



2. Congratulations to Mr. Dan Cullen, middle school special education teacher, who was named the New Jersey Council for Exceptional Children Teacher of the Year! Dan will be recognized at the annual spring convention this Friday at a special luncheon at Ramapo College in Mahwah. Mrs. Hetrick and I will be honored to attend the festivities. We will also formally recognize Dan on 17 April. Congratulations, Dan!

3. Congratulations to our Board of Education Vice President, Mrs. Donna Golda, for being named a New Jersey School Boards Association Master Board Member. Donna will be recognized at a dinner on 18 May for this achievement and we thank her for all her service to this district! Congratulations, Donna!

4. Congratulations to Fay Peticari, our boys swimming coach, who was named the Express-Times Boys Swimming Coach of the Year!

5. Last evening the Warren Hills Regional Parent Teacher Student Association (PTSA) hosted a very informative presentation regarding teen driving that was attended by approximately 75 parents, students, staff, and community members! This was an excellent presentation that surely helped parents and students understand the awesome responsibility associated with operating a motor vehicle.

6. I am in the midst of hosting this year's last sessions of the Superintendent's Forums. I met with parents this morning and others will be meeting tomorrow at lunch time and Thursday evening. In addition, I hosted a staff forum last Wednesday, 21 March, in which over 125 staff members attended voluntarily to discuss issues and ask questions about current and future happenings in the district.

7. Our middle school Forensics Team participated in the 4<sup>th</sup> Kiwanis/14<sup>th</sup> Warren County annual Invitational Forensics Tournament held on 22 March 2012 at Memorial Elementary School. Our middle school received Third Place Overall! Other individual awards were:

*First Place*

Category: *Lincoln-Douglas Value/Policy Debate*

Sachi Rodriguez (Grade 7), Zachery Andreula (Grade 7.), Hans Missenheim (Grade 7), Matt Dufner (Grade 7)

*Third Place*

Category: *Duo Dramatic Interpretation of Literature*

Tyler Domenic (Grade 7) and Aubrey Holzman (Grade 7)

Category: *Individual Dramatic Interpretation of Literature*

Renae Raymond (Grade 8)

Category: *Individual Oral Interpretation of Poetry*

Clinton Cudworth (Grade 8)

*Fifth Place*

Category: *Individual Oral Interpretation of Poetry*

Lauren Katrensky (Grade 7)

*Honorable Mention*

Category: *T.V. Duo Drama*

Jonathon Soares (Grade 8) and Lizzie Hudock (Grade 7)

Category: *Duo Dramatic Interpretation of Literature*

CJ Knorr (Grade 8), Amanda Hockman (Grade 7), Sean Graham (Grade 7), and Samantha Salvemini (Grade 7).

Category: *Individual Dramatic Interpretation of Literature*

Kathryn Terrezza (Grade 7).

Congratulations to all our winners and their advisors, Ms. Maggie Devine and Mrs. Patty Corvino!

8. Mrs. Hetrick, our middle school principal, reports that Hoops for Hope – a staff versus student basketball game/fundraiser for the Michelle Fund (in honor of a Warren Hills student who lost her battle to cancer and awards a scholarship each year to a graduating Warren Hills senior) took place on Thursday, 22 March 2012 in the middle school gym. The students beat the staff 53-47. A great time was had by all and \$1,000 was raised through the basketball game and will be donated to the "Michelle Fund!"

9. Award winning artist, Ms. Annie Cullen, visited Mr. Diveny's art classes to share her art and career to date. Students were impressed and motivated by the presentation of her art, particularly her "sky-scapes" and her photography.

10. Mr. Cullen and Ms. Rader, middle school teachers, brought a group of students to a Nets Basketball game on 7 March 2012. The tickets were donated by the Nets organization and students had to earn the reward ticket based on a sound academic, behavioral and attendance record.

11. Mr. Kevin Horn, high school English teacher, and Mr. Michael Perruso, middle school Social Studies teacher, have both been invited to present their action research projects at the University of San Diego in April. This is a great "double honor" for our district!

12. The high school Robotics team, TEAM IMPACT, and 42 other schools competed at the FIRST robotics competition at Rutgers University

during the weekend of 9 March 2012. TEAM IMPACT was the recipient of the Excellence in Engineering Award for their innovative design and outstanding engineering and craftsmanship. This award is one of the top honors presented by the FIRST organization. Congratulations to our team and their advisor, Mr. David Rader!

13. Our 9th Grade Students of the Month for February are:  
Male - Chris Blackwood  
Female - Brianna Gammel  
Artist - Tara D'Aiuto  
Pillar - Jason Anton  
Athlete - John Fluck.

