

**WARREN COUNTY TECHNICAL SCHOOL BOARD OF EDUCATION**  
**1500 ROUTE 57 ~ WASHINGTON, NJ 07882**  
**SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES**  
**September 01, 2015**

**CALL TO ORDER**

President Johnson-Demeter called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m. on Tuesday September, 2015 at the Warren County Technical School, 1500 Route 57, Washington, NJ 07882.

**Flag Salute –President Johnson-Demeter**

**Opening Statement –President Johnson-Demeter**

Pursuant to the New Jersey Open Public Meetings Act, N.J.S.A. 10:4-6 et seq, the Board Secretary caused notice of this meeting to be given to the public and the press on August 28, 2015.

**Roll Call – Board Secretary Zalewski**

**Present:** Dr. Lamonte, Mr. Roschewsk, Mr. Rutledge (Arrived 5:36), Mr. Shotwell and Mrs. Johnson-Demeter

**Also Present:** Mr. Glowacky, Superintendent  
Mr. Zalewski, Board Secretary  
Mr. Dzwilewski, Attorney

**Others Present:** Approximately 32 members of the public.

**Adopt the Meeting Agenda**

**Resolution 12233-15: Adopt the Meeting Agenda**

On the motion of Mr. Shotwell, seconded by Mr. Roschewsk, RESOLVED, that this Board adopts the Meeting Agenda for the September 1, 2015 meeting as published with any addenda.

VOICE VOTE: YEAS: 4

ABSENT: Mr. Rutledge

**MOTION CARRIED**

**Resolution E566-15: Personnel, Negotiations and Legal Matters**

On the motion of Mr. Roschewsk, seconded by Mr. Shotwell, the Board moved into executive session at 5:31 p.m. by adopting the following resolution:

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Education of the Warren County Technical School as follows:

- A. That the public be excluded from the attendance at a portion of this meeting for the reason that the following subject matter be discussed:
  - **Potential Litigation**
- B. The Board may exclude the public from the meeting pursuant to N.J.S.A. 10:4-12, B3 & B8 of the Open Public Meetings Act.
- C. The matters discussed will be revealed to the public when the Board determines that such would not invade any right of privacy.
- D. Action may be taken.

VOICE VOTE: YEAS: 4

ABSENT: Mr. Rutledge

**MOTION CARRIED**

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**Resolution E567-15:                      Resume Regular Session**

On the motion of Mr. Shotwell, seconded by Mr. Rutledge, the Board reconvened into regular session at 6:03 p.m.

VOICE VOTE: YEAS: 5

**MOTION CARRIED**

**Resolution 12234-15:                      Rescind Resolution 12232-15 “Recalculate GPA’s Retroactively for Current Students to Reflect College Board Standards”**

On the motion of Mr. Shotwell, seconded by Mr. Rutledge, RESOLVED, that this Board rescinds resolution 12232-15 “Board recalculates current students’ GPA’s retroactively to reflect College Board Standards.”

(Recommended by the Superintendent)

ROLL CALL VOTE: YEAS: 4

ABSTAIN: Mr. Roschewsk

**MOTION CARRIED**

**Dr. Lamonte made a presentation on how colleges review High School students’ applications and transcripts in order to compare the students across the country. She stated that the GPAS from schools are recalculated in order to put them on a level playing field with each other.**

**Resolution 12235-15:                      Approve Project Graduation 2016 Proposal with Identified Changes**

On the motion of Mr. Roschewsk, seconded by Mr. Rutledge, RESOLVED, that this Board approves the Project Graduation 2016 Proposal with the contract changes identified.

