

MINUTES
WARREN COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION WORK SESSION/BUSINESS MEETING
Tuesday, January 24, 2023, 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

Also in Attendance

Superintendent, Mr. Keith Sutton

Board Attorney, Maura O'Keefe

Chief Operations Officer, John Milliner-Williams

Chief Finance Officer, Cierra Ojijo

Chief Human Resource Officer, Dr. Keedra Whitaker

Chief Communication and Engagement Officer, Heather Lawing

Chief Academics and Curriculum Officer, Dr. Kimberly Scott

1.0 Opening of Meeting

The Warren County Board of Education met for their Work Session/Business Meeting on Tuesday, January 24, 2023, at 6:02 p.m. at Warren County Middle School located at 118 Campus Drive, Warrenton, North Carolina.

1.1 Meeting Call to Order

Ms. Sims announced the establishment of a quorum and called the January 24, 2023 Work Session/Business Meeting to order.

1.2 Moment of Silence

Ms. Sims asked for a moment of silence.

2.0 Board Chair Announcements

2.1 Board Chair's Comments

There were none.

2.2 Board Member's Comments

There were none.

3.0 Superintendent's Updates

3.1 Superintendent Updates to the Board

There were none.

4.0 Special Recognitions

4.1 School Board Appreciation Month

Mr. Sutton stated, “January is School Board Appreciation Month in North Carolina. School board members play a vital role in our communities and schools throughout the state. They spend countless hours of their time and talents toward the advancement of public education. They are extraordinary people who tackle the enormous job of governing school districts, and their actions and decisions affect the present and future lives of our children.

Board members contribute hundreds of hours each year leading their districts. Whether it be crafting policies, hiring top-notch administrators, listening to staff and student concerns, or recognizing outstanding programs, board members always keep their eyes on the goal of student achievement. Many school board members are facing unprecedented challenges yet they continue to work with all stakeholders to ensure a bright future for every child.

Warren County Schools thanks our school board members for their hard work and commitment to improving outcomes for students across the state. Their service ensures that decisions about local public schools are made by those most familiar with the needs of the community’s children and families. School board members deserve recognition, appreciation, and thanks for their dedication to North Carolina’s most precious commodity – our children!”

5.0 Approval of the Agenda

5.1 Motion to Approve the January 24, 2023 Work Session/Business Meeting Agenda

Ms. Sims called for a motion to approve the January 24, 2023 Work Session/Business Meeting agenda.

Motion: A motion was made by Ms. Talley-Brame and seconded by Ms. Byrd to approve the January 24, 2023 Work Session/Business Meeting Agenda.

Result: Motion passed, 5-0

6.0 Approval of the Consent Agenda

6.1 Motion to Approve the Consent Agenda

Ms. Sims called for approval of the January 24, 2023 Consent Agenda.

Motion: A motion was made by Ms. Lehman and seconded by Ms. Long to approve the January 24, 2023 Consent Agenda.

Result: Motion passed, 5-0

6.2 Minutes for January 10, 2023 Regular Board Meeting.

Motion: A motion was made by Ms. Lehman and seconded by Ms. Long to approve the minutes for the January 10, 2023 Regular Board Meeting.

Result: Motion passed, 5-0

6.3 Donations

Motion: A motion was made by Ms. Lehman and seconded by Ms. Long to approve the donations.

Result: Motion passed, 5-0

7.0 Public Comments

7.1 Call for Public Comments

Ms. Sims called for public comments. There were four individuals that signed up.

8.0 Action Items

8.1 FY 2022-2023 Budget Resolution

Ms. Ojijo presented to board members the Fiscal Year 2022-2023 Budget Resolution for approval. It was stated, "According to G.S. § 115C-425, the annual balanced budget resolution establishes our budget for the new fiscal year. As we receive finalized allotments, are awarded more grants and process budget revisions, amendments to this budget resolution will be presented monthly to outline those changes."

Motion: After further discussion, a motion was made by Ms. Long and seconded by Ms. Talley-Brame to approve the FY 2022-2023 Budget Resolution as presented.

