

MINUTES
WARREN COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION WORK SESSION/BUSINESS MEETING
Tuesday, September 24, 2024 6:00 p.m.

Roll Call

Board Members Present:

Ms. Linda Byrd

Ms. Victoria Lehman

Mrs. Joyce Long

Ms. Jennifer Sims

Mrs. Ebony Talley-Brame (absent)

Also in Attendance

Interim Superintendent, Dr. Carol Montague Davis

Board Attorney, Maura O'Keefe (via zoom)

Chief Human Resource Officer, Dr. Keedra Whitaker

Chief Communication and Engagement Officer, Heather Mallard

Chief Operations Officer, Dr. Dennis Carrington

Interim Chief Academic Officer, Mr. Marcus Jones

1.0 Opening of Meeting

The Warren County Board of Education met for their Work Session/Business Meeting on Tuesday, September 24, 2024 at 6:04 p.m. at Warren County Middle School located at 118 Campus Drive, Warrenton, North Carolina.

1.1 Meeting Call to Order

Ms. Lehman announced the establishment of a quorum and called the September 24, 2024 Work Session/Business Meeting to order.

1.2 Moment of Silence

Ms. Lehman asked for a moment of silence.

2.0 Board Chair Announcements

2.1 Board Chair's Comments

Ms. Lehman stated, "Good evening everyone, the Board, Superintendent, and County Commissioners, traveled to see Murray Massenburg Elementary School in Durham. If you can see what we saw, I personally think everyone will be excited for what is to come with the new elementary school. Also thank you to Mr. RC Creech for being the driver.

2.2 Other Board Member's Comments

Ms. Long stated that "Governor Cooper will kick off a supply drive and WCMS is one of the schools selected to receive some supplies. More delivery information will be coming soon.

Ms. Sims stated, "I would like to say thank you to the WCHS Alumni, the community and the current students at WCHS for a great homecoming. There has been lots of positive feedback. So thanks to all that participated. The homecoming for WCMS is next Wednesday at 5:30pm at the high school. They will be playing KIPP

Pride. They will be having spirit week leading up to homecoming; All are invited to the game. Thank you in advance for your support.

Ms. Long also thanked the Alumni association for giving back.

3.0 Superintendent's Updates

3.1 Superintendent Updates to the Board

Dr. Montague-Davis stated, "Good evening everyone!"

Community Listening Meetings

- Have 2 community listening sessions in October
- Encourage everyone with a middle or high school student to attend one of the meetings
- One of the big agenda items is talking about rolling out cell phone pouches at the beginning of the second semester in January at our middle and high schools
 - Monday, October 21 at Warren County High School
 - Wednesday, October 23 at Warren County Middle School
 - Both meetings will be from 6-7:30

Title I Nights

Over the coming month, most schools will be holding their Title One and Parent Nights. Be sure to check your school's website and pay attention to messages from your principal for the date and time of the meeting at your school.

- Mariam Boyd Elementary - was Sept. 19
- Northside Elementary
 - holding Parent Data Night tomorrow night, Wednesday, Sept. 24 for families with students in 3rd, 4th, or 5th grade.
 - Title I and Curriculum Night is Oct. 23rd
- Vaughan Elementary - tonight (6-7 p.m.)
- Warren County Middle - October 17
- Warren County High - October 10
- Warren Early College - October 1

Upcoming Special Dates

- Hispanic Heritage Month from September 15 through October 15
 - Northside has a special program celebrating Hispanic Heritage month on October 18
- This Friday is National Teaching Assistant Day, which recognizes the critical work of teaching assistants (TAs) in the classroom.
- October first kicks off
 - Bullying Prevention Month
 - National Principals Month
 - National Farm-to-school month
- Next Wednesday, October 2nd is School Custodian Day
- October 6th is National Coaches' Day
- Monday, October 7th is World Day of Bullying Prevention

Cafeteria Sanitation Scores

- Shoutout to our Child Nutrition Team!

- All of our school cafeterias except Mariam Boyd have earned a perfect 100 sanitation grade!
- Mariam Boyd will have its inspection later this week, and we anticipate they'll earn a perfect score as well.

