

WARREN HILLS REGIONAL BOARD OF EDUCATION

**March 9, 2023**

**6:30 p.m. – Executive Session**

**7:15 p.m. Regular Meeting**

A. Call to Order – Molly Fraumeni, President

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

Roll call was taken by Mrs. Donnamarie Palmiere. Members present were Joseph Bodenschatz (arrives 7:14 p.m.), Christopher Cannavo, Alfred Coscia (arrives 6:35 p.m.), Thomas Dufner, Molly Fraumeni, Jean Hansen (arrives 6:35 p.m.), Lisa Marshall, Paula Merrill (arrives 6:32 p.m.) and Corey Piasecki. Also present were Earl Clymer, Dennis Mack, Donnamarie Palmiere and Board Attorney Marc Zitomer.

C. Executive Session- 6:30 p.m. (If Necessary)

WHEREAS, the Open Public Meetings Act, N.J.S.A.10:4-11, permits the board of education to meet in closed session to discuss certain matters.

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED, that the Warren Hills Regional Board of Education adjourns to closed session to discuss:

- 1) *Matters rendered confidential by Federal Law, State Law, or Court Rule*
- 2) *Pending Litigation*
- 3) *Personnel Matters*

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Warren Hills Regional Board of Education reserves the right to discuss such other matters rendered confidential by law should the need arise; and BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the minutes of this closed session be made public when the need for confidentiality no longer exists. Action may be taken.

Approval to go into Executive Session

Motion by Mr. Piasecki and seconded by Mrs. Marshall to go into Executive Session at 6:31 p.m. with full board consent.

D. Reconvene: 7:15 p.m.

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, Oxford and Washington.

Pledge of Allegiance

Approval of Board Minutes

- February 28, 2023 Regular & Executive Session Meetings

Motion by Mrs. Hansen and seconded by Mrs. Merrill to approve the minutes of the February 28, 2023 Regular and Executive Session Meeting.

MOTION: Jean Hansen		SECOND: Paula Merrill		
Name	Ayes	Nays	Abstain	Absent
Joseph Bodenschatz	X			
Alfred Coscia	X			
Thomas Dufner	X			
Jean Hansen	X			
Lisa Marshall	X			
Paula Merrill	X			
Corey Piasecki			X	
Christopher Cannavo	X			
Molly Fraumeni	X			

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

None

F. Student Liaison Report –

None

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

None

H. Presenter(s):

I. Goals:

**Warren Hills Board of Education District Goals for 2022-2023:**

**District Goal 1:** Provide resources to faculty, implement best practices and strategies with tiered systems of support focused on improving areas of weakness and enhancing areas of strength to increase student achievement in core content tested areas across the district under the New Jersey Student Learning Assessment (NJSLA) and the New Jersey Graduation Proficiency Assessment (NJGPA).

**District Goal 2:** To ensure best practices related to diversity, equity & inclusion within the WHRSD are followed in regards to hiring practices, curriculum implementation and policy development in collaboration with all school/community stakeholders and to share concerns and recommendations with appropriate committee(s) of the Board of Education.

**District Goal 3:** To create, implement and enhance established programs, provide resources, and offer support to students, parents, faculty & staff related to Mental Health Awareness in collaboration with local and state agencies, including but not limited to, the use of the Nurtured Heart Approach, the DREAMS Program and the Warren County Prosecutor's Office Restorative Justice program.

**Warren Hills Board of Education Board Goal for 2022-2023:**

1. Provide support to the administration, faculty and staff in the pursuit and achievement of the district goals.
2. Increase student presentations at Board of Education Meetings.

**I. Committee Reports**

<b>Committee</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>Discussion</b>
Finance, Facilities & Transportation	March 7, 2023	By Chair: Mr. Piasecki
Education, Policy & Technology	None	By Chair: Mr. Bodenschatz
Personnel & Student Activities	None	By Chair: Mrs. Marshall
Negotiations	None	By Chair: Mrs. Fraumeni

Mr. Piasecki reported that the Finance, Facilities & Transportation Committee met on March 7<sup>th</sup> and reviewed the budget which will be discussed this evening.

**J. Old Business**

None

**K. New Business**

There will be an HIB Presentation by Marc Zittomer at the April 4<sup>th</sup> board meeting.

**L. Public Comment**

Public comment shall be governed by the Board of Education Bylaw 0167 which is available on our website. 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 will not respond to questions or comments until the initial public participation section of the agenda is complete. At that time, the Board or Administration will respond, as it sees fit, or it may defer responding, if at all, to a future meeting or to a response by written communication. The Board will then hear any additional comments that may come as a result of the Board's response. Participants may also be directed to follow the chain of command with the question or concern. While the Board will try to respond to as many questions or concerns as possible, participants who submit a multitude of questions should understand that it is unlikely that all of their questions will be answered and may be referred to further dialogue with the administration.

No public comment.

**M. ACTION ITEMS**

**I. EDUCATION AND POLICY**

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

\*1. Motion to approve the following field trip requests in accordance with Policy 2340:

Code	Requested by:	Trip	Board of Education Cost	Discussion
1	Jacqueline Solecitto & Amanda Best	DaVinci Science Center	\$12.50 Fee per child	Gifted and Talented and LD Science Transportation

Approval of Education & Policy Motions

MOTION: Lisa Marshall		SECOND: Jean Hansen		
Name	Ayes	Nays	Abstain	Absent
Joseph Bodenschatz	X			
Alfred Coscia	X			
Thomas Dufner	X			
Jean Hansen	X			
Lisa Marshall	X			
Paula Merrill	X			
Corey Piasecki	X			
Christopher Cannavo	X			
Molly Fraumeni	X			

**N. BUDGET WORK SESSION**

The board held a budget work session. Items discussed were tuition students, curriculum writing, baseball uniforms and programs. Loss of state aid, revenue and tax levy were discussed.

**O. Public Comment**

No Public Comment

**Q. Adjournment 7:47 p.m.**

Approval to Adjourn

Motion by Mrs. Hansen and seconded by Mr. Piasecki to adjourn at 7:47 p.m. with full board consent.

Respectfully submitted,

Donnamarie Palmiere  
Business Administrator/Board Secretary