Regennas, Joan Bohan, Rachael Haverstick, Taylor Cole, Elizabeth Radecic, Jim Senft, Christina Smoker

Virtual guests (Names are listed as they appeared on Zoom): Arielle Miller, Chad Minnich, Christina Bracken, HSR, Jenn, Jennifer Murphy, JES, Jmeckley, Kim Woyurka, Laura Knowles, Lauren McMullen, matt, Noah Johnson, Renee Campeau, rhallett, Sarah, Steve

1. Solicitor Presentations

The following solicitors shared information regarding their educational law practices:

- Fox Rothschild LLP
- Sweet, Stevens, Katz & William LLP
- Appel, Yost & Zee LLP
- Kegel Kelin Litts & Lord LLP

2. Budget Preview

~ Mr. Nathan Wertsch, Chief Financial Officer

Mr. Nate Wertsch provided a review of the 2021-2022 fund balances related to revenue, expenses, and the net change. He also provided a snapshot of the current 2022-2023 budget with regards to local, state, and federal revenues and expenses. Mr. Wertsch also outlined major expense variable comparisons from 2019 through 2023, including charter payments, special education placements, and health insurance. Mr. Wertsch discussed the state budget proposal variables related to basic education subsidies and special education subsidies. Lancaster County millage rates for neighboring districts were shared, along with the potential tax impact in 2022-2023. Mr. Wertsch pointed out that there are still

many unknown factors related to both revenue and expenses which could affect the 2022-2023 budget. The proposed final budget will be brought to the Board in May.

3. WSD Challenged Materials Procedure, Update 1/2022

~ Dr. Melanie Calender, Assistant Superintendent

Dr. Calender shared a brief history of the WSD Challenged Material Procedure. The procedure was updated in January of 2022. Dr. Calender described the updates made at that time. A request was made to address #6 of the Procedures for Handling Challenged Materials document regarding the amount of time a resource may not be challenged following a final decision, which is currently six years. Dr. Calender shared the current curriculum writing cycle. Based on community feedback, as a proactive measure, when curriculum is rewritten, the district will attempt to make new instructional resources available to the public to view, prior to the Board approving new curriculum changes.

4. Other Relevant Items

The committee adjourned at 9:41 p.m.
Respectfully Submitted,



Lisa Bonfield



Warwick School District
Building and Property Committee

March 14, 2022

Conference Room A

6:00 p.m.

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Cancelled

**No meeting was held during the month of March
due to a lack of agenda items.**

Next meeting: **April 11, 2022**

Warwick School District

Education Committee



March 14, 2022

Board Room

6:00 p.m.

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Committee Members Present: Amy Balsbaugh, Sadia Batool, Melanie Calender, Shelly Chmil, Olha Drobot, Stacey Geesaman, Ron Hallett, Ross Kramer, Kris Krause, Kellye McMillion, Leslie Penkunas, and Emily Zimmerman

Community Members Present: Rachel Haverstick, Bill Turner, Mary Turner, Jessica Musser, Gerard Mechs, Bethany Tomassetti, Jennifer Weiss

1. Welcome - *Mrs. Leslie Penkunas & Mrs. Emily Zimmerman*

Mrs. Penkunas reminded the group this is not a voting meeting and shared the purpose of the committee is to hear presentations and review data based upon the instruction in the district. Comments and questions during the presentations are only to be made by those serving on the committee. Public comment will be permitted at the end. Comments should be addressed to the entire committee and comments should be limited to 3 minutes or less. The committee may or may not elect to respond.

2. *Dr. Calender shared the process the committee would take for approvals when the Education Committee meeting occurs right before the board meeting. She shared items would be listed on the board agenda but would be stricken if they would not be taken for approval after presentation to the Education Committee.*
3. Student Representative Report - *Mr. Liam Zee, Student Representative*
Mr. Zee was unable to join the committee and did not share a report.
4. Math Curriculum Updates 7-12 - *Mr. Gary Minnich, Secondary Math Department Coordinator* *Mr. Minnich introduced the recommended middle school*

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mathematics progression chart. None of the courses are new. The same courses will be running next year as have been currently. The high school mathematics progression chart was also shared. Multiple pathways for students were shared through making choices for math coursework. Computer Science progression of coursework was also shared, which is considered math coursework also. Dr. Hallett emphasized that the department works hard to correlate vertical alignment of coursework to make sure instruction works together. This presentation was a review of what is already in place and not approval for any new content or curricular changes.

5. Dual Enrollment Agreement Goethe Institute - *Dr. Ron Hallett, Director of Curriculum, Instruction & Assessment*

The Goethe Institute introduces a program to students who would elect to take an online German course. This would allow students to have dual enrollment, in an environment that immerses students in the German culture with a focus on STEM, and could promote doing some post-secondary work later in the country of Germany. Through this agreement, students who are part of the program would receive a 25% discount. This course will also transfer as an elective credit at Warwick School District. It is a two-year program, with an opportunity to travel to Germany at the end of each year. One Warwick student has advocated to take part in this program. The cost associated with the program is about \$1200 a module, with 4 modules required. The travel to Germany is included in the program. This agreement is recommended to move to the board for approval.

