



# Warwick School District

## Committee of the Whole

April 4, 2023

Board Room

7:00 p.m.

The school board's Committee of the Whole meeting on Tuesday, April 4, 2023 was held in the district office board room. An overflow area was available 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](mailto: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/f\\_aHeBUGAqA?feature=share](https://youtube.com/live/f_aHeBUGAqA?feature=share)

## **MINUTES**

### ***In attendance***

- Nate Wertsch, Nelson Peters, Lisa Miller, James Koelsch, Todd Rucci, Edward Browne, Leslie Penkunas, Emily Zimmerman, Dan Woolley, Scott Landis, Liam Zee, Melanie Calender, April Hershey, Fred Griffiths, Janice Boyer, Carolyn Enigk, Noelle Brossman, Kristina Szobocsan, Steve Szobocsan, & Lindsey Stock

### ***Visitors In Attendance (Utilized Sign-In Sheets)***

- Justin Kratzer, Amy Martin, Reggie Weaver, Dr. Tim Witmer, Barb Witmer, Andy Spade, Carly Spade, Mark Mueller, Cindy Wingenroth, Rachael Haverstick, Veronica Myer, Violet Weitzel, Lisa Hochreiter, Christina Bracken, Amanda Chap, Jessica Musser, Justin Cook, Kelye McMillion, Lydia Walker, & Kimberly Regennas

### ***Visitors In Attendance (virtually)***

- 41 individuals (no names available)
  1. Future City Presentation
    - *Middle School Students & Mr. Michael Smith presented their 2023 National Championship Future City*
  2. Renovation Update
    - *Craig Kimmel & Erin Hoffman – RLPS Architects gave a presentation*
  3. Potential Pre-K Counts Partnership/Grant
    - *Dr. Lindsey Stock, Director of Elementary Curriculum, Instruction and Assessment gave a presentation*

Next meeting: **May 2, 2023**

- *The board would like more time to review the information before moving forward*
- 4. Targeted School Improvement (TSI) Designation at WHS
  - *Dr. Steve Szobocsan, Director of Secondary Curriculum, Instruction and Assessment gave a presentation*
- 5. Personnel Requests
  - *Dr. Steve Szobocsan, Director of Secondary Curriculum, Instruction and Assessment gave a presentation*
- 6. Budget Review
  - *Mr. Nathan Wertsch, Chief Financial Officer gave a budget update*
- 7. Other Relevant Items

*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.*

Nicole Young	Bullying
Kellye McMillion	School board's continued support and commitment to the community
Bethany Tomassetti	Follow up from previous board comments about gender and RTK request
Jessica Musser	TSI concerns
Violet Weitzel	Recent LNP article on Moms for Liberty
Mark Mueller	"Rules of the Game"
Kimberly Regennas	General Comments: Agenda items and timeline, Library Materials Review Committee
Justin Kratzer	General Comments: Broken Trust, RTK, Educational options outside of WSD

The meeting adjourned at approximately 10:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by  
Dr. Kristy Szobocsan

*Next meeting: May 2, 2023*



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

**April 10, 2023**

**Conference Room A**

**6:00 p.m.**

***MINUTES***

**Cancelled**

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

Next meeting: **May 8, 2023**

# Warwick School District

## Education Committee



April 11, 2023

Board Room

6:00 p.m.

## MINUTES

**IN ATTENDANCE:** Amy Balsbaugh, Melanie Calender, Shelly Chmil, Ross Kramer, Kevin Krause, Kellye McMillion, Leslie Penkunas, Lindsey Stock, Steve Szobcsan, Leslie Penkunas, Emily Zimmerman, Liam Zee.

**COMMUNITY MEMBERS:** Kimberly Regennas, Amanda Chap, Christina Bracken, Jess Musser

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

Mrs. Penkunas welcomed everyone and shared that comments will be after presentations, with a 3 minute time limit.

2. Student Representative Report - *Mr. Liam Zee, Student Representative*

*John Beck-African Drumming Presentation through WEF, Mr. Steven Campell to teach students about drums and percussion, coordinated by Mrs. Horton. Art Goes to School occurred at Beck this month. Wellness Works presentation occurred via the Warwick Education Foundation to teach social emotional skills. Kids Heart Challenge occurred during PE and raised over \$12,000, above their goal. The Pirates School Musical, the first musical since 2019, was a great presentation.*

*Bonfield-4th grade field trip to Susan Byrnes Center; Art Goes to School; Earth Dome visited 5th and 6th grade; Golden Ticket winners earned house points and gym time this month. Another house color day was held. The 6th grade DC field trip occurs on the 12th.*

*MS-Mini Mini Thon is on Friday to raise funds for the mini thon. JR High track and field team has almost 100 participants. Students are setting personal goals to show what they know as they approach the PSSA testing season.*

*HS-NHS Induction is coming up; Spring Sports are in action.*

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### 3. Grades 3 and 4 ELA Curriculum Update Presentation

