



Warwick School District

Committee of the Whole

April 2, 2024

Board Room

7:00 p.m.

The school board's Committee of the Whole meeting on Tuesday, April 2, 2024 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/iZj3HHgsRo4?feature=share>

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In attendance

- Nate Wertsch, Dan Woolley, Amy Martin, Bill Breault, Reggie Weaver, Emily Zimmerman, April Hershey, Scott Landis, Angie Lingo, Michael Brown, James Koelsch, Melanie Calendar, Steve Szobocsan, Zoe Wiker, Melissa Weitzel, Fred Griffiths

Visitors In Attendance (Utilized Sign-In Sheets)

- Bret Fitzpatrick, Lisa Hochreiter, Violet Weitzel, Annie Wiker, Lynn Brubaker, Mary Carol Sayles, Mark Mueller, Kelly Bollinger, Andy Derr, Ella Lingo, Kimberly Regennas, Matthew Stuckey, Melody Stuckey, Kim Lovelock, Emma Lovelock, Eve Strayer, Jim Senft, Steph Courchesne, Heather Stoltzfus, Tim Stoltzfus, Jess Musser, Josephina Meier, Anna Shirk-Stoltzfus, Andy Spade, Carly Spade, Barbara Witmer, Nate Hamilton, Ann Hamilton, Judah Hamilton, Andrew Walker, Aidy Walker, Susanna Grubb, Shannon Richard, Troy Richard, Kellye McMillion, Cindy Wingenroth, Dan Cicala, Veronica Myer, Craig Kimmel, Mike Smith, Nikki Rivera, Mr. Rivera, Michelle Helderman

Visitors In Attendance (virtually)

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

1. Future City Presentation (7:00 PM-7:14 PM)
~ Middle School Students and Mr. Michael Smith
2. Costa Rica Trip Presentation (7:15 PM-7:37 PM)
~ High School Students and Mrs. Nikki Rivera

****Voting Session** (7:40 PM-8:13 PM)**

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3. Change Orders & Industry Standards (8:14 PM-8:23 PM)

~ *RLPS Architects and Fidevia*

Discussion on Error & Omission standards

4. Sponsorship Program Recap - **Postponed until May 7th, 2024 Meeting.**

~ *Ms. Carolyn Enigk, Public Relations & Marketing Coordinator*

5. Special Education Plan (8:24 PM-8:49 PM)

~ *Mrs. Colleen Heckman, Director of Student Services & Mrs. Megan Demianovich, Coordinator of Student Services*

- Review of Special Education plan and evaluatory performance
- Discussion on Plan goals aligned with TSI goals

**5 minute break*

6. Budget Review (8:55 PM-9:16 PM)

~ *Mr. Nathan Wertsch, Chief Financial Officer*

- Overviews Budget timeline and board approval by June
- Highlights lowest tax increase in Lancaster County over last 6 years

7. Policy Review (9:16 PM-9:50 PM)

a. Policy 715 – Honoring and Naming Rights

- Question on possibly amending the language from non-living to living.
- Discussion on beginning a process for honoring WSD contributors through the building & Property committee.
- Question on specification on “buildings” (buildings and grounds)
Decision to hold on any amending

b. Policy 903 – Public Comment in Board Meetings

- Dr. Griffiths shared summative data from districts within IU13 and findings indicate: (3 districts are saving and uploading videos on YouTube and considered ADA Compliant - 11%)
- Any video is not considered official board records; only Minutes are official.
- Discussion on saving to an outside provider versus internal saving.
- Discussion that few districts are streaming and sharing video currently.
- Discussion on risks involved in providing a YouTube recording for a month.
- Reviewing that verbiage amendment with the Attorney before moving forward.
- Clarification on public comment and board decision to move comments due to timing.

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- Discussion on upholding policy and board’s ability to stop comments that do not follow policy.

8. 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.

Kelly Bollinger	Lititz, PA	Honoring & Naming of Buildings or Grounds
Mark Mueller	Lititz, PA	Transparency; GSA Links on website
Veronica Myer	Lititz, PA	Oversight on the Warwick website
Kimberly Regennas	Lititz, PA	Spanish Trip
Lisa Hochreiter	Ephrata, PA	Student Accolades and Teacher impact

The meeting adjourned at approximately **10:06** p.m.

Respectfully submitted by
Melissa Weitzel

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Finance and Legal Committee

April 2, 2024

Conference Room A

6:00 p.m.

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IN ATTENDANCE: Mr. Nathan Wertsch, Mr. Kevin Martzall, Dr. April Hershey, Mrs. Jenna Louderback, Mrs. Amy Martin, Mr. Daniel Woolley, Mr. Donald Haverstick, Mr. Michael Brown, Cindy Wolgemuth, Mrs. Michelle Helderman, Lauren Stadel, Ken Phillips

1. Welcome and Public Comment
 - None
2. Debt Service Review – Raymond James Public Finance
 - *Shared financial plan. Gave background of what they do behind the scenes. Explained how the district receives the rating. WSD is rated AA. No other Lancaster Co. district is rated higher than WSD. The higher the rating, the better the interest rate. This rating was acquired through an appeal process. A document was shared which explained the strengths of the district such as strong reserves and strong management team. WSD policies and plans were appreciated.*
 - *Presentation included the current debt of the district. Interest rate history was discussed. The capital projects financing was reviewed.*
 - *Two options were shared in managing debt service.*
 - *WSD is in great financial standing to fund these current projects.*
3. 2024-25 IU13 Budget
 - *We are required by School Code to approve this. We have a \$600 increase from last year. A very small part of our budget with modest increases. This will be recommended to the board for approval.*
4. 2024-25 Proposed Final General Fund Budget
 - *Mr. Wertsch shared the 22-23 year end snapshot. Unassigned fund balance is in good standing. Revenue budget cause-of-change was reviewed. Expense budget cause-of-change was also reviewed. In total, we are in a reasonable standing with a less than \$700,000 deficit. Basic Ed Funding has yet to be shared by the state. Cyber Charter Reform is projected to save the district a significant amount of money if approved. Special ed funding is projected for a small increase. The history of state budget proposals versus actual received was reviewed. The three year budget projections were also reviewed. Millage and Lancaster County tax history was shared. WSD continues to be in great standing of taking*

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increases to millage seriously. 2024 Moody's rating benefits the district in a lower interest rate. In the proposed upcoming budget a 0.75% increase. This would represent a \$25 increase to the median taxpayer. This represents half of the current deficit.

5. 2023-24 Budget Transfers
 - *Reviewed by the committee and support recommending to board*
6. Obsolete Equipment
 - *Reviewed by the committee and support recommending to board*
7. Other Relevant Items
 - None
8. Board Recommendations Recap
 - *2024-25 IU13 Budget*
 - *2023-24 Budget Transfers*
 - *Obsolete Equipment*

-Support recommendation of 0.75% increase in proposed final budget

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 7:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted by

Jenna Louderback

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