

**Warren Hills Regional  
Board of Education  
Regular Meeting  
September 6, 2011**

The Warren Hills Regional Board of Education met in Regular Meeting on September 6, 2011 at 7:00 p.m. in the Board Meeting Room.

Call to Order                      The meeting was called to order by Donna Golda, Vice- 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.

Roll Call                      Roll call was taken by Maureen Joyce. Members present were Daniel Brundage, Nancy Fallen, Linda Feller, Donna Golda, Kathleen Halpin, Richard Havrisko, James Momary and Donna Sbriscia. Also present were Thomas Altonjy and Maureen Joyce.

Theresa Iacobucci arrived at 7:05 p.m.

Minutes                      Moved by Donna Golda and seconded by Daniel Brundage to approve the Minutes of the Executive Session meeting of July 5, 2011.

Ayes 8              Nays 0  
Abstain 1 (Fallen)

Minutes                      Moved by James Momary and seconded by Donna Golda to approve the Minutes of the Regular and Executive Session meetings of July 19, 2011.

Ayes 5              Nays 0  
Abstain 4 (Fallen, Feller, Havrisko, and Sbriscia)

Minutes                      Moved by Nancy Fallen and seconded by Donna Sbriscia to approve the Minutes of the Regular and Executive Session meetings of August 16, 2011.

Ayes 5              Nays 0  
Abstain 4 (Feller, Halpin, Havrisko and Momary)

Comm.                      Communications:      None.

Citizens  
Part

Citizens Participation: None.

Supt's  
Report

Superintendent's Report:

Dr. Altonjy re-introduced Susan Rader, new high school Assistant Principal, and reported on the following:

1. Our opening activities – despite hurricanes and earthquakes – went very well! Last Thursday, our staff opening convocation was held. Board of Education President, Theresa Iacobucci, welcomed the entire Warren Hills Regional staff to the 2011-2012 school year. Our new staff members were introduced and service pins were awarded to 34 staff members for twenty or more years service. The list of honored staff members is listed below.

<b>Staff Member</b>	<b>Position</b>	<b>Years of Service</b>
Kim Curto	Technology Manager	20 years
Gaylene Whitmore	Secretary to C & I Director	20 years
Wayne Meiner	Maintenance @ HS	20 years
Terry Dolan	Psychologist @ HS	21 years
Paul Irzinski	Science teacher @ MS	22 years
Mary Anne Broennle	District Payroll Specialist	23 years
Sharyn Setzer	Business teacher @ HS	23 years
Sandy Young	Special Education teacher @ HS	23 years
Jim Reynolds	Health/PE teacher @ HS	24 years
Lauren Voight	Music teacher @ HS	25 years
Nancy Terhune	English teacher @ MS	25 years
Dave Strout	Science teacher @ HS	25 years
Lisa Pysher	Math teacher @ HS	25 years
Stan Kubbishun	Health/PE teacher @ MS	25 years
Joanne Muzzey	Special Education teacher @ HS	25 years
Sherri Gilby	Secretary to the Principal @ MS	25 years
Robin Fohr	Health/PE/Driver's Ed teacher @ HS	26 years
Lois Amato	Guidance Counselor @MS	26 years
Dawn Moore	Director of Curriculum & Instruction	26 years
Sheila Alway	English teacher @ MS	27 years
Beth McKeown	English teacher @ MS	28 years
Bob Lockhart	Health/PE teacher @ HS	28 years
Dee Bouch	Art teacher @ HS	28 years
Rosemary Kuebler	District Payroll Specialist	30 years
Bonnie Schwind	Guidance Secretary @ HS	30 years
Kim Unangst	Director of Pupil Personnel Services	30 years
Jane Greene	Art teacher @ HS	31 years
Luanne Ferenci	Health/PE teacher @ HS	31 years
Jeanette Schinstine	Guidance Counselor @HS	32 years

Ralph Fiore	Industrial Technology teacher @ HS	32 years
Leeann Febbo	Business teacher @ HS	32 years
Nancy Nelson	Librarian @ MS	35 years
Nancy Stasyshyn	Guidance Secretary @ MS	35 years
Sandy Hammer	Special Education teacher @ HS	37 years

2. School opened this morning as we welcomed our students back to school. The buildings looked fantastic, teachers were anxious to get started, and students appeared happy to begin! We held our anti-bullying training this afternoon for all district employees and listened to Phil Stern and Wayne Oppito from Legal One and the New Jersey Principal and Supervisor Association regarding all of our responsibilities with the new anti-bullying law.