Result: Motion passed, 5-0

8.2 Career and Technical Education (CTE) Modernization and Support in Grades Six through Eight Grant Program

Mr. Derrick Fogg, Director of CTE presented to the Board for approval the CTE Modernization and Support Grant program. It was stated, "Good evening, this grant is designed to engage middle school students in more hands-on learning experiences in a variety of fields, from employability skills to structural engineering, to help them discover their interests and abilities while reaching their academic and personal potential. Students will be ready for the challenges of CTE classes by the time they get to problem-solving and work-based learning classes in high school. They will be better informed when choosing a career path or CTE concentration. Our high school graduates will be employable upon completion of the CTE curriculum.

Funding from this grant will allow Warren County Middle School students, teachers, and staff to grow, be informed, develop, and explore careers.

Teachers will engage in professional development with Paxton Patterson facilitators and trainers. During this training, teachers will receive deep alignment curriculum support that is attached to national and state standards. Teachers will earn CEUs through rigorous training. Lab instructors will participate in a four step professional development program,

1. Registration
2. Complete Online Lessons
3. 4-hour On-Site Support Session
4. Opportunities to attend regional workshops

Students will engage in authentic problem-based learning experiences as they discover their interests and aptitudes as a result of the development of this middle school lab. Currently the middle school wants to design a program that exposes students to a wide range of Career Clusters, as well as define a more focused pathway for all students; College & Career Ready Labs will serve as a model for career success. Teachers, Career Development Coordinators and school counselors will provide student support in the lab. The school will collaborate with educational consultants to identify the program of study that best meets the needs of the school based on industry needs surveys, student interest, state, nation, and local industry trends.

Motion: Following further discussion, a motion was made by Ms. Talley-Brame and seconded by Ms. Byrd to approve the Modernization and Support Grant program contingent upon approval by the board attorney and superintendent.

Result: Motion passed, 5-0

8.3 Warren Early College High School Overnight Field Trip

Mr. Sutton presented to the Board for approval an overnight field trip for Warren Early College High School. It was stated, “Students will attend leadership events and other activities at the conference with state Beta Club leaders and other Beta members from across the State of NC.”

Motion: A motion was made by Ms. Talley-Brame and seconded Ms. Lehman to approve the overnight field trip for Warren Early College High School as presented.

Result: Motion passed, 5-0

8.4 EDULog Contract

Mr. Milliner-Williams presented to the board for approval the amended EDUlog contract. He stated, “This is a bus and maintenance tracking system that was previously approved by the Board. The contract was adjusted to add 18 months

versus 12, because we are in the middle of the academic year. The amended cost for the 18 months will be \$53,959.”

Motion: A motion was made by Ms. Lehman and seconded by Ms. Byrd to approve the amended EDUlog contract as presented.

Result: Motion passed, 5-0

9.0 Convene in Closed Session

9.1 Motion to Convene in Closed Session

At 6:45 p.m., Ms. Sims called for a motion to convene in closed session.

Motion: A motion was made by Ms. Lehman and seconded by Ms. Byrd to convene in closed session pursuant to G.S. 143-318.11(a)(1), (a)(5), and (a)(6), prevent the disclosure of confidential personnel information pursuant to G.S. 115C-319; discuss pending litigation captioned Neil v. Warren County Board of Education, 5:20-cv-00595-FL; and consult with the Board attorney and preserve the attorney client privilege.

Result: Motion passed, 5-0

10.0 Reconvene in Open Session

10.1 Announcement that Board is in Open Session

At 8:07 p.m., Ms. Sims announced that the Board was back in open session.

11.0 Action on Closed Session Item(s)

11.1 Approval Personnel Report

To approve the personnel report that was presented during closed session.

Motion: A motion was made by Ms. Long and seconded by Ms. Lehman to approve the personnel report that was presented during closed session.

Result: Motion passed, 5-0

12.0 Adjournment

12.1 Motion to Adjourn Meeting

As there was no further business, at 8:09 p.m., Ms. Sims called for a motion to adjourn the January 24, 2023 Work Session / Business Meeting.

Motion: A motion was made by Ms. Talley-Brame and seconded by Ms. Byrd to adjourn the January 24, 2023 Work Session / Business meeting.

Result: Motion passed, 5-0

Approved on:

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Board Chair

Secretary