Erin Myers, Mitchel Billek, and Andrea Bear shared updates for the rewriting of grade 3 and 4 ELA curriculum. A historic overview was shared, beginning in 2019, starting the writing, prior to Covid. Since 3rd and 4th grade worked to revise math last year, this roll out was staggered, due to a condensed curriculum schedule due to Covid. An overview of the research on the science of reading was shared. 4th grade gave an overview of unit topics by trimester (Think It Through; Amazing Animals; That's the Spirit; Fact or Fiction; Figure It Out; Past, Present, Future). 3rd grade shared an overview of their units (Growing and Learning; Figure It Out; One of a Kind; Meet the Challenge; Take Action, Think It Over). Both 3rd and 4th grade noted that phonics, spelling, grammar, writing, and guided reading are embedded in each unit. Step Up to Writing was shared as an instructional tool. Major shifts shared were that phonics instruction will now be emphasized through grade 4, with expected intervention as needed through 6th grade. A grammar scope and sequence will be aligned K-6. Texts are more rigorous and diverse for our learners. Assessments are strongly aligned to instructional standards.

### 4. Grades 5 and 6 Math Curriculum Update Presentation

Andrew Stewart, Jackie Hess, and Alex Daecher shared their updates to the 5th and 6th grade curriculum. The team shared their process for adopting Eureka Math, which is aligned to the state standards. Implementation of this program will allow for K-6 instructional alignment for math. Teachers shared an overview of the modules covered into each trimester. For grade 5, place value and decimal fractions as well as multi-digit whole number and decimal fraction operations are trimester one. Addition and subtraction of fractions and multiplication and division of fractions and decimal fractions are included in trimester 2. Addition and multiplication with volume and area as well as problem solving with the coordinate plane are shared in trimester 3. Fact fluency is how the lesson begins, direct instruction occurs for the new skill, group problem set solving and then independent practice is included. 6th grade is also made of 6 modules, including ratios and unit rates, arithmetic operations including division of fractions. Rational numbers, expressions and equations, area, surface area, and volume problems, as well as statistics. Deep understanding of math concepts is one of the greatest shifts with this curriculum. Math fluency is also developed through this work. Assessments were created by the writing team to support the focus on grade level standards.

### 5. Review of Elementary Pilots

Dr. Stock shared that some pilots that had been asked to implement were not implemented due to staffing changes. Dr. Stock shared that intervention specialists and reading specialists are collaborating and really looking at reading interventions in our buildings.

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Dr. Stock shared there was a pilot of Wonders Spelling across the district. The team is still working through the spelling pilot, so change will come with time. Both Words Their Way and Wonders are planned to be listed in the CMAP. The pilot this year was for grade 3 and 4 and we are looking to expand to all grade levels and all teachers as a pilot next year.

#### 6. High School Graduation Requirement

- a. Addition of one (1) credit
  - i. Currently, the state has a minimum of 21 credits to graduate. Warwick currently requires 23 credits required to graduate.
  - ii. Each student has the opportunity to complete 28 credits during education. Even after a one credit increase in 2018, Warwick remains one of the lowest required credits for graduation in the county. County credit comparison was shared.
  - iii. The proposal is to increase the graduation requirement from 23 credits to a total of 24 credits, adding a .5 additional elective credit and a .5 requirement related to Financial Literacy and Careers (Money Management). If approved, this would begin with the freshman class of 2024-graduating class of 2028).
  - iv. Money Management I is a modification of the existing money management course, including collaborative work with school counselors.
  - v. Dr. Szobocsan shared that the current staffing we should have the capacity for this, not requiring additional staffing.

#### 7. Adult Education Programming Report

Dr. Szobocsan shared updated information on the adult education courses offered at WSD this school year. Community members pay 40 to take a course (6 hours), however senior citizens over 62 can take the course for free. Summer of 2022 offered yoga, in the fall knitting basics and projects was offered along with yoga. In the winter of 2023 knitting basics, pound, and yoga were offered. In Spring 2023 the knitting basics, machine sewing, pound rockout, and yoga were offered.

#### 8. Byrnes Health Education Center - Breaking the Silence Feedback

- a. Follow up information from the program shared with grade 9. The program focused on breaking the stigma that is related to mental health. A pre and post assessment was shared. Growth was highlighted, especially in the area of understanding false stigmas of mental health and treatment options for people living with mental illnesses. The goal would be to attain permission to continue the program for the future.

#### 9. AP World History Curriculum Update

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- a. Lyle Ressler shared this update as the social studies department coordinator. AP World History is a course stemming from the college board to expose students to world history and earn college credit through AP testing. The College Board made some changes which prompted this course revision. The current curriculum map overview by unit was compared to the proposed curriculum map, adjusting some units, changing the timeline from starting to 8000 BCE, now starting before 1200, moving away from a pre-history focus. No new materials or resources are needed for the new curriculum.

#### 10. AP English 12 - Course Modification for College in the Classroom

- a. Carolyn Bogner shared proposed modifications to AP English Literature and Composition. This will also allow students to earn College in the Classroom credits by Harrisburg University as well. This would help students to earn 3 college credits for the course, for successfully completing the course, or they could take the AP test at the end of the year. The purpose is to give students options and to provide them with the opportunity to earn college credits at a much less expensive rate than in college. A ninth unit would be added to the syllabus called Research Writing: Nonfiction Analysis and Synthesis. Unit Six would be renamed to reflect the literary analysis research paper, tweaking the title more clearly. Two additional multi-paragraph, edited and revised essays which analyze and synthesize at least 3 nonfiction articles would be added to the course. Both MLA and APA formatting will be provided to students. No additional resources or supports would be required to make the curricular shifts. The goal would be to implement this next school year, if approved by the board.