3. Our Ninth Grade Orientation program was well attended by approximately 75% of our incoming freshmen on Friday afternoon, 26 August. After greetings and presentations by school and district administration, students attended homeroom, took guided tours of the building, tried their lockers, and then participated in team building/icebreaker activities.

4. Dawn Moore, our district Director of Curriculum & Instruction, has provided final data regarding our online summer school program. Of the 31 students who participated, all but one received a passing grade. The results are very positive and an expansion of the program will be investigated for next summer.

5. The following information provides a snapshot of our Grade 7 & 8 students' performance on the New Jersey Assessment of Skills & Knowledge (NJASK) that was administered in May 2011:

<b>Language Arts Literacy Grade 7</b>	<b>Warren Hills Regional n = 354</b>	<b>State</b>	<b>DFG "FG"</b>
<i>Partially Proficient</i>	33.4%	36.7%	29.9%
<i>Proficient</i>	58.2%	51.0%	57.9%
<i>Advanced Proficient</i>	8.4%	12.3%	12.2%

<b>Mathematics Grade 7</b>	<b>Warren Hills Regional n = 354</b>	<b>State</b>	<b>DFG “FG”</b>
<i>Partially Proficient</i>	30.3%	34.3%	30.3%
<i>Proficient</i>	50.4%	41.4%	45.6%
<i>Advanced Proficient</i>	19.3%	24.3%	24.1%

<b>Language Arts Literacy Grade 8</b>	<b>Warren Hills Regional n = 308</b>	<b>State</b>	<b>DFG “FG”</b>
<i>Partially Proficient</i>	20.4%	17.8%	13.0%
<i>Proficient</i>	61.2%	63.0%	67.9%
<i>Advanced Proficient</i>	18.4%	19.1%	19.1%

<b>Mathematics Grade 8</b>	<b>Warren Hills Regional n = 308</b>	<b>State</b>	<b>DFG “FG”</b>
<i>Partially Proficient</i>	25.9%	28.5%	25.6%
<i>Proficient</i>	44.8%	41.1%	45.0%
<i>Advanced Proficient</i>	29.3%	30.4%	29.4%

<b>Science Grade 8</b>	<b>Warren Hills Regional n = 308</b>	<b>State</b>	<b>DFG "FG"</b>
<i>Partially Proficient</i>	15.5%	18.8%	13.4%
<i>Proficient</i>	49.5%	51.9%	55.8%
<i>Advanced Proficient</i>	35.0%	29.3%	30.8%

A more detailed presentation will occur at the 20 September 2011 Board of Education meeting.

6. Congratulations to middle school special education teachers, Jessica Rader and Dan Cullen, whose work this past summer with some of our students was recognized on an NJEA video entitled *Membership Matters*. Jessica and Dan have been invited to also share their knowledge of the writing process gained through their involvement with the National Writing Project located at East Stroudsburg University with other schools in Warren County in the near future.

7. The first series of the Superintendent Forums will be held next week on Tuesday, 13 September (9:00AM), Wednesday, 14 September (12 Noon), and Thursday, 15 September (7:00PM). The information was mailed home to all families in the summer packet, posted on the website, and a reminder call will be made tomorrow.

Comm. Reports

Committee Reports: None.

Dr. Altonjy recommended all personnel items.

**I. PERSONNEL**

Salary Change

Moved by Donna Golda and seconded by Linda Feller to approve a change in salary for the 2011/2012 school year for the following individuals, effective September 1, 2011:

Patrick O'Brien	Step H-8, B+15	\$59,773
Daniel Cullen	Step E-5, M+15	\$59,940

ROLL CALL VOTE: Ayes 9 Nays 0

Employ Advisors Moved by Donna Golda and seconded by Linda Feller to approve the attached lists of middle school and high school advisors and salaries for the 2011/2012 school year.

ROLL CALL VOTE: Ayes 9 Nays 0

**II. EDUCATION AND POLICY**

Research Study Moved by Nancy Fallen and seconded by Donna Sbriscia to approve Mr. Michael Perruso, Social Studies teacher at the middle school, to complete an Action Research Study in his classroom for partial fulfillment toward his Master’s Degree in Curriculum and Instruction from Moravian College. (attached)

ROLL CALL VOTE: Ayes 9 Nays 0

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

Earl Clymer and Patricia Hetrick	10/27/11	Safer Schools for a Better Tomorrow	Raritan Valley Community College
Susan Rader	9/13/11	HSPA/NJBCT Test Coord. Training	Whippany, NJ
Dawn Moore, Patricia Hetrick and Maureen Joyce	9/20/11	Title I Directors Technical Assistance	New Providence, NJ

ROLL CALL VOTE: Ayes 9 Nays 0

**III. BUDGET AND FINANCE**

Tuition Contract Moved by James Momary and seconded by Donna Golda to approve the following Special Education Tuition Contracts for the 2011/2012 school year:

<u>Student</u>	<u>School</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Effective</u>
12-12	WCSSSD	\$35,500	September 1, 2011
13-12	Belvidere School	\$25,000	September 1, 2011

ROLL CALL VOTE: Ayes 9 Nays 0

WCSSSD  
Aides

Moved by James Momary and seconded by Donna Golda to approve a Memorandum of Agreement with Warren County Special Services School District to provide 23 Aides for the 2011/2012 school year in the amount of \$35,000 per aide.