14. The following students attended the programming competition at NJIT recently:

Billy Chirico  
Jimmy Farkas  
Robert Mason.

These students were given two and a half hours to work as a team to solve eight challenging programs. The team performed well, especially considering it was the first competition of this type that Warren Hills students participated.

15. The Warren Hills Academic Team (W.H.A.T.) placed 2nd out of 16 teams at the Warren Hunterdon Academic Meet (WHAM) competition on Tuesday, 20 March 2012. The team is made up of the following students:

Morgan Hamill  
Emily Wolfrum  
Lauren Gardner  
Colin Mazelis  
Kevin Fontana  
John Finnegan

16. Finally, tonight I am joined by Mrs. Maureen Joyce, Business Administrator, as we facilitate the 2012-2013 budget hearing.

Budget

Budget Hearing: Dr. Altonjy and Mrs. Joyce presented the 2012/2013 budget.

Comm.  
Reports

Committee Reports:

Mr. Havrisko reported that the Facilities Committee is presenting a revised fee schedule on tonight's agenda.

Mr. Momary reported that the Negotiating Committee has been meeting.

Mrs. Feller reported that Ed & Policy Committee met to continue updating policies including those on tonight's agenda.

Mrs. Iacobucci stated that the Personnel Committee has met several times and will meet regarding the Superintendent's Evaluation.

Dr. Altonjy recommended all personnel items.

**I. PERSONNEL**

Employ R. Moved by Kathleen Halpin and seconded by Donna Golda to  
Carroll approve employment of Mr. Robert Carroll as a maternity replacement Special Education teacher [Dana des Garenes] at the high school for the period April 20, 2012 through May 29, 2012, with a salary of \$90 per day for the first 20 days and on the 21<sup>st</sup> day to the first step of the teachers' salary guide or \$249.70 per diem.

ROLL CALL VOTE: Ayes 8 Nays 0

Family Moved by Kathleen Halpin and seconded by Donna Golda to  
Leave approve a FMLA Leave, without pay, for Ms. Kerry Spanner for the period March 16, 2012 through April 13, 2012.

ROLL CALL VOTE: Ayes 8 Nays 0

Employ C. Moved by Kathleen Halpin and seconded by Donna Golda to  
Thompson approve employment of Ms. Christine Thompson as a FMLA Leave replacement high school English teacher [Kerry Spanner] for the period March 26, 2012 through April 5, 2012, with a salary of \$249.70 per diem.

ROLL CALL VOTE: Ayes 8 Nays 0

Leave of Moved by Kathleen Halpin and seconded by Donna Golda to  
Absence approve a change to leaves of absence for Mrs. Meghan McGeehan as  
Change follows:

Maternity/Sick, effective February 27, 2012 through April 13, 2012  
Family Leave, without pay, effective April 16, 2012 through May 31, 2012.

ROLL CALL VOTE: Ayes 8 Nays 0

Salary Moved by Kathleen Halpin and seconded by Donna Golda to  
Change approve a change in salary for Ms. Laura Muroski to Step M-13, M+30, with an annual salary of \$81,273, prorated, effective April 1, 2012.

ROLL CALL VOTE: Ayes 8 Nays 0

Family Leave                      Moved by Kathleen Halpin and seconded by Donna Golda to approve a Family Leave of Absence, without pay, for Mr. Ari Eisner for a period of eight days to be determined by the birth of his child, due date April 27, 2012.

ROLL CALL VOTE:                      Ayes 8                      Nays 0

Employ Co-Coach                      Moved by Kathleen Halpin and seconded by Donna Golda to approve employment of Mr. Frank Fenimore as Co-Coach of the middle school boys' track program on Step 4, with a stipend of \$2,898.50, with \$720 longevity bonus.

ROLL CALL VOTE:                      Ayes 8                      Nays 0

Substitute Teachers                      Moved by Kathleen Halpin and seconded by Donna Golda to approve employment of the following individuals as substitute teachers for the 2011-2012 school year:

Melanie Crampton	Elena McCormick	Dane DeBoer
Debra Mullen	Jessica Morgan	Alexandra Murphy

ROLL CALL VOTE:                      Ayes 8                      Nays 0

Substitute Secretary                      Moved by Kathleen Halpin and seconded by Donna Golda to approve employment of Mrs. Fay Peticari as a substitute secretary for the 2011-2012 school year at a salary of \$12.50 per hour.