6. *Dr. Hallett shared that the district had gone through the challenge for All American Boys and the conclusion was shared. The conclusion had come back to the Superintendent for reconsideration and the reconsideration fell to the side that the book will currently stay. The process has gone from beginning to end, including the opportunity for appeal. Dr. Hallett shared a second book had gone through the full process, Me, Earl, and the Dying Girl. The Book Review Committee formed and met about the title at the end of January, reflecting on the*

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points made by the citizen. Ultimately, it was found that the issue was related to a point of perspective. While the book may not be appropriate for one student it may be appropriate for others. Because it is a library book, it can be accessible for some who need it and not for others. An appeal went back to the Superintendent and she also considered those concerns as well as the students who may need access, and it was determined the title would stay in the library. The last book that is still in the review process is The Female of the Species. It is still in the library. The committee did meet and is in process of determining the solution and outcome of the particular text. Dr. Calender shared all three challenges have come from high school texts. Due to the length of the texts, it takes a bit of time to allow all committee members to read the lengthier texts, sharing the titles, prior to meeting. Currently all titles have been through at least the first level of the process, that are currently up for challenge.

7. Dr. Calender shared there will be a pilot for reviewing curriculum materials, to introduce a new structure, in hopes of allowing materials to be preview prior to adoption rather than challenging materials after implementation. In April, elementary ELA (K-2 and 5-6) and elementary math (3-4) will be shared for approval. The resource materials will be available in a room to make an appointment for viewing. They are copyrighted so photos, videos, or recordings cannot be taken. Bags, coats, or personal items will be asked to remain outside of the room to keep the materials in good condition. A feedback form will be provided to those reviewing the materials. Anyone who wants to see the material can call in and Karen Graver will make an appointment with the individual, one at a time. Individuals may make another appointment after they book their first appointment. There is a feedback form that will be available for the viewer to provide feedback to the curriculum team, and this pilot form was shared with the committee for review. Dr. Calender shared the earlier in the month the feedback is received, the earlier it can be reviewed and reflected upon prior to the April

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meeting. Fliers will be left out here and information will be posted out on the district website, as well as sent out to Warwick Elementary families.

8. Public Comment

- *Rachel Haverstick asked about materials that are up for review, asking what stage of review they are in. Dr. Calender shared that Wonders had been approved two years ago for purchase. Now, it is included as the backbone but is not the only resource in the curriculum. Other resources are included as well. Grade 3 and 4 math will be using Eureka Math curriculum as the backbone for their curricular work. All recommended tools will be out for review.*
- *Bethany Tomassetti asked about how much parental involvement is involved in the book challenge process, asking if parents only choice is to appeal it to the Superintendent. Dr. Calender shared that yes, after meeting with the principal and filing the request for review, that is the next step in the process that is available to the individual who filed the request. Dr. Calender also shared that parents still have the right to have their student not participate in that resource. The discussion with the specific parent would continue to determine how the alternate resource plan would work with the parent and the teacher. Dr. Calender also shared that parents can block titles from their child to check out in the library. Mrs. Tomassetti asked if only materials were going to be shared for review from elementary. Dr. Calender shared that this is the pilot we are doing to try the preview experience with for the time being.*
- *A community member asked about how many new dual enrollment opportunities have come for students lately. Dr. Hallett shared that we have an increasing number of students taking advantage of these opportunities and we are working to provide more experiences.*
- *Jennifer Weiss shared that she did not understand the question in the preview of materials feedback form that asks if the material represents all*

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of the students at Warwick. Dr. Calender shared that in the past, we had curriculums that represented students who were all white, middle-class students. She explained how students should have opportunities to see texts represent their families and that we are more deliberate to do that with the texts we adopt. Mrs. Weiss noted that she would not know who all students at Warwick are. Dr. Calender shared yes, no, and unsure are listed as an option to respond with. Mrs. Weiss asked what the proper answer is to the question: “Do you think parents should have a say in what their children should check out of the library?” Dr. Hallett explained that, yes, they should. Parents have the opportunity to look in the catalog and to request their child cannot check out certain types of books from the library. The parent asked if they can view them in the library without taking them out. Dr. Hallett shared that right now the libraries are open spaces, but that it may be something that they consider in the future and the librarians are continuing to dialogue about this to meet the needs of students and student families.

Emily Zimmerman adjourned the meeting at 7:04 pm.

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Warwick School District

Finance and Legal Committee

March 1, 2022

Board Room

6:00 p.m.

MINUTES

Attendance:

Present: Josh Hoffman, Kevin Martzall, Lisa Miller, Nate Wertsch, Matt Snavely (via Zoom)
Zac Bauernmaster, Dr. April Hershey, Nelson Peters

Absent: Rusty Dicks, Scott Landis

1. Welcome and Public Comment

Mr. Wertsch welcomed the group and there were no public comments.