ROLL CALL VOTE:           Ayes 9           Nayes 0

Tuition  
Contract

Moved by James Momary and seconded by Donna Golda to approve a Tuition Contract for one Warren Hills student to attend Woodstown-Pilesgrove Regional School District for the 2011/2012 school year, at a tuition rate of \$11,401.00.

ROLL CALL VOTE:           Ayes 9           Nayes 0

Joint Trans-  
portation

Moved by James Momary and seconded by Donna Golda to approve a Joint Transportation Agreement with Mansfield Township School District for the 2011/2012 school year to transport our combined student population as follows:

<u>Route</u>	<u>Total Cost</u>	<u>WH Cost</u>	<u>Mansfield Cost</u>
WH13/A-1	\$36,544.04	\$18,272.02	\$18,272.02
WH9/X-1	\$36,544.04	\$18,272.02	\$18,272.02
WH26/J-1	\$36,544.04	\$18,272.02	\$18,272.02
WH7/K-1	\$36,544.04	\$18,272.02	\$18,272.02
WH20/E-1	\$36,544.04	\$18,272.02	\$18,272.02
WH6/Y-1	\$36,544.04	\$18,272.02	\$18,272.02
WH29/1	\$43,653.60	\$21,826.80	\$21,826.80
WH10/B-1	\$38,876.25	\$19,438.13	\$19,438.12
WH33SP	\$ 6,840.00	\$ 6,840.00	\$ -0-

ROLL CALL VOTE:           Ayes 9           Nayes 0

Joint Trans-  
portation

Moved by James Momary and seconded by Donna Golda to approve a Joint Transportation Agreement with Franklin Township School District for the 2011/2012 school year to transport our combined student population as follows:

<u>Route</u>	<u>WH Cost</u>
WH11	\$17,625.66
WH17	\$17,625.66
WH18	\$17,625.66
WH40	\$17,625.66
WH19	\$17,625.66
WH5	\$17,625.66
30SP	\$19,980.26

ROLL CALL VOTE:           Ayes 9           Nayes 0

Change Order

Moved by James Momary and seconded by Donna Golda to approve Change Order No. 1 in the amount of \$8,525.00 to Rochelle Contracting Co., Inc. to increase 90' of underground pipe, install 260' of SDR, patch roadway and restore grass area regarding the Middle School Breezeway Project.

ROLL CALL VOTE:           Ayes 9           Nayes 0

Goals

Goal Setting and Transition: Joanne Borin and Paul Freda of New Jersey School Boards Association directed the Board in establishing District Goals and Board Goals.

Citizens Part.

Citizens Participation:

A resident, Mr. Foster, thanked the Board for bringing back several of the sports and offering Lacrosse.

Mrs. Graf offered to help with Public Relations.

Washington Township Committeeman, Robert Klingel, asked about the communication of the anti-bullying law and policy to staff, parents and students.

Dr. Altonjy reported that all staff were trained on September 6<sup>th</sup>, students will be trained and a parent meeting will be held October 5<sup>th</sup>.

Mrs. Iacobucci asked about the district calendar on the website.

A thank you note was received from retiree, Betty Ann Haines.

Executive Session

Moved by Nancy Fallen and seconded by Kathleen Halpin to go into Executive Session as indicated by item 1 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**

Be it resolved that the Board will now go into private session to discuss matters rendered confidential due to the nature of pending or anticipated litigation, attorney client privilege and personnel – employment matters affecting a specific, prospective or current employee privilege. 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.

Ayes 9      Nays 0

The Board entered into Executive Session at 8:55 p.m.

Reconvene      Moved by Nancy Fallen and seconded by James Momary to reconvene into open session at 9:15 p.m.

Ayes 9      Nays 0

Adjournment      Moved by Daniel Brundage and seconded by Richard Havrisko to adjourn at 9:16 p.m.

Ayes 9      Nays 0

Maureen Joyce  
Business Administrator/Bd. Sec’y.

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