

WARREN HILLS REGIONAL BOARD OF EDUCATION

July 29, 2020

6:30 p.m. – Special Meeting

A. Call to Order - Mr. Christopher Hamler, President

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.

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://zoom.us/j/95718643611?pwd=aVRsTIRGV21kMmJUd3NpOUY3c0ZqUT09>

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

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

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*, *Warren-Reporter*, *Newark Star-Ledger* and to the municipal clerks in the Borough of Washington and Townships of Franklin, Mansfield and Washington.

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

Approval of Board Minutes

- July 14, 2020 Regular and Executive Session

Motion by Mr. Piasecki and seconded by Mr. Knutson to approve the minutes of the July 14, 2020, Regular and Executive Session meeting.

MOTION: Corey Piasecki		SECOND: Sam Knutson		
Name	Ayes	Nayes	Abstain	Absent
Joseph Bodenschatz	X			
Christopher Cannavo				X
Sam Knutson	X			
Lisa Marshall			X	
Sherri Musick	X			
Christine Pi	X			
Eric Walls	X			
Corey Piasecki	X			
Christopher Hamler	X			

C. Communications – Mr. Earl C. Clymer, III, Superintendent of Schools

None

D. Superintendent’s Report – Mr. Earl C. Clymer, III

The AD Hoc Reopening committee met on Monday, July 27th. There was a community forum on July 28th with 100 participants. Mr. Clymer apologized to the community because the district did not realize the Zoom platform that hosted the meeting had a cap of 100 participants and there were people who were not able to attend the meeting. The district has now upgraded to accommodate a larger number of participants. There were 70 questions and the forum lasted one and a half hours.

E. Presenter(s):

None

F. Goals:

Board of Education Goal #1 was met with the AD Hoc Reopening Committee and the various Forums that took place.

Warren Hills Board of Education District Goals for 2019-20

1. Implement and support strategies to improve student achievement for ALL students, including but not limited to, Advanced Placement, Vocational Education, Gifted & Talented, General Education and Special Education through course offerings, the 1:1 technology initiative, and enhanced PLCs.

2. Continue vertical articulation within the WHRSD cluster with a focus on increased achievement for students in grades 6-9.
3. Create a comprehensive, collaborative plan, involving district stakeholders, focused on the systematic implementation of the revised Future Ready Schools initiative.

Warren Hills Board of Education Board Goals for 2019-20

1. Utilize resources to ensure the support of District Goals.
2. Recognize student achievement through student presentations at Board meetings.
3. Work towards building optimal Board communication and trust.

G. Committee Reports

Committee	Date	Discussion
Finance, Facilities & Transportation	July 20, 2020	By Chair: Mr. Hamler
Education & Policy	No meeting held	By Chair: Mr. Piasecki
Personnel & Student Activities	No meeting held	By Chair: Mr. Bodenschatz
Technology	No meeting held	By Chair: Mr. Walls
Negotiations	No meeting held	By Chair: Mr. Cannavo
Wall of Fame	monthly	By Chair: Mr. Walls
AD Hoc Reopening	July 27, 2020	By Chair: Mr. Clymer
Focus Group for Diversity	July 20, 2020	By Chair: Mr. Clymer

Mr. Hamler reported that the Finance, Facilities & Transportation Committee met on July 20 and reviewed the Facilities Usage Policy. They also discussed the purchases of PPE Equipment that the district has made.

Mr. Bodenschatz reported on the AD Hoc Reopening Sub-Committee of Student Activities and Athletics. They discussed the NJSIAA return to play and athletics will begin Phase II on August 3rd allowing up to 25-30 persons in a pod. The weight room will be limited. He also reported that at the current time no outside organizations will be allowed to use the facilities. There were 250 athletes that signed up for Phase I and 200 of them have been cleared to participate. They are currently working on a list of criteria for clubs. He thanked Mr. Jones and Mr. Call for putting together a comprehensive plan with IV phases which was shared with other districts in the state.

Mr. Clymer reported that the Focus Group for Diversity met On July 20th and continue to build subcommittees.

H. Old Business

Mr. Hamler reported that the CSA Evaluation was sent out to board members and is now complete.

I. New Business

None

J. 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 libelous, as that individual retains all rights to pursue any legal remedies against you.

K. ACTION ITEMS

I. PERSONNEL

Motion by Mr. Bodenschatz and seconded by Mr. Piasecki to accept the recommendation of the Superintendent to approve and adopt motions I.1 as described below:

*1. Motion to approve/accept the following appointments / resignations / retirements as recommended by the Superintendent:

Code No.	Name	Nature of Action	Position	Salary	Location	Date Effective	Date Terminated	Discussion
1	Laurie Pillus	Approve	Learning Disabilities Teacher Consultant	\$83,270.00	High School	8/25/20	6/30/21	Step M1-14, MA
2	Maria Halloran	Accept	Paraprofessional	\$27.25/hour	Middle School	7/14/20	7/14/20	Resignation
3	Janna Collins	Approve	Substitute Teacher	\$90.00/day	District	9/1/20	6/30/21	All paperwork complete & on file

