

**Warren Hills Regional
Board of Education
Regular Meeting
February 5, 2013**

The Warren Hills Regional Board of Education met in Regular Meeting on February 5, 2013 at 7:00 p.m. in the Board Meeting Room.

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Donna Golda, President.

President's Announcement: Adequate notice of this meeting in accordance with the Open Public Meeting Act has been given by posting one copy of a Notice of Meeting in the Warren Hills Regional Board of Education Office, by mailing copies to "The Express-Times", "The Star Gazette," "The Star Ledger," and to the municipal clerks in the Borough of Washington and Townships of Franklin, Mansfield and Washington.

Pledge of Allegiance

Our Mission Statement

The Warren Hills Regional School District challenges and empowers a dynamic, diverse student body in a supportive learning environment providing academic and co-curricular opportunities to become successful, productive members of the global community.

Roll Call

Roll call was taken by Maureen Joyce. Members present were John Bell, Daniel Brundage, Donna Golda, Kathleen Halpin, Richard Havrisko, Theresa Iacobucci, Lisa Marshall and Donna Sbriscia. Also present were Thomas Altonjy and Maureen Joyce.

Minutes

Moved by John Bell and seconded by Theresa Iacobucci to approve the Minutes of the Regular and Executive Session meetings of January 22, 2013.

Ayes 8 Nays 0

Comm.

Communications:

Letter received from NJ School Boards regarding resolution seeking amendment to Federal Budget Control Act of 2011.

Citizens Part

Citizens Participation: None.

Supt's Report

Superintendent's Report:

Dr. Altonjy reported on the following:

1. Mrs. Moore, Mr. Lapotasky, Mr. Kavcak, Ms. Rader, Mr. Cottrell, and Mr. Smith have facilitated cluster articulation meetings in English/Language Arts, Mathematics, Science, World Languages, Technology, and Music during the month of January. These meetings were well attended by the cluster, and discussions revolved around many diverse topics, from materials and resources to implementation of the Common Core State Standards. These meetings will continue throughout the year and provide important dialogue and communication from a curricular perspective in all areas.

2. On the evening of 16 January, our Special Education Advisory Council (SEAC) hosted a presentation entitled “School Stressors and Anxiety,” given by Dr. Buzz Mingin. The well received presenter provided information for identification and also intervention ideas for schools and families. We thank the SEAC for providing these valuable programs.

3. The Middle School held its first Talent Show and it was a huge success! Congratulations to all of our talented students who entertained us with their singing, dancing, acting and even skit writing! A special thank you to Mrs. Voight for all of her hard work and dedication to the Fine Arts programs at Warren Hills and for encouraging our students and for providing them with an avenue to explore their talents and interests.

4. Our high school Students of the Month for January are:
Philippe AbiYouness
Victor Cannestro
Jamie Rosenblum
Nicole Wygelndowski.

5. Congratulations to this year’s middle school Spelling Bee Participants! Our twenty-eight (28) classroom winners are listed below:

Cameron Nuata	Brenda Black
Aubrey Wheelsman	Bridget Folts
Ike Smith	Jason Tran
Jamie Dempski	Michael Bogert
Jenna Smith	Jonathon Rosenblum
Katarina Knudsen	Cameron Duncan
Jeo Orais	Bryanna Seiffert
Jovannah Perrot-Boyd	Xander Kellerman
Jenna Henderson	Matthew Tubens
Lauren McGaHa	Cassie Quinn
Andrew Scovell	Tommy Henry
Ravi Mangru	Raena Smith
Ross Rivero	Josh DeGuzman
Brandon Lubold	Taras McBrair.

After an intense competition, the following students were the victors: 2nd Runner-up was Aubrey Holzman, 1st Runner-up was Jenna Henderson and 1st place winner was Jeo Orais – all Grade 8 students.

6. The GDL (Graduated Drivers License) team hosted an open house for members of the community to view the new driving simulator. Our students featured a *PowerPoint* that highlighted past accomplishments and future goals of the GDL program. Parents were able to get the full benefit of the simulator as they took test drives on the driving simulator. The parents received detailed information on driver safety and tips to provide their children as they begin their driving experience. Thanks to Mrs. Fohr and students Rachel Dabkowski, Schuyler Oliva, Peter Isaac Quelly, and Logan Hanisek for arranging and hosting this event.