Radio Show

- “Learn More with Warren County Schools,” will be
- LIVE on WARR 1520 AM and 105.3 FM
- Thursday from noon until 12:30.
- This week’s topic: Hispanic Heritage Month and our Spanish Immersion Program at Northside Elementary.
- Guests:
 - Include two spanish immersion students, their teacher, and Dr. Grant, the principal
- Ways to catch it
 - Listen live on the radio
 - stream it online from the radio station’s website, or
 - watch us live on the Warren County Schools Facebook page.

Looking Back Since Our Last Meeting

Homecoming

- So much fun
- Community support
- Pep Rally and parade Friday, Sept. 13
- Saturday:
 - Tailgating from 9 a.m. - 6 p.m.
 - Shutout win against North Edgecombe
 - Halftime presentation of the Homecoming Royal Court and the King Announced the Homecoming Queen
 - Dubfest
- Great feedback from alumni about the entire weekend

Back to School Powwow

- Tuesday, September 17 was the Haliwa-Saponi (HOLL-ih-wah suh-PONE-ee) Back to School Powwow
- The tribe named their Indian Education Princesses for Vaughan Elementary, Warren Early College, and Warren County High School.
- Great opportunity to learn about our local Haliwa-Saponi (HOLL-ih-wah suh-PONE-ee) Tribe, their culture and customs, eat some traditional foods like Fry Bread, and see beautiful traditional dancing with a drum circle and singers

4.0 Approval of the Agenda

4.1 Motion to Approve the September 24, 2024 Work Session/Business Meeting Agenda

Ms. Lehman called for a motion to approve the September 24, 2024 Work Session/Business Meeting agenda.

Motion: A motion was made by Ms. Long and seconded by Ms. Sims to approve the September 24, 2024 Work Session/Business Meeting.

. **Result:** Motion passed, 4-0

5.0 Public Comments

5.1 Call for Public Comments

Ms. Lehman called for public comments. There were none.

6.0 Discussion Items

6.1 2024 Spring Policy Updates

Dr. Whitaker presented to the board for informational purposes only 2024 Spring Policy Updates.

6.2 Board of Education Retreat Expectations

Dr. Montague Davis presented to the board for informational purposes only the expectations of the upcoming board retreat. It was stated, “The retreat is going to be held on October 22nd in the place of the work session/business meeting. The facilitator will be Ms. Oita Coleman. She is a retired person from SAS. We will start at 9-12 with the board and superintendent and after 12 the senior cabinet will then join. The retreat will be about team building, while having some fun and learning a little more about each other. If we work it like we want to we will come out with the start of our vision and possibly creating our strategic plan. So I ask each board member to email Board Chair Lehman about some things you would like to see at the retreat. She will be speaking to each board member individually before the retreat. The retreat will be at Buck Springs Park. I would also like to let everyone know that we will also be hosting two community listening sessions. The first will be October 21 at WCHS and the second will be October 23 at WCMS. The times will be 6pm to 730pm each night. So we look forward to seeing everyone there at one of or both of the sessions.”

7.0 Convene in Closed Session

7.1 Motion to Convene in Closed Session

At 7:29 p.m., Ms. Lehman called for a motion to convene in closed session.

Motion: A motion was made by Ms. Long and seconded by Ms. Sims to convene in closed session to prevent the disclosure of confidential information pursuant to G.S. 143-318.11(a)(1), (a)(5) and (a)(6), G.S. 115C-319, and to consult with the Board attorney and preserve the attorney-client privilege, pursuant to G.S. 143-318.11(a)(3).

Result: Motion passed, 4-0

8.0 Reconvene in Open Session

8.1 Announcement that Board is in Open Session

At 7:55 p.m., Ms. Lehman announced that the Board was back in open session.

9.0 Adjournment

9.1 Motion to Adjourn Meeting

As there was no further business, at 7:56p.m., Ms. Lehman called for a motion to adjourn the September 24, 2024 Work Session/Business Meeting.

Motion: A motion was made by Ms. Sims and seconded by Ms. Long to adjourn the September 24, 2024 Work Session/Business Meeting.

Result: Motion passed, 4-0

Approved on:

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Board Chair

Secretary