

WARREN HILLS REGIONAL BOARD OF EDUCATION

June 14, 2021
3:30 p.m. Special Meeting

Due to the COVID-19 health crisis, this meeting of the Board of Education will not be physically open to the public. This is to ensure we follow best practices for social distancing. The board meeting will be live-streamed to the public via Zoom (<https://zoom.us>). The link to the meeting will be posted on the District's website. The link can also be found within the posted agenda for this meeting, which is on the District's website. During the meeting, an announcement will be made for any members of the public that wish to participate. At that time, type a question/comment into the chat feature of Zoom. All participants must provide their name and address, and your comment and/or question will be included in the Board's public record of the meeting, just as it would for a standard Board meeting and will be read aloud by the Board Secretary. Electronic notice of this meeting was posted on the district website.

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89957542777?pwd=NCTJSGVHVUhp1c0TWFFVeVB5b3gzdz09>

A. Call to Order - Mr. Corey Piasecki, President

B. Roll Call - Mrs. Donnamarie Palmiere, Business Administrator

Roll call was taken by Mrs. Donnamarie Palmiere. Members present were Joseph Bodenschatz, Christopher Cannavo, Paul Figalora, Eric Horton, Lisa Marshall and Corey Piasecki. Also present were Earl Clymer, Dennis Mack and Donnamarie Palmiere. Sam Knutson, Christine Pi and Eric Walls were absent.

President's Announcement: Adequate and electronic 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*, *Warren-Reporter*, *Newark Star-Ledger* and to the municipal clerks in the Borough of Washington and Townships of Franklin, Mansfield, Washington and Oxford. Also, an electronic notice of this meeting was posted on the WHRSD website.

Our Mission Statement

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

Pledge of Allegiance

B. Public Comment – concerning action items.

None

Public comment shall be governed by the Board of Education Bylaw 0167. There are two public comment opportunities. The first public comment is reserved for Action Items only, those items on the agenda the Board is voting on this evening. The second public comment is set aside for public comment on any school or school district issue that the public feels may be of concern to the residents of the school district. The first public comment is limited to three (3) minutes per person. The second public comment length is determined by the board as per policy. Before making a public comment, participants are to state their name, place of residence, and group affiliation if appropriate.

The Board uses the public comment period as an opportunity to listen to citizen concerns, but please be aware that not all issues brought to a board meeting will be resolved this evening; rather, the Board will, in appropriate cases, delegate the authority to investigate the matter to the Superintendent or his designee.

Please let the record reflect that the Board of Education does not endorse your comments nor will the Board of Education be held liable for comments you make about a staff member or other person which the staff member or other person may consider defamatory and/or slanderous, as that individual retains all rights to pursue any legal remedies against you.

5. The presiding officer may:
 - a. Interrupt, warn, and/or terminate a participant's statement, question, or inquiry when it is too lengthy;
 - b. Interrupt and/or warn a participant when the statement, question, or inquiry is abusive, obscene, or may be defamatory;
 - c. Request any person to leave the meeting when that person does not observe reasonable decorum;
 - d. Request the assistance of law enforcement officers in the removal of a disorderly person when that person prevents or disrupts a meeting with an act that obstructs or interferes with a meeting;

D. ACTION ITEMS

I. BUDGET AND FINANCE

Motion made by Mrs. Marshall and seconded by Mr. Cannavo to accept the recommendation of the Superintendent to approve and adopt motions I.1 through I.II as described below:

***1. A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE TERMINATION OF HORIZON BLUE CROSS BLUE SHIELD THE CURRENT MEDICAL AND PRESCRIPTION CARRIERS**

WHEREAS, the Warren Hills Regional Board of Education currently offers Medical and Prescription Coverage to its' employees through Horizon Blue Cross Blue Shield of New Jersey, and;
 WHEREAS, Integrity Consulting Group, the Board's health insurance broker, has analyzed on behalf of the Board of Education the rates of the New Jersey School Employees' Health Benefits Plan for medical and the Rx Alliance/BeneCard for prescription and;
 WHEREAS, the rates of the New Jersey School Employees' Health Benefits Plan for medical and the Rx Alliance/BeneCard for prescription are less expensive than the current Horizon Blue Cross Blue Shield of New Jersey rates for the period September 1, 2021 through August 31, 2022, and;
 WHEREAS, Integrity Consulting Group recommends the change in Medical and Prescription Carriers to the New Jersey School Employees' Health Benefits Plan and Rx Alliance/BeneCard effective September 1, 2021;
 WHEREAS, medical coverage under the School Employees' Health Plan will be provided through the Horizon Blue Cross Blue Shield SEHBP

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, BY THE WARREN HILLS REGIONAL BOARD OF EDUCATION THAT, the current medical and prescription coverage through the Horizon Blue Cross Blue Shield of New Jersey Plan be terminated effective September 1, 2021, and the New Jersey School Employees' Health Benefits Plan and the Rx Alliance/BeneCard be implemented with a September 1, 2021 effective date.
 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a certified copy of this Resolution and an official termination letter be forwarded to Integrity Consulting Group for execution with Horizon Blue Cross Blue Shield of New Jersey.

- *2. A Resolution to Authorize Participation Under the SHBP and/or SEHBP as attached.

Approval of Budget & Finance Motions

MOTION: Lisa Marshall		SECOND: Chris Cannavo		
Name	Ayes	Nayes	Abstain	Absent
Joseph Bodenschatz	X			
Paul Figalora	X			
Eric Horton	X			
Sam Knutson				X
Lisa Marshall	X			
Christine Pi				X
Eric Walls				X
Christopher Cannavo	X			
Corey Piasecki	X			

E. Public Comment
None

F. Adjournment 3.:43p.m.

Approval to Adjourn

Motion by Mrs. Marshall and seconded by Mr. Cannavo to adjourn at 3:43 p.m. with full board consent.

Respectfully submitted,

Donnamarie Palmiere
Business Administrator/Board Secretary