7. We would like to congratulate high school student, Lucille Finnegan, for her third place award in the annual VFW “Voice of Democracy” program for her essay response to the question “Is the constitution still relevant?”

8. My second series of Superintendent Forums for this school year were well attended with nearly thirty parents over the two days. Our incoming Grade 7 parents took advantage of our extended invitation and appreciated the opportunity for this open forum and dialogue. As a reminder, the minutes of our sessions are posted on the district website and I would like to thank Mrs. Sbriscia, my administrative assistant, for attending and maintaining copious notes.

9. The following is an update regarding the number of incidences of Harassment, Intimidation, and Bullying. Each month I will provide a comparison from the previous month and a cumulative summary for the year in progress. The following is the information for January:

Cases	December 2012			January 2013		Total District Cases 2012-2013
	MS	HS		MS	HS	
Total Cases Investigated	1	7		1	0	31
Cases resulting in: NO HIB	1	5		0	0	14 (45%)
Cases resulting in: HIB	0	2		1	0	17 (55%)

10. Tonight, we are very pleased to have two informative presentations:

✓ As reported at our last Board of Education meeting, Mr. David Strout, high school Science teacher, has developed an instructional website for this school year that has surpassed 10,000 page views and 3,000 total visits. The website has been widely and positively received and I am happy to introduce Mr. Strout to share his website and the positive experience with you this evening!

✓ We have been making great progress in the second year of our Middle States accreditation process. Our Middle States Planning Committee, comprised of administrators, teachers, parents, Board of Education, and students meet monthly. The committee's work continues, but we thought this was a good time to update the Board regarding the progress on our self-assessment and strategic plan. Tonight, we have a presentation to further share the progress with the Board of Education. I would like to introduce our internal coordinators who will share the latest information.

Comm.
Reports

Committee Reports:

Budget meeting will be held on February 12th at 5:00 p.m.

Mrs. Sbriscia reported on the Technology Committee meeting including the advantages of the cafeteria POS system and the status of the 3 year technology plan.

Mrs. Marshall reported that she attended STEM 101 sponsored by NJ School Boards.

Dr. Altonjy recommended all personnel items.

I. PERSONNEL

Coaches

Moved by Donna Sbriscia and seconded by John Bell to approve employment and salaries of the attached list of spring coaching staff. [attached]

ROLL CALL VOTE: Ayes 8 Nayes 0

Miscellaneous
Stipends

Moved by Donna Sbriscia and seconded by John Bell to approve the attached list of Miscellaneous Stipends for the Athletic Department for the 2012-2013 school year. [attached]

ROLL CALL VOTE: Ayes 8 Nayes 0

Employ
H. Newton

Moved by Donna Sbriscia and seconded by John Bell to approve employment of Ms. Holly Newton as Art Assistant to the high school Drama Club for the 2013 spring play with a stipend of \$2,500.

ROLL CALL VOTE: Ayes 8 Nayes 0

Class Moved by Donna Sbriscia and seconded by John Bell to approve
Observation Warren County Community College students, Joseph Werner and
 Anthony Marchetta, to complete 15 hours of classroom observation field
 experience at the high school under the direction of Mr. Clymer.

ROLL CALL VOTE: Ayes 8 Nayes 0

II. EDUCATION AND POLICY

HIB Moved by Kathleen Halpin and seconded by Daniel Brundage to
Cases affirm the administrative decisions regarding the following HIB cases:

MS-12/13-015 through 12/13-016

HS-12/13-011 through 12/13-016

ROLL CALL VOTE: Ayes 8 Nayes 0

Policies Moved by Kathleen Halpin and seconded by Daniel Brundage to
 approve the second and final reading of the following new and revised
 selected policies for inclusion in the district's policy manual, as endorsed
 by the superintendent and Education and Policy Committee:

