

MINUTES
WARREN COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION REGULAR BOARD MEETING
Tuesday, January 10, 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 (Absent)

1.0 Opening of Meeting

The Warren County Board of Education met for their Regular Board Meeting on Tuesday, January 10, 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 10, 2023 Regular Board 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

Ms. Sims stated, "Good evening everyone. On behalf of the Board of Education, we would like to welcome everyone back to this semester. We will start off with a positive productive year; so I hope you got some rest and ready to work."

2.2 Board Member's Comments

There were none.

3.0 Superintendent's Updates

3.1 Superintendent Updates to the Board

Mr. Sutton stated, "Good evening everyone, welcome back. We are looking forward to a strong finish to the year. I would like to recognize our very own Coach McCrae for being WRAL Teacher of the Week and for becoming a father. Congratulations Coach."

4.0 Approval of the Agenda

4.1 Motion to Approve the January 10, 2023 Regular Board Meeting Agenda

Ms. Sims called for a motion to amend the January 10, 2023 Regular Board Meeting agenda to add action item #8.3 Elevate K12 Virtual Program.

Motion: A motion was made by Ms. Talley-Brame and seconded by Ms. Byrd to approve the January 10, 2023 amended agenda to add action item #8.3 Elevate K12 Virtual Program.

Result: Motion passed, 5-0

Ms. Sims then called for a motion to approve the January 10, 2023 Regular Board Meeting agenda.

A motion was made by Talley-Brame and seconded by Ms. Byrd to approve the January 10, 2023 Regular Board Meeting agenda.

Motion passed, 5-0

5.0 Approval of the Consent Agenda

5.1 Motion to Approve the Consent Agenda

Ms. Sims called for approval of the January 10, 2023 Consent Agenda.

Motion: A motion was made by Ms. Lehman and seconded by Ms. Byrd to approve the January 10, 2023 Consent Agenda.

Result: Motion passed, 5-0

5.2 Minutes for December 13, 2022 Regular Board Meeting.

Motion: A motion was made by Ms. Lehman and seconded by Ms. Byrd to approve the minutes for the December 13, 2022 Regular Board Meeting.

Result: Motion passed, 5-0

6.0 Public Comments

6.1 Call for Public Comments

Ms. Sims called for public comments. There was one that signed up.

Ms. Shavon Russell (accompanied by her daughter) was the public comment speaker. She did a presentation for the board of education on things that are being taught at her fine arts and trades school and ways she would like to partner with Warren County Schools.

7.0 Information Items

7.1 Audit Report for Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2022

Shannon Dennison, Anderson Smith and Wike PLLC, presented to the Board the FY 2022 Audit Report. The following was also presented to the Board for informational purposes only: a separate management letter and the Management Discussion and Analysis (MDA) report.

It was stated, "After completing the Audit Report for the fiscal year that ended June 30, 2022, Warren County Schools received an unmodified opinion on its financial statements."

8.0 Action Items

8.1 Conterra Contract Amendment for Broadband Services

Mr. Russel Piland presented to the Board for approval the Conterra Contract Amendment for Broadband Services. This amendment extends the current contract for an additional five years at a rate of \$900/month for now eleven (11) sites for a total of \$9,900/month. In addition, the district is not responsible for any recurring costs and fees for any building closures going forward. Funding for this contract is paid by E-Rate.

Motion: After further discussion, a motion was made by Ms. Talley-Brame and seconded by Ms. Byrd to approve the amended Conterra contract as presented.

Result: Motion passed, 5-0

8.2 South Warren Property

Mr. Sutton presented to the Board a resolution seeking authorization to accept an initial offer to purchase the South Warren Elementary School property and, after accepting the initial offer, seek upset bids for the purchase of this property consistent with North Carolina law and this Resolution.

Motion: Following further discussion with legal counsel, a motion was made by Ms. Lehman and seconded by Ms. Long to approve the contract resolution seeking authorization to accept an initial offer to purchase the South Warren Elementary

School property and, after accepting the initial offer, seek upset bids for the purchase of this property consistent with North Carolina law and this Resolution.

Result: Motion passed, 5-0

8.3 Elevate K12 Virtual Program

In the absence of Ms. Scott, Chief Academic Officer, Dr. Whitaker presented to the Board for approval the contract for the Elevate K12 Virtual Program. It was stated, “Elevate K-12 is a High Quality Live Streaming Instructional Company that provides service for Tier I Programs. So, we present seeking board approval for contractual services with Elevate K12 to provide instruction for Warren County High Schools two blocks of Math III and two blocks of Math IV, from January 2023 - June 2023.”

Motion: Following an in-depth discussion, a motion was made by Ms. Talley-Brame and seconded Ms. Byrd to approve the Elevate K12 Virtual Program contract pending approval of the Superintendent and the Board Attorney.

Result: Motion passed, 5-0

9.0 Convene in Closed Session

9.1 Motion to Convene in Closed Session

At 7:15 p.m., Ms. Sims called for a motion to convene in closed session.

Motion: A motion was made by Ms. Talley-Brame and seconded by Ms. Byrd to convene in closed session pursuant to G.S. 143-318.11(a)(1), (a)(5), and (a)(6), to prevent the disclosure of confidential personnel information and student information per G.S. 115C-319 and the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act, 20 U.S.C. § 1232g, and to consult with the Board attorney and preserve the attorney-client privilege, pursuant to 143-318.11(a)(3).

Result: Motion passed, 5-0

10.0 Reconvene in Open Session

10.1 Announcement that Board is in Open Session

At 8:18 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. Talley-Brame and seconded by Ms. Byrd to accept and approve the modified 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 8:19 p.m., Ms. Sims called for a motion to adjourn the January 10, 2023 Regular Board meeting.

Motion: A motion was made by Ms. Talley-Brame and seconded by Ms. Byrd to adjourn the January 10, 2023 Regular Board meeting.

Result: Motion passed, 5-0

Approved on:

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Board Chair

Secretary