ROLL CALL VOTE:                      Ayes 8                      Nays 0

Volunteer Coach                      Moved by Kathleen Halpin and seconded by Donna Golda to approve Mr. Edward Winters III as a Volunteer Assistant Golf Coach for the 2012 season, pending state background check approval.

ROLL CALL VOTE:                      Ayes 8                      Nays 0

Field Experience                      Moved by Kathleen Halpin and seconded by Donna Golda to approve Frederick Jennings and Erin McCaffrey, Warren County Community College students, to complete their field experience by observing 15 hours of classroom time for the spring 2012 semester under the direction of Patricia Hetrick.

ROLL CALL VOTE:                      Ayes 8                      Nays 0

Observations                      Moved by Kathleen Halpin and seconded by Donna Golda to approve Jason Lowcher, Rutgers University graduate student, to complete informal observations in AP World and U.S. History for the spring 2012 semester, under the direction of Earl Clymer.

ROLL CALL VOTE:           Ayes 8           Nayes 0

Abolish                    Moved by Kathleen Halpin and seconded by Donna Golda to  
Positions               abolish the following administrative positions as of June 30, 2012:

Director of Pupil Personnel Services  
District Administrator for Information Services

ROLL CALL VOTE:           Ayes 8           Nayes 0

New                        Moved by Kathleen Halpin and seconded by Donna Golda to  
Positions               approve the following new administrative positions as of July 1, 2012:

Director of Guidance  
Director of Special Education  
Curriculum Supervisor

ROLL CALL VOTE:           Ayes 8           Nayes 0

SAT Prep                 Moved by Kathleen Halpin and seconded by Donna Golda to  
Sessions               approve the following individuals and salaries for teaching S.A.T. Prep  
Sessions for the period March 20, 2012 through May 3, 2012:

Daryl Detrick           13 hours @ \$37.50/hr. – Mathematics  
Heather Wight         13 hours @ \$37.50/hr. – Language Arts

ROLL CALL VOTE:           Ayes 8           Nayes 0

Job                        Moved by Kathleen Halpin and seconded by Donna Golda to  
Descriptions           approve the following job descriptions:

Technology Administrator  
Director of Guidance  
Director of Special Education  
Curriculum Supervisor

ROLL CALL VOTE:           Ayes 8           Nayes 0

## **II. EDUCATION AND POLICY**

Policies                 Moved by Linda Feller and seconded by Nancy Fallen to approve  
the first reading of the following revised selected policies as endorsed by  
the superintendent and Education and Policy Committee:

1631 – Residency Requirements for Person Holding School District  
Office, Employment or Position.  
2431 – Athletic Competition  
2431.4 – Prevention and Treatment of Sports-Related Concussions and

Head Injuries

- 5111 – Eligibility of Resident/Nonresident Pupils
- 5200 – Attendance
- 5230 – Late Arrival and Early Dismissal
- 5240 – Tardiness
- 5350 – Pupil Suicide Prevention
- 5410 – Promotion and Retention
- 5511 – Dress and Grooming
- 5512 – Harassment, Intimidation, and Bullying
- 5519 – Dating Violence at School
- 5610 – Suspension
- 5850 – Social Events and Class Trips
- 6150 – Tuition Income
- 6220 – Budget Preparation
- 6311 – Contracts for Goods and Services Funded by Federal Grants
- 6360 – Political Contributions
- 6424 – Emergency Contracts
- 6472 – Tuition Assistance
- 6820 – Financial Reports
- 8505 – School Nutrition
- 8420 – Emergency and Crisis Situations
- 8461 – Reporting Violence, Vandalism, Harassment, Intimidation, Bullying, Alcohol and Other Drug Abuse
- 9270 – Home Schooling and Equivalent Education Outside the Schools

ROLL CALL VOTE:           Ayes 8           Nayes 0

Curriculum Plan                   Moved by Linda Feller and seconded by Nancy Fallen to approve the district 2012-2017 – Five Year Curriculum Plan.

ROLL CALL VOTE:           Ayes 8           Nayes 0

Calendar Change                   Moved by Linda Feller and seconded by Nancy Fallen to approve a change in the 2011-2012 school year calendar to reflect an extension of the Spring Break with schools closed on April 11, 12 and 13, 2012, and early dismissal days scheduled for June 11 through 15, 2012.