3432 Sick Leave + Regulations

3436 Personal Leave

4432 Sick Leave + Regulations

4434 Holidays

4436 Personal Leave

5516 Use of Electronic Communications and Recording Devices
[ECRD]

5517 Pupil Identification Cards

7430 School Safety + Regulations

7440 Security of School Premises + Regulations [School
Security]

7441 Electronic Surveillance in School Buildings and on School
Grounds + Regulations

7444 Use of Metal Detectors

ROLL CALL VOTE: Ayes 8 Nayes 0

Revised Moved by Kathleen Halpin and seconded by Daniel Brundage to
Policies approve the first reading of the following new and revised selected
 policies as endorsed by the superintendent and Education and Policy
 Committee:

0132 Executive Authority

2415 No Child Left Behind Programs

- 3230 Outside Activities + Regulations
- 3281 Inappropriate Staff Conduct + Regulations
- 4230 Outside Activities + Regulations
- 4281 Inappropriate Staff Conduct + Regulations
- 6480 Purchase of Food Supplies
- 8505 School Nutrition

ROLL CALL VOTE: Ayes 8 Nayes 0

Travel & Conference Moved by Kathleen Halpin and seconded by Daniel Brundage to approve the attached list of Travel and Conference Requests. [attached]

ROLL CALL VOTE: Ayes 8 Nayes 0

Field Trip Requests Moved by Kathleen Halpin and seconded by Daniel Brundage to approve the attached list of Field Trip Requests. [attached]

ROLL CALL VOTE: Ayes 8 Nayes 0

Student Survey Moved by Kathleen Halpin and seconded by Daniel Brundage to approve Mr. Ken Kurpat, high school physical education and health teacher, to survey our students for fulfillment of his graduate course requirements.

ROLL CALL VOTE: Ayes 8 Nayes 0

III. BUDGET AND FINANCE

Tuition Contract Moved by John Bell and seconded by Lisa Marshall to approve a Special Education Tuition Contract for Student 29-13 to attend Stepping Stone School for the 2012-2013 school year, commencing January 16, 2013, at a tuition rate of \$244.92 per diem.

ROLL CALL VOTE: Ayes 8 Nayes 0

Tuition Contract Moved by John Bell and seconded by Lisa Marshall to approve a Special Education Tuition Contract for Student 30-13 to attend Somerset County Educational Services Commission [Somerset Secondary Academy] for the 2012-2013 school year, commencing January 24, 2013, at a tuition rate of \$4,680.00 per month.

ROLL CALL VOTE: Ayes 8 Nayes 0

Tuition Contract Moved by John Bell and seconded by Lisa Marshall to approve a Special Education Tuition Contract for Student 25-13 with Morris-Union Jointure Commission to attend Developmental Learning Center-New Providence for the 2012-2013 school year, commencing January 28, 2013,

at a tuition rate of \$81,971.00 per annum, prorated. This student was previously attending Washington Township School District.

ROLL CALL VOTE: Ayes 8 Nayes 0

Tuition Contract Moved by John Bell and seconded by Lisa Marshall to approve a Tuition Contract with Oxford Township School District to accept one student to the Warren Hills Regional High School LD Program for the 2012-2013 school year at a tuition rate of \$14,621.00.

ROLL CALL VOTE: Ayes 8 Nayes 0

Grant Moved by John Bell and seconded by Lisa Marshall to approve the submission of the NJEA Frederick L. Hipp Foundation for Excellence in Education Grant application authorized by Jessica Rader.

ROLL CALL VOTE: Ayes 8 Nayes 0

SEMI Waiver Moved by John Bell and seconded by Lisa Marshall to approve a Waiver of Requirements for the Special Education Medicaid Initiative (SEMI) Program for the 2013-2014 school year.

ROLL CALL VOTE: Ayes 8 Nayes 0

Donation Moved by John Bell and seconded by Lisa Marshall to approve and accept the following donations:

District	Donor	Amount	Purpose
Customized Chairs & Table covers/skirts	Warren Hills Wrestling Club	\$750	Athletic Program

ROLL CALL VOTE: Ayes 8 Nayes 0

Citizens Part. Citizens Participation:

Mrs. Iacobucci mentioned an article regarding funding received by Alpha School District for sidewalks.

Adjournment Moved by Theresa Iacobucci and seconded by Donna Sbriscia to adjourn at 8:13 p.m.

Ayes 8 Nayes 0

Maureen Joyce
Business Administrator/Bd. Sec'y.