

**Warren Hills Regional
Board of Education
Regular Meeting
May 1, 2012**

The Warren Hills Regional Board of Education met in Regular Meeting on May 1, 2012 at 7:00 p.m. in the Board Meeting Room.

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Theresa Iacobucci, 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 Daniel Brundage, Donna Golda, Kathleen Halpin, Richard Havrisko, Theresa Iacobucci, James Momary and Donna Sbriscia. Also present were Thomas Altonjy and Maureen Joyce.

Minutes

Moved by Donna Golda and seconded by Kathleen Halpin to approve the Minutes of the Regular and Executive Session meetings of April 17, 2012.

Ayes 7 Nays 0

Comm.

Communications: None.

Citizens Part

Citizens Participation: None.

Supt's Report

Superintendent's Report:

Dr. Altonjy reported on the following:

1. Our high school spring musical, *Legally Blonde*, was a huge success. We had a great turnout at all three performances and \$1500 was collected

from theatergoers by cast and crew of the Drama Club to donate to the Warren County Women's Shelter, along with a paper goods drive. Congratulations to the cast, crew, pit, and everyone who had a part in the production, especially director Mr. Clifford Platt.

2. Last Tuesday, 24 April, the first Warren Hills cluster meeting was held. All cluster superintendents and Board of Education leadership attended to look at cluster initiatives and plans for the future. The group intends on meeting twice annually to improve the communication and articulation within the cluster as a whole.

3. Our first ever Family Math Night was held at the middle school on Wednesday, 18 April. We had over 75 students and parents attend! Thanks to the following staff members for all their efforts in planning and executing the evening: Mr. Kavcak, Mrs. Ortu, Mrs. Laubach, Ms. Andreoli, Mrs. Hoffman, Ms. Pursell, and Ms. Bartek.

4. Our Grade 7 & 8 NJASK testing was held last week. We are now completing makeups. It can be a stressful time for students and staff and I'd like to commend our principal, Mrs. Hetrick, our school test coordinator, Mr. Smith, our district test coordinator, Ms. Unangst, and our faculty and staff for providing a very fertile and serious environment and creating an effective atmosphere for our students.

5. I had the pleasure of attending the Blue Streak Wall of Fame Induction Ceremony and dinner on Saturday evening, 21 April. Approximately 180 people were in attendance where thirteen individuals and four teams were inducted. There were great stories, memories, laughs, and tributes throughout the evening. Our Director of Athletics & Student Activities, Mr. Lockhart, did a great job as emcee! This activity will be held every two years. Thanks to the planning committee for all their hard work in making the evening so memorable.

6. Congratulations to Hannah Finklestein for her selection of the Youth Leadership Award through the Warren County Human Relations Commission. Hannah will receive the award at a ceremony at Belvidere High School on 10 May. Thanks to Ms. Devine who nominated Hannah in this important community event, which celebrates those people who make a difference in the lives of others in the community! In addition, Mrs. Hetrick nominated our middle school guidance counselor/SAC and anti-bullying specialist, Ms. Hollenbeck, who will receive an Education Award as well!

7. Our high school Students of the Month for April are:
John Finnegan
Katie Gonzalez
Quinn Knudsen
Alexa LaValle.

8. Our Students of the Month for March for the Ninth Grade Academy are:

Male - Tyler Ford
Female - Michelle Lupo
Artist - Rachel Schmeider
Athlete - Paige Childers
Pillar - Zack Corby.

9. Congratulations to the Warren Hills Debate Team on their exceptional performances at the Princeton University Moot Court Tournament! Out of 132 teams from across the nation, eight Warren Hills students earned the following achievements:

Skylar Oliwa, Saina Yadlapalli, Akash Parmar, and Alissa Zajac advanced to the Round of 16;

John Finnegan and Leigh Anne Schriever advanced to the Round of 8;

Alex Holzman and Grace King advanced to the Quarterfinals;

John Finnegan and Alex Holzman were recognized with Top Attorney Awards and Alex Holzman was one of only two students who achieved a Perfect Score for his Top Attorney recognition.

10. Mrs. Henning invited Sen. Doherty, who came and spoke to our alternative students and LD students about his role as a senator and how bills become laws as part of the students' Civics curriculum.

11. Mr. Cullen and Mrs. Rader have received a continuation of their HIPP Grant for \$9,600.00. They were also selected for a School Boards' Innovations in Special Education Award, for the work they did with students last summer and with the Community Clean-up this past fall. Thanks to Mrs. Graf for her efforts in assisting with the application.

12. Mrs. Newton reported that several of our students recently decorated the ticket booths at the football stadium. The students worked hard to brainstorm ideas and execute their plan to adorn the booths with charm, color, and excitement. A job well done by high school artists: Danielle Doorman, Savannah LoPrinzi, Mariah Lunden, Stephanie Sutton, Jessica Turner, Megan Yorke, and middle school artist: Clinton Cudworth.