ROLL CALL VOTE:           Ayes 8           Nayes 0

HIB Cases                           Moved by Linda Feller and seconded by Nancy Fallen to affirm the administrative decisions regarding the following HIB cases:

- MS-2012           059, 060 & 061
- HS-2012           061, 063

ROLL CALL VOTE:           Ayes 8           Nayes 0



New Clubs/  
Activities

Moved by Linda Feller and seconded by Nancy Fallen to approve the following new clubs/activities at the middle school for the 2012-2013 school year:

Middle School Peer Leaders  
Friends of Rachel Club

ROLL CALL VOTE:           Ayes 8           Nayes 0

Travel &  
Conference

Moved by Linda Feller and seconded by Nancy Fallen to approve the following Travel and Conference Requests for the following individuals:

Earl Clymer	4/4/2012	NJSIAA Executive Committee Meeting	Robbinsville, NJ
Daniel Laws	5/16 &17/2012	North Jersey Craftsman Fair	Ledgewood Mall Roxbury, NJ
Thomas Altonjy & Patricia Hetrick	3/30/2012	N.J. Council of Exceptional Children Awards Luncheon	Ramapo College Mahwah, NJ
Danielle Miksch	7/16-20/2012	National Writing Project Institute	Rutgers University New Brunswick,NJ
Gina Andreoli & Mary Kaye Bartek	3/30, 5/15, 5/16/2012	Math Institute Teachers' Forum	Trenton, NJ
Maureen Joyce	6/6, 6/7 & 6/8/2012	NJASBO Annual Conference	Atlantic City, NJ

ROLL CALL VOTE:           Ayes 8           Nayes 0

Field Trip  
Requests

Moved by Linda Feller and seconded by Nancy Fallen to approve the following Field Trip Requests for the following individuals:

LeeAnn Kubbishun	3/28 & 3/29/ 2012	MS Peer Mediators for Training	WHR District Office
Cristy Ortu	4/17/2012	MS Builders' & Peer Clubs for Big Brothers/Big Sisters	Oakwood Lanes Washington, NJ
Shannon McCabe	4/27/2012 &5/10/2012	AU/MD Classes Community Based	Washington Shop-Rite,IHOP&Enzo's
Julia Henning	4/3, 4/18 & 5/11/2012	ALC 7 <sup>th</sup> Grade Classs	Various Walking trips to local points
Nicole Silvis & Lisa Weisenstein	5/10/2012	MS&HS Student Councils from NJ to Assoc. of Student Councils Conference	Great Adventure Jackson, NJ

Cedric Hickerson	5/3/2012	FBLA/DECA to Business & Marketing Challenge	Great Adventure Jackson, NJ
LeeAnn Kubbishun, Nicole Silvis & Julia Henning	4/17/2012	7 <sup>th</sup> & 8 <sup>th</sup> Grade ALC students who passed core courses for MP3	Philadelphia Zoo Philadelphia, PA
Jessica Rader	5/24/2012	LD/BD Classes for Science	Sandy Hook, NJ
Christopher Kavcak	5/14/2012	HS Math Students for Math Competition	Warren County Community College

ROLL CALL VOTE:           Ayes 8           Nayes 0

**III. BUDGET AND FINANCE**

Financial Reports                    Moved by James Momary and seconded by Donna Golda to approve the February, 2012 Board Secretary and Treasurer’s Reports as follows:

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board Secretary, pursuant to N.J.A.C. 6A:23A-16.10(c) 3, does hereby certify that as of the date of these reports, no line item account has encumbrances and expenditures, which in total exceed the line item appropriation in violation of N.J.A.C. 6A:23A-16.10(a);

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Warren Hills Board of Education accepts the monthly financial reports of the Secretary and the Treasurer for the February, 2012; in compliance with N.J.A.C. 6A:23A-16-10(c) 4 that the Board of Education certifies that no major account has been overexpended in violation of N.J.A.C. 6A:23A-16-10(b), and that as of this report sufficient funds are available to meet the District’s financial obligation for the remainder of the year.

ROLL CALL VOTE:           Ayes 8           Nayes 0

Bill Lists                                Moved by James Momary and seconded by Donna Golda to approve the regular list of bills.

ROLL CALL VOTE:           Ayes 8           Nayes 0

Transfers                                Moved by James Momary and seconded by Donna Golda to approve transfers.

ROLL CALL VOTE:           Ayes 8           Nayes 0

Student Activities Moved by James Momary and seconded by Donna Golda to approve Student Activity transactions for the month of February, 2012.

ROLL CALL VOTE: Ayes 8 Nays 0

Asset Disposal Moved by James Momary and seconded by Donna Golda to approve the disposal of assets that are no longer used by the district [attached].

ROLL CALL VOTE: Ayes 8 Nays 0

Joint Transportation Moved by James Momary and seconded by Donna Golda to approve a Resolution for Participation in Joint Transportation with Sussex County Regional Cooperative for the 2012-2013 school year, including a 4% administration fee.