2. 2022-23 IU13 Budget Review

Mr. Wertsch shared we will not likely vote on this until the April board meeting. Based on school code we are required to vote on those each year - Instructional Media Services and Core Program Services. There are no increases to the school district as they are offset by revenue. There were no questions or concerns from the committee.

3. 2022-23 General Fund Budget Update

Mr. Wertsch presented a General Fund Budget update. He shared there are some developments but nothing concrete. Last year's ending Fund Balance was just shy of 19 million and a Capital Reserve Fund of just over \$18 million. The 2021-2022 major expense approvals were the Field House and the John Beck roof. Mr. Wertsch shared Major Expense Variables - Charter Schools showed that 19-20 was just shy of \$700,000 and our 21-22 forecast is to end this year at \$1,821,123 million dollars. There is a potential exposure of \$640,000. The second major expense variable Mr. Wertsch shared was the IU13 Special Education placements showing a potential exposure of \$307,584. We are currently forecasting about \$1.8 million dollars for 22-23. The third major expense variable shared was Health Insurance with a potential exposure of \$285,166 reflecting a 7.5% increase in 22-23. The 21-22 forecast is close to \$6 million dollars. We will get a Health Care forecast from our brokers in the next couple of weeks.

Mr. Wertsch shared the Major State Budget Proposal Variables showing nearly 2.4 million dollars that could be added to our budget. However, Mr. Wertsch noted that the House Republican Caucus Response "Democrat budget proposal is a fiscal fantasy land."

Mr. Wertch highlighted that we dropped from 9th to 10th highest with another 0% tax increase, 3 years in a row. Our goal is to stay at or as close to 0 as possible. Mr. Wertch also shared the potential tax impact in 2022-2023 with a median home value of \$200,600.

Mr. Wertsch shared that there are still so many major unknowns, both good and bad - Local Revenue, State Funds, Capital Reserve Fund, One Time Use Funds. He shared the next steps: continued budget trending and adjusting, review proposed final budget in May, Final budget voted on in June.

4. 2021-22 Budget Transfers

Mr. Wertsch shared the Budget Transfers for Board Approval (March 15, 2022).

5. Other Relevant Items

None

6. Board Recommendations Recap

Budget Transfers, Hold on IU Budget until we get the full formal packet (likely April).

Meeting Adjourned: 6:31 PM

Submitted by:

Dr. Zachary Bauernmaster

Next Meeting: **April 5, 2022**

Warwick School District

Student Activities Committee



March 10, 2022

Board Room

6:00PM

MINUTES

Present: Todd Rucci, Ed Browne, April Hershey, Liam Zee, Bill Bernstein, Shari Medini, Crystal Harnick, Leslie Swann, Ryan Landis

Absent:

1. Greeting - Mr. Todd Rucci
2. Student Representative Report - Liam Zee
 - a. WHS- State qualifiers in athletics and music, Musical and Art Show
 - b. WMS- Course request completed, spring athletics, Musical
 - c. Lititz EL-
 - d. Kissel Hill- One School, One Book has kicked off, Student Council meetings, Book Buddies
 - e. Bonfield- Read Across America, Spirit Week, One School, One Book kick off, Biztown
 - f. John Beck- One School, One Book has kicked off, Stem Bowl, Read Across America
3. Extra-Curricular Report - Mr. Ryan Landis
4. 2020-21 Parent Group Fiscal Reports - Review and Update -
5. Out of State/Overnight Trip Requests -
 - a. HS students and staff to Kalahari Resort, 250 Kalahari Blvd, Pocono Manor, PA, from April 6, 2022 - April 9, 2022, to participate in the All State Band Festival.
 1. Committee recommends approval

Next Meeting: April 14, 2022

6. Sunday Usage Requests -

- a. Lancaster Evangelical Free Church to use the HS Parking Lot and the MS Parking Lot for Sunday in the Park on June 5, 2022 from 1:00 to 5:00 p.m. (Parking only - not for an event in the parking lot).
 - 1. Committee recommends approval
- b. Warwick Midget Football Association (WMFA) to use the Turf Football Stadium 14 for a football clinic on May 22, 2022 from 1:30 to 4:00 p.m.
 - 1. Committee recommends approval
- c. Lititz Youth Soccer Club (LYSC) to use Turf Football Stadium 14 for practices repeating weekly from March 27, 2022 through June 12, 2022 (except May 22, 2022) from 1:00 to 4:30 p.m.
 - 1. Committee recommends approval
- d. Hooley Booster Club INC to use the HS Auditorium and HS Auditorium Lobby for their dress rehearsal on April 3, 2022 from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m.
 - 1. Committee recommends approval

7. Additional considerations - SAC

8. Other

Respectfully submitted,
Kristy Szobocsan

Next Meeting: April 14, 2022