13. Students Against Vandalizing the Earth (SAVE) and the Human Rights Club led the way and drew attention to a number of pressing environmental and human rights issues during the week of 23 – 27 April. In particular, the students organized and participated in a clothing and shoe drive for Big Brother and Big Sisters, premiered a short public service announcement that introduced the Water Challenge (a two week effort to raise awareness and take action to help provide clean drinking water to those

in need), raised awareness to turn off lights during a common Earth Hour to save energy and draw attention to energy consumption, and planted a tree after school in the Senior courtyard, outside the cafeteria, in honor of Earth Day.

14. Tonight we are fortunate to have a presentation facilitated by our high school Robotics Club. Our students are joined by Mr. David Rader, advisor. We would like to thank them for coming this evening and sharing their accomplishments and excitement about this endeavor.

Comm.
Reports

Committee Reports:

Mr. Havrisko handed out a drawing of the proposed brick paver pad.

Negotiations Committee met several times.

Dr. Altonjy recommended all personnel items.

I. PERSONNEL

Resign T.
Lawler

Moved by Donna Golda and seconded by Donna Sbriscia to accept, with regret, the resignation of Mrs. Tara Lawler, high school Biology teacher, effective June 30, 2012.

ROLL CALL VOTE: Ayes 7 Nayes 0

Extension
of Leave

Moved by Donna Golda and seconded by Donna Sbriscia to approve an extension of a child rearing leave of absence for Mrs. Jessica Morgan for the 2012/2013 school year. Mrs. Morgan plans to return to WHR for the 2013/2014 school year.

ROLL CALL VOTE: Ayes 7 Nayes 0

Salary
Change

Moved by Donna Golda and seconded by Donna Sbriscia to approve a change in salary for Ms. Lourdes Garcia to Step L-12, M+45, with an annual salary of \$80,273, prorated, effective May 1, 2012.

ROLL CALL VOTE: Ayes 7 Nayes 0

Resign J.
Paulus

Moved by Donna Golda and seconded by Donna Sbriscia to approve the resignation of Ms. Jennifer Paulus, part-time custodian, effective April 20, 2012.

ROLL CALL VOTE: Ayes 7 Nayes 0

Employ G.
Congdon

Moved by Donna Golda and seconded by Donna Sbriscia to approve employment of Ms. Geraldine Congdon as a part-time custodian at the high school for 4 hours per day at \$12.50 per hour for the 2011/2012 school year, effective May 2, 2012.

ROLL CALL VOTE: Ayes 7 Nayes 0

Approve M.J. Moved by Donna Golda and seconded by Donna Sbriscia to
 Moninghoff approve Ms. Mary Jo Moninghoff as the Spring Musical Choreographer with
 a stipend of \$2,500 for the 2011/2012 school year.

ROLL CALL VOTE: Ayes 7 Nayes 0

Substitute Moved by Donna Golda and seconded by Donna Sbriscia to
 Teacher approve employment of Ms. Michelle Piscitelli for addition to our substitute
 teachers' list.

ROLL CALL VOTE: Ayes 7 Nayes 0

II. EDUCATION AND POLICY

HIB Moved by Donna Sbriscia and seconded by Donna Golda to affirm
 Cases the administrative decisions regarding the following HIB cases:

MS-2012 066-069
 HS-2012 069- 072

ROLL CALL VOTE: Ayes 7 Nayes 0

Travel & Moved by Donna Sbriscia and seconded by Donna Golda to approve
 Conference the following Travel and Conference Requests for the following individuals:

Larry Cascio	5/3/2012	NJ CTE Conference for Perkins Grant	Hilton East, New Brunswick, NJ
Karen Menke	5/9/2012	Transition Coordinators Workshop	Middlesex County Community College
Dawn Moore	5/22/2012	Warren County Mtg for Mathematics Standards	Lopatcong MS Phillipsburg, NJ
Heather Salsovic	5/17/2012 a.m.	Observation of in- coming MD Student	Pohatcong Twsp. School District
Heather Wight	5/3/2012	Chaperone for Great Adventure Trip	Jackson, NJ
Jessica Rader	5/8/2012	Writer's Workshop for middle school	Lopatcong Middle School
Daniel Cullen	5/4/2012	Teacher Recognition Award	Hawk Pointe, Washington, NJ
Daniel Cullen	5/7/2012 (1/2 day)	Keynote Speaker at Centenary College	Hackettstown, NJ
Heather Wight	5/18/2012	Senior Prom Set Up	Randolph, NJ

ROLL CALL VOTE: Ayes 7 Nayes 0

Field Trip
Requests

Moved by Donna Sbriscia and seconded by Donna Golda to approve the following Field Trip Requests for the following individuals:

Diane DeVivo, Deborah Farrell, Ari Eisner & Jill Greco	5/31/2012	Physics Class	Dorney Park Allentown, PA
Shannon McCabe	7/20- 23/2012	Best Buddies Advisor Conference	Indiana University Bloomington, Indiana
Patricia Hetrick, Lois Amato, Elizabeth McKeown, Maria Lombardi, David Garcia, Mary Kaye Bartek & Brigitte Burstein	5/21, 22, 23, 24/2012	7 th Grade Academy Steering Committee to elementary schools (no more than 2 days per teacher)	Mansfield, Franklin, Memorial and Brass Castle Elementary
Barbara Russo	5/22/2012	Concert Band, Jazz Band & Chorus to HS for dress rehearsal	Washington, NJ
Jessica Rader & Daniel Cullen	5/18/2012	LD/BD students to participate & accept an award	Princeton, NJ
Mary Ann McKinney	6/3/2012	Members of American Literature English II classes	Town & Country Players Theatre Bucks County, PA
Jessica Rader & Daniel Cullen	6/2/2012	LD/BD students to Mohican Outdoor Center	Blairstown, NJ
Shannon McCabe	5/10/2012 (destination change)	AU/MD Classes to Kohl's & Frank's Pizza	Hackettstown, NJ