Approval of Personnel Motions

MOTION: Scott Bodenschatz		SECOND: Corey Piasecki		
Name	Ayes	Nays	Abstain	Absent
Joseph Bodenschatz	X			
Christopher Cannavo				X
Sam Knutson	X			
Lisa Marshall	X			
Sherri Musick	X			
Christine Pi	X			
Eric Walls	X			
Corey Piasecki	X			
Christopher Hamler	X			

II. EDUCATION AND POLICY

Be it resolved, during the current emergency situation, following guidance from the State of New Jersey, the New Jersey Department of Education and the Warren County Office of Education, the Warren Hills Regional Board of Education shall waive and/or suspend the following Policies and Regulations, in portion or in whole, pending further guidance from the State of New Jersey, the New Jersey Department of Education and the Warren County Office of Education or until the emergency situation no longer exists.

A motion was made by Mr. Piasecki and seconded by Mrs. Marshall to approve and adopt motions II. 1 though II.5, as described below:

*1. Motion to approve and submit to the Executive County Superintendent the Restart and Recovery Plan to Reopen Schools for the Warren Hills Regional School District as required by the New Jersey Department of Education.

*2. Motion to approve the fiscal portion of the 2020-2021 Local Mentoring Plan for the Warren Hills Regional School District.

*3. Motion to approve the **first reading** of the following new policy for inclusion in the district’s policy manual, as recommended by the Education and Policy Committee and the Superintendent:

1648 Restart and Recovery Plan

*4. Motion to approve the **second and final reading** of the following revised or new policies/regulations for inclusion in the district’s policy manual, as recommended by the Education and Policy Committee and the Superintendent:

0152 Board Officers
1581 P&R Domestic Violence

2422	Health & Physical Education
3421.13	Postnatal Accommodations
4421.13	Postnatal Accommodations
5330 P&R	Administration of Medication
7243	Supervision of Construction
8210	School Year
8220 P&R	School Day
8462	Reporting Potentially Missing or Abused Children

*5. Motion to affirm the administrative decision regarding the following HIB cases:

MS – 19-20 – None
 HS - 19-20 - None

Approval of Education & Policy Motions

MOTION: Corey Piasecki		SECOND: Lisa Marshall		
Name	Ayes	Nayes	Abstain	Absent
Joseph Bodenschatz	X			
Christopher Cannavo				X
Sam Knutson	X			
Lisa Marshall	X			
Sherri Musick	X			
Christine Pi	X			
Eric Walls	X			
Corey Piasecki	X			
Christopher Hamler	X			

III. BUDGET AND FINANCE

Motion by Mr. Piasecki and seconded by Mr. Knutson to accept the recommendation of the Superintendent to approve and adopt motions III. 1 through III. 8, as described below:

*1. The Warren Hills Regional Board of Education approves the June, 2020 Board Secretary and Treasurer’s Report 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 this report, 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 Regional Board of Education accepts the monthly financial report of the Secretary and the Treasurer for the month of June, 2020; 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 over expended 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.

*2. Motion to approve the bill list for the period June 30, 2020 through July 29, 2020, in the amount of \$1,568,329.94.

*3. Motion to approve transfers in the amount of \$1,460,212.95 for the month of June, 2020.

*4. Motion to approve the cafeteria bill list for the period April 1, 2020 through June 30, 2020 in the amount of \$67,222.20.

*5. Motion to approve Student Activities bill list for the period June 1, 2020 through June 30, 2020 in the amount of \$17,970.66.

*6. Motion to approve the Police Services Agreement with the Township of Washington for the year 2020-2021 school year at the following rates:

\$85.21/hour for each officer - 2 officers per event

\$8.50/hour for administrative costs

\$20.00/hour for each vehicle required

*7. Motion to approve change Order #3, a credit in the amount of (\$1,446.33) for final installation of the core which will be installed directly by D&E Window and Door.

*8. Motion to approve the following Special Education Tuition Contracts for the 2020-2021 regular school year:

Student	School	Amount	Aide	Effective
5895878105	Somerset County Ed Services Commission	\$69,055.00	N/A	9/8/20-6/30/21

Approval of Budget & Finance Motions

MOTION: Corey Piasecki		SECOND: Sam Knutson		
Name	Ayes	Nayes	Abstain	Absent
Joseph Bodenschatz	X			
Christopher Cannavo				X
Sam Knutson	X			
Lisa Marshall	X		#2 & #4	
Sherri Musick	X			
Christine Pi	X			
Eric Walls	X			

Corey Piasecki	X			
Christopher Hamler	X			

L. Public Comment

Mrs. Knittel referenced NJSBA for information on reporting the superintendent evaluation.

M. Adjournment 6:57 p.m.

Motion by Mrs. Marshall and seconded by Mr. Piasecki to adjourn at 6:57 p.m. with full board consent.

Respectfully submitted,

Donnamarie Palmiere
Business Administrator/Board Secretary