(Recommended by the Superintendent)

ROLL CALL VOTE: YEAS: 5

**MOTION CARRIED**

**Discussion**

- **PUBLIC COMMENTS - Related to Agenda Items Only**
- **Many Students and Parents spoke in favor of changing the way the GPA is calculated retroactively. Several members of the public contradicted what Dr. Lamonte stated on how the colleges look at the transcripts stating that some colleges do not recalculate. The GPA calculation is doing a disservice to the students and will impact the colleges that they may attend.**
- **In addition to the college application process the lower GPAs impact the scholarships that the students are eligible for, since they will not be recalculated.**
- **The PTA press release assisted in the growth of the enrollment.**
- **Graduates are your product and are not tracked after they graduate.**
- **Not feeling support of the Board for the GPA concern.**
- **Did not understand the college process and felt abandoned by the school.**
- **The GPA affects the number of students in the National Honor Society.**
- **The Guidance department should require individual mandatory meetings with students each year.**
- **Mrs. Johnson-Demeter asked to hear from Mrs. Vogel. Mrs. Vogel stated that Mr. Glowacky, Mr. Mylecraine and she met with the counselors today and will take direction and follow up. She exhibits confidence in the counselors and implores the Board to give them guidance.**

**The Board of Education discussed the GPA concerns and how to address the public’s concern. Mr. Rutledge made a motion to require the administration to contact several universities to see how they review the student records and if the GPA is truly recalculated as stated by Dr. Lamonte. The motion**

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**was not seconded. Mr. Rutledge then made a motion to adjourn the meeting and reconvene the following week, the motion was not seconded. After some discussion the following resolution was presented and voted on:**

**Resolution 12236-15:**                    **Direct Guidance Department to Address the Concerns Raised at the Meeting and Report Back at the September 16<sup>th</sup> Meeting and to Institute a Procedure to Provide a Letter with Transcripts Identifying Grading Equivalency Upon Request of a Student.**

On the motion of Mr. Shotwell, seconded by Dr. Lamonte, RESOLVED, that this Board direct guidance department to address the concerns raised at the meeting and report back at the September 16th meeting and to institute a procedure to provide a letter with transcripts identifying grading equivalency upon request of a student.

ROLL CALL VOTE: YEAS: 4

ABSTAIN: Mr. Roschewsk

**MOTION CARRIED**

**PUBLIC COMMENTS – Any topic not discussed earlier.**

Policy #0167- PUBLIC PARTICIPATION IN BOARD MEETINGS

Section: Bylaws

Date Created: March, 2000

Date Edited: September, 2012

The Board of Education recognizes the value of public comment on educational issues and the importance of allowing members of the public to express themselves on school matters of community interest.

In order to permit the fair and orderly expression of such comment, the Board shall set aside a portion of every Board meeting, the length of the portion to be determined by the Board, for public comment on any school or school district issue that a member of the public feels may be of concern to the residents of the school district.

Public participation shall be governed by the following rules:

1. A participant must be recognized by the presiding officer and must preface comments by an announcement of his/her name, place of residence, and group affiliation, if appropriate;
2. Each statement made by a participant shall be limited to three (3) minutes' duration;
3. No participant may speak more than once on the same topic until all others who wish to speak on that topic have been heard;
4. All statements shall be directed to the presiding officer; no participant may address or question Board members individually;
5. The presiding officer may:
  - a. Interrupt, warn, or terminate a participant's statement when the statement is too lengthy, abusive, obscene, or irrelevant;
  - b. Request any individual to leave the meeting when that person does not observe reasonable decorum;
  - c. Request the assistance of law enforcement officers in the removal of a disorderly person when that person's conduct interferes with the orderly progress of the meeting;
  - d. Call for a recess or an adjournment to another time when the lack of public decorum so interferes with the orderly conduct of the meeting as to warrant such action; and
  - e. Waive these rules when necessary for the protection of privacy or the efficient administration of the Board's business.

- **Freeholder Director Smith commended the Board of Education and feels they found the best compromise and is going in a positive direction.**

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- **Mr. Mylecraine stated that he appreciated the concerns of the Board and public. He stated that it was a wonderful start of school today and how proud he is in it.**

**ADJOURNMENT**

**Adjourn the Meeting**

On the motion of Mr. Roschewsk, seconded by Mr. Shotwell, the Board adjourned the meeting at 7:30 p.m.

**Upcoming Dates of Interest:**

September 16, 2015	BOE Meeting	5:00 p.m. Executive Session	5:30 p.m. Regular Session
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Respectively Submitted,

*Edmund Zalewski*