ROLL CALL VOTE: Ayes 7 Nayes 0

Professional
Development

Moved by Donna Sbriscia and seconded by Donna Golda to approve the district 2012/2013 Professional Development Plan and the submission to the Executive County Superintendent.

ROLL CALL VOTE: Ayes 7 Nayes 0

III. BUDGET AND FINANCE

Financial
Reports

Moved by James Momary and seconded by Donna Golda to approve the March, 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 7 Nayes 0

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

ROLL CALL VOTE: Ayes 7 Nayes 0

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

ROLL CALL VOTE: Ayes 7 Nayes 0

Board Schedule Moved by James Momary and seconded by Donna Golda to approve the Board Meeting Schedule for the 2012/2013 school year as attached.

ROLL CALL VOTE: Ayes 7 Nayes 0

Tuition Contract Moved by James Momary and seconded by Donna Golda to approve a Special Education Tuition Contract for Student 01-13 to attend DCCF, LLC for the summer program commencing July 9, 2012 and ending August 10, 2012, in the amount of \$6,650.00.

ROLL CALL VOTE: Ayes 7 Nayes 0

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ROLL CALL VOTE: Ayes 7 Nayes 0

Therapy Services Moved by James Momary and seconded by Donna Golda to approve an Agreement for Physical Therapy Services with J & B Therapy, LLC for the 2012/2013 school year at the rate of \$81.00 per hour.

ROLL CALL VOTE: Ayes 7 Nayes 0

Therapy Services Moved by James Momary and seconded by Donna Golda to approve Independent Contractor Agreement with Marlana Hamfeldt Loden, S.L.P. to provide speech and language therapy services for the 2012/2013 school year at the rate of \$78.00 per hour.

ROLL CALL VOTE: Ayes 7 Nayes 0

Municipal Schedule Moved by James Momary and seconded by Donna Golda to approve the Municipal Tax Schedule for the 2012/2013 school year. (as attached).

ROLL CALL VOTE: Ayes 7 Nayes 0

Resolution Moved by James Momary and seconded by Donna Golda to approve a Resolution between the County of Warren and the Warren Hills Regional School District to install and maintain four (4) wrap-around RRFB [Rectangular Rapid Flashing Beacon] Light Bars with required signage on County Route #628. (attached)

ROLL CALL VOTE: Ayes 7 Nayes 0

Citizens Part. Citizens Participation:

Mr. Havrisko asked if there was vandalism in the visitor's locker room. Dr. Altonjy said it was not damage but mischief dealt with by the Athletic Director.

Mrs. Unangst discussed doing something with students and staff for the homeless.

Executive Session Moved by Kathleen Halpin and seconded by Daniel Brundage to go into Executive Session as indicated by item **a.** 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 7 Nays 0

The Board entered into Executive Session at 8:25 p.m.

Reconvene Moved by Kathleen Halpin and seconded by Donna Sbriscia to reconvene into open session at 8:30 p.m.

Ayes 7 Nays 0

Adjournment Moved by Richard Havrisko and seconded by Daniel Brundage to adjourn at 8:40 p.m.

Ayes 7 Nays 0

Maureen Joyce
Business Administrator/Bd. Sec'y.

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**WARREN HILLS REGIONAL
BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING CALENDAR
2012-2013**

May 1st and 15th

June 12th *

August 28th

September 18th

October 2nd and 16th

November 6th and 27th (Audit Acceptance)

December 18th

January 3rd

*June 19th – Special Meeting (Board Retreat) at 6:30 p.m. – No Action Taken

Unless otherwise indicated, Board meetings start at 7:00 p.m.

MJ/dmg

2012-2013 Municipal Tax Schedule

	Franklin	Mansfield	Washington Boro	Washington Twp.
7/15/12	\$699,396.38		\$735,844.09	\$1,313,917.79
8/15/12		\$ 528,582.97		
9/15/12	524,547.29	1,057,165.94	551,883.07	985,438.34
10/15/12	191,682.32	818,318.56	201,671.48	360,103.12
11/15/12	524,547.29	528,582.96	551,883.07	985,438.34
1/15/13	699,396.38	528,582.97	735,844.09	1,313,917.79
3/15/13	524,547.29	1,057,165.94	551,883.07	985,438.34
4/15/13	191,682.32	818,318.55	201,671.48	360,103.11
5/15/13	524,547.28	528,582.96	551,883.08	985,438.34
Total	\$3,880,346.55	\$5,865,300.85	\$4,082,563.43	\$7,289,795.17