ROLL CALL VOTE: Ayes 8 Nays 0

Joint Transportation Moved by James Momary and seconded by Donna Golda to approve Joint Transportation Agreement with Bridgewater-Raritan Regional School District for the 2011-2012 school year, to transport one Warren Hills Student from a group home in Bridgewater to Bridgewater High School, commencing February 21, 2012, in the amount of \$1,680.00.

ROLL CALL VOTE: Ayes 8 Nays 0

Budget Moved by James Momary and seconded by Donna Golda to approve adoption of the final 2012-2013 budget of the Warren Hills Regional School District per the following resolution:

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education adopt the 2012-2013 proposed budget:

General Fund	\$32,005,216
Capital Outlay	\$ 947,827
Special Revenue	\$ 584,342
Debt Service	<u>\$ 2,173,571</u>

Total Base Budget \$35,710,956

The proposed budget meets all legal requirements for providing the Core Curriculum Content Standards.

BE IT ALSO RESOLVED that the Board of Education authorize the general fund tax levy for the 2012-2013 school year: "That there should be raised for General Funds \$19,031,621 for the ensuing school year (2012-2013)."

ROLL CALL VOTE: Ayes 8 Nays 0

Bond Re- Financing Moved by James Momary and seconded by Donna Golda to authorize application to the Local Finance Board seeking its approval of the Board's bond refinancing and introducing the Refunding Bond Ordinance [attached].

ROLL CALL VOTE: Ayes 8 Nays 0

Workshop/ Conference Moved by James Momary and seconded by Donna Golda to approve a district-wide maximum for workshop/conference attendance and travel not to exceed \$75,000 and a public relations maximum of \$15,000 for the 2012-2013 school year.

ROLL CALL VOTE: Ayes 8 Nays 0

Grant Application Moved by James Momary and seconded by Donna Golda to approve the Race to the Top, Phase 3, grant application in the amount of \$12,041.

ROLL CALL VOTE: Ayes 8 Nays 0

Use of Facilities Moved by James Momary and seconded by Donna Golda to approve the revised Use of Facilities forms and fees.

ROLL CALL VOTE: Ayes 8 Nays 0

Donation Moved by James Momary and seconded by Donna Golda to accept with gratitude a donation of two flat screen TV's and two TV mounts from the Warren Hills Regional Booster Club with a total value of \$1,043.96. This donation will keep our student body informed of the weekly schedule of events.

ROLL CALL VOTE: Ayes 8 Nays 0

Citizens Part. Citizens Participation:

Mrs. Nelson asked about motion #10 and where the cost of middle states evaluation is budgeted. There was also discussion of the curriculum supervisors and Director of Guidance positions and responsibilities.

There was also discussion of the Best Buddies program by residents in attendance and the upcoming student conference.

Mrs. Fallen announced that the Wall of Fame dinner will be held April 21<sup>st</sup> at the Belvidere Manor.

There was discussion of Junior prom planned this weekend.

Executive Session Moved by Nancy Fallen and seconded by Donna Golda to go into Executive Session as indicated by item **a**, **c**, and **i** below:

The Board of Education of the Warren Hills Regional School District in the County of Warren will adjourn into a closed meeting to discuss the item (s) which falls within an exception of our open meetings policy and permits the Board to have a private discussion, since it deals with specific exceptions contained in N.J.S.A. 10:4-12 b.

**a. Matters rendered confidential by Federal Law, State Law or Court Rule**

b. Individual privacy

**c. Collective bargaining agreements**

d. Purchase or lease of real property if public interest could be adversely affected

e. Investment of public funds if public interest could be adversely affected

f. Tactics or techniques utilized in protecting public safety and property

g. Pending or anticipated litigation

h. Attorney-client privilege

**i. Personnel – employment matters affecting a specific prospective or current employee**

Any discussion held by the Board, which need not remain confidential, will be made public as soon as practical. Minutes of the private session will not be disclosed until the need for confidentiality no longer exists. All appropriate persons, who may be discussed in private session, have been adequately notified. Action is not anticipated.

Ayes 8      Nays 0

The Board entered into Executive Session at 8:30 p.m.

Reconvene      Moved by Nancy Fallen and seconded by Donna Golda to reconvene into open session at 9:25 p.m.

Ayes 8      Nays 0

There was discussion of the news article on participation by home-schooled students in extracurricular activities.

Adjournment      Moved by Daniel Brundage and seconded by James Momary to adjourn at 9:35 p.m.

Ayes 8      Nays 0

Maureen Joyce  
Business Administrator/Bd. Sec'y.