#### 11. ESSER Learning Loss Programming

Dr. Stock and Dr. Szobocsan provided a brief overview of planning provided for the ESSR funding received and programming developing to meet the needs. This summer, remediation for the most at risk students who have failed a course at the secondary level, is the goal. Schedules are being developed to offer support for subject specific needs for students who are retaking courses, providing purposeful time for students to work on the courses. The following school year, it would be desired to offer a purposeful program during the school year to support students in preparation for standardized testing. At the elementary level, using data, a summer program is offered annually to support a boost of instruction. Looking to support learning loss, it is desired the programming would look more intensive this year and would be desired to expand the number of students who would be able to participate. ESSER funds could also be used to support transportation needs that may be barriers for some families.

#### 12. Old Business

#### 13. Public Comment

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- a. Jessica Musser-Asked follow up questions on Breaking the Silence. Jessica asked Emily if she had a chance to look at the content or if she would be able to look at the content. Dr. Szoboscan shared he could look into getting it. Jesscia Musser asked if the Brubaker Foundation will continue to fund this program. It was shared that the question has not been asked yet.
- b. A community member asked if the Life Skills curriculum that is to be rewritten was going to be shared. Dr. Stock shared it will follow.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:02 pm.  
Respectfully submitted,  
Amy Balsbaugh

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# Warwick School District

## Finance and Legal Committee

April 4, 2023

Conference Room A

6:00 p.m.

### ***MINUTES***

**IN ATTENDANCE:** Mr. Nathan Wertsch, Mr. Nelson Peters, Mrs. Michelle Helderman, Mr. Don Haverstick, Mr. Kevin Martzall, Dr. April Hershey, Mrs. Jenna Louderback, Mr. Josh Hoffman, Ms. Cindy Wingenroth

**ABSENT:** Matt Snavelly, Mrs. Lisa Miller

1. Welcome and Public Comment

- No comments

2. 2023-24 IU13 Budget

- Reviewed CPS and IMS budgets, only two budgets required by school code to approve
- We do not get allocation but pay a fee for CPS services
- Very minor increase in IMS
- Committee supports recommending approval

3. 2023-24 General Fund Budget Update

- Next month will be proposed final budget
- Current budget Deficit about \$700,000, down from last month
- Reviewed the state revenue budget and history over the past five years
- We expect an increase in the Basic Ed subsidy from the state but no inclination as to an amount. Projecting 29%.
- Real estate assessments - .82% - lower than prior years
- Interest rates continue to rise
- Earned income taxes - growth slowing down
- Healthcare expenses - budget is currently \$700K higher than previous year
- Cyber charter enrollments - budgeting flat
- Additional considerations concerning millage increase related to renovations
  - would help next year but doesn't need to be decided until following year

Next Meeting: *May 2, 2023*

4. 2022-23 Budget Transfers

- No questions, committee supports recommending for approval

5. Obsolete Equipment

- No questions, committee supports recommending for approval

6. Other Relevant Items

7. Board Recommendations Recap

Meeting concluded at 6:17 PM.

Respectfully submitted by

Jenna Louderback

*Next Meeting: May 2, 2023*

# Warwick School District

## Student Activities Committee



April 13, 2023

Board Room

6:00 p.m.

### *MINUTES*

**In attendance:** Dr. S. Szobocsan, Mr. E. Browne, Mrs. M. Weitzel, Mrs. S. Medini, Mr. Bernstein, Mr. S. Landis

- If you have any questions or considerations before or during the meeting, please email Dr. Szobocsan @ [sszobocsan@warricksd.org](mailto:sszobocsan@warricksd.org)

1. Greeting - *Mr. Ed Browne & Mr. Scott Landis*
2. Student Representative Report - *Liam Zee*
3. Extra-Curricular Report - *Mr. Earl Hazel*
  - a. *Unified Track had a home meet vs. MT*
  - b. *Digital tickets sold first time for Softball*
  - c. *Softball is 7-0*
4. Parent Group Fiscal Reports
5. Sunday Facilities Use Requests - *Dr. Steve Szobocsan*
  - a. Warwick Youth Football to use Turf Football Stadium 14 for football games on September 3, September 24, October 8, and October 15, 2023 from 1:00 to 7:00 p.m.
6. Out of State/Overnight Trip Requests - *Dr. Steve Szobocsan*

None
7. Old Business
  - a. *Recess committee has met several times*
  - b. *Administration is working with committee*
8. Additional considerations
  - a. *New Fieldhouse - Concession Stand*
  - b. *Use Policies should be considered*

*Next Meeting: May 11, 2023*

9. Public Comment

None

The meeting was adjourned at 6:22 pm.

Respectfully submitted by  
Melissa Weitzel

*Next Meeting: May 11, 2023*