

MINUTES
WARREN COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION REGULAR BOARD MEETING
Tuesday, August 27, 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

Also in Attendance

Interim Superintendent, Dr. Carol Montague Davis

Board Attorney, Maura O'Keefe

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 Regular Board Meeting on Tuesday, August 27, 2024 at 6:06 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 August 27, 2024 Regular Board 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, with a new Superintendent on board, the Board is going to adjust the committee meeting dates to align to the Board of Education meeting dates. So, the finance committee meeting will be the second Tuesday at 3pm and the curriculum committee meeting will be the fourth Tuesday at 3pm. The facilities committee will remain on the second Monday."

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 great job to the football team on the game against Vance County. Even though it was not successful, we still have 6 more home games. So please join us to support our eagles' homecoming on 9/14 at 2pm. For information on tailgating you can contact myself or Ms. Perry at WCHS.

3.0 Superintendent's Updates

3.1 Superintendent Updates to the Board

Dr. Montague-Davis stated, "Good evening everyone, I would like to start my comments by giving some shout outs to everyone on a successful convocation with great feedback; Open Houses - All were well attended
Custodial and Maintenance teams - buildings look great! Floors are so bright and shiny

First day of school

WCMS - First day looked like they've been in school for a while

Transportation- All bus routes have bus drivers! Students safely transported to and from school, even our kindergarten and pre-K

Last Friday Night's rivalry football game against Vance County was great.

Thank you to the team, band, fans, and students for fantastic behavior.

State test results to be released Sept. 4

NC DPI will release 2023-24 student performance and school accountability results next Wednesday, September 4. Once the statewide data has been presented to the State Board of Education, we'll have local results available to share with our families and community. We'll have a presentation about that information at our next (committee meeting or BOE meeting)

First Day of School Pictures

You'll get an official update about the first day of school shortly

They say a picture is worth a thousand words.

So, here are some highlights from the first days of 2024-25 school year. This concludes my comments.

4.0 Approval of the Agenda

4.1 Motion to Approve the August 27, 2024 Work Session/Business Meeting Agenda

Ms. Lehman called for a motion to approve the August 27, 2024 Work Session/Business Meeting agenda.

Motion: A motion was made by Ms. Talley Brame and seconded by Ms. Long to approve the August 27, 2024 Work Session/Business Meeting.

Result: Motion passed, 5-0

5.0 Approval of the Consent Agenda

5.1 Motion to Approve the Consent Agenda

Ms. Lehman called for a motion to approve the consent agenda. All items under the consent agenda are approved by one motion.

Motion: A motion was made by Ms. Sims and seconded by Ms. Byrd to approve the August 27, 2024 Work Session/Business Meeting consent agenda.

Result: Motion passed, 5-0

5.2 Minutes for June 25, 2024 Regular Board Meeting, July 16, 2024 Organization Meeting, July

16, 2024 Regular Board Meeting, July 18, 2024 Reconvened Board Meeting, and the July 29, 2024 Special Called Meetings

All items under the consent agenda are approved by one motion.

Motion: A motion was made by Ms. Sims and seconded by Ms. Byrd to approve the August 27, 2024 Work Session/Business Meeting consent agenda.

Result: Motion passed, 5-0

6.0 Public Comments

6.1 Call for Public Comments

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

7.0 Information Items

7.1 HR Updates

Dr. Whitaker presented to the board for informational purposes only HR updates. It was stated, “Warren County Middle School staff that reported to work during the week of August 5th-9th will receive a stipend in the amount of \$100.00 per day for classified staff and \$125.00 per day for certified staff. The purpose of this stipend per administration, is to compensate employees for the time they worked which was prior to the recent calendar change, and to maintain labor law compliance”

7.2 2024-2025 School Operations Update

Dr. Carrington, Mr. RC Creech, Ms. Diana Muema, and Mr. Victor Hunt presented to the board for informational purposes only updates on the 2024-2025 School Operations. The updates included, enrollment, transportation, child nutrition, and athletics.

7.3 Update on Academics Program

Mr. Marcus Jones presented to the board for informational purposes only updates on WCS Academics program.

7.4 Updates on Community Engagement

Dr. Carrington presented to the board for informational purposes only updates on community engagement. It was stated, “The district’s communication goals are to streamline and simplify communication channels for all stakeholders, ensure we have accurate contact information for all students and staff, increase family and community engagement, and improve communications with families whose preferred language is something other than English. We will provide an overview of the communication initiatives, platforms, and planned activities to accomplish these goals.”

8.0 Action Items

8.1 EVOKE Design Contract

Dr. Carrington presented to the board for approval information on the EVOKE Design contract. This action item involves approving the architectural contract for the new elementary school.

Motion: Following a discussion, a motion was made by Ms. Talley Brame and seconded by Ms. Byrd to approve the EVOKE design contract as presented.

Result: Motion passed, 5-0

8.2 Resolution in Support of Prioritizing Public Schools and Opposing Unaccountable, Taxpayer-Funded Private School Vouchers

Dr. Montague Davis presented to the board for approval the Resolution in Support of Prioritizing Public Schools and Opposing Unaccountable, Taxpayer-Funded Private School Vouchers (attached).

Motion: After a discussion, a motion was made by Ms. Talley Brame and seconded by Ms. Byrd to approve the Resolution in Support of Prioritizing Public Schools and Opposing Unaccountable, Taxpayer-Funded Private School Vouchers.

Result: Motion passed, 5-0

9.0 Convene in Closed Session

9.1 Motion to Convene in Closed Session

At 7:12 p.m., Ms. Lehman called for a motion to convene in closed session.

Motion: A motion was made by Ms. Talley Brame and seconded by Ms. Sims to convene in closed session pursuant to N.C. General Statutes 14-318.11(a)(1), (a)(5), and (a)(6), to prevent the disclosure of confidential personnel information pursuant to G.S. 115C-321, 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 8:33 p.m., Ms. Lehman announced that the Board was back in open session.

11.0 Action on Closed Session Item

11.1 Approval Personnel Report

To approve the personnel report as presented during closed session.

Motion: A motion was made by Ms. Sims and seconded by Ms. Long to approve the personnel report as 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 8:35p.m., Ms. Lehman called for a motion to adjourn the August 27, 2024 Work Session/Business Meeting.

Motion: A motion was made by Ms. Long and seconded by Ms. Talley Brame to

adjourn the August 27, 2024 Work Session/Business Meeting.

Result: Motion passed, 5-0

Approved on: **October 8, 2024**

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Board Chair

Secretary