

WARREN COUNTY TECHNICAL SCHOOL BOARD OF EDUCATION
1500 ROUTE 57 ~ WASHINGTON, NJ 07882
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
January 15, 2025

CALL TO ORDER

President Austin called the meeting to order at 5:02 p.m. on Wednesday January 15, 2025, Via ZOOM.

Flag Salute – Dr. Lori Austin

Opening Statement – President Austin

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 on November 8, 2024.

Roll Call – Board Secretary Barkman

X Dr. Lamonte
X Ms. Leahy
A Mr. McDonough
X Dr. Austin
X Dr. Mlecz

Adopt the Meeting Agenda

Resolution 15865-25: Adopt the Meeting Agenda

On the motion of Dr. Lamonte, seconded by Dr. Mlecz, RESOLVED, that this Board adopts the Meeting Agenda for the January 15, 2025 meeting as published with any addenda.

VOICE VOTE: Yeas: 4 Nays: 0 Abstain: 0 Absent: 1

Motion Carried: Yes

Resolution E743-25: Personnel, Negotiations, and Legal Matters

On the motion of Dr. Austin, seconded by Ms. Leahy, the Board moved into executive session at 5:05 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 is excluded from attendance at a portion of this meeting for the reason that the following subject matter is discussed:
 - Personnel
 - Facility
- 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 to privacy.
- D. Action may be taken.

VOICE VOTE: Yeas: 4 Nays: 0 Abstain: 0 Absent: 1

Motion Carried: Yes

Resolution E744-25: Resume Regular Session

On the motion of Ms. Leahy, seconded by Dr. Mlecz, the Board reconvened into regular session at 5:24 p.m.

VOICE VOTE: Yeas: 4 Nays: 0 Abstain: 0 Absent: 1

Motion Carried: Yes

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Discussion

- **PUBLIC COMMENTS** - Related to Agenda Items Only-None
- **COMMUNICATIONS**-None
- **SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT**
- **HIB REPORT/SUSPENSIONS**
 - Zero (0) HIB's since December's Board Meeting
 - Zero(0) Out of School Suspensions since December's Board Meeting
 - Two (2) In School Suspensions since December's Board Meeting
- **BOARD PRESIDENT'S REPORT**-None
- **STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE**
 - Cecelia Colaluca reported on the following:
 - Military Appreciation Club will be selling welded roses for Valentine's Day
 - Penny Wars will be going on from 2/24-2/28
 - Key Club is running a coat drive until January 22nd.
 - Key Club will be selling candy bars to raise money for DECON
 - Light Up The World event collected 204 holidays cards that were shared with residents of Phobe Nursing home in Allentown
 - On January 29 Project Homeless will be donating all clothes that were collected
 - On January 23rd students will be preparing for a meeting to focus on anxiety and depression coping strategies
- **DISCUSS EDUCATIONAL TOPICS**-Jeff Tierney shared that winter sports are up and running. He congratulated Luke Testa on his school records series of 738.
- **NEW BUSINESS**

MINUTES

Resolution 15866-25: Approve Board Meeting Minutes Listed Below

On the motion of Dr. Lamonte, seconded by Dr. Mlecz, RESOLVED, that this Board approves the following resolutions as listed below:

Resolution 15867-25: Approve December 18, 2024, Regular Meeting Minutes

Resolution 15868-25: Approve December 18, 2024, Regular Meeting Executive Session Minutes

VOICE VOTE: Yeas:4__ Nays: 0__ Abstain: 0__ Absent: 1__

Motion Carried: Yes

Resolution 15867-25: Approve December 18, 2024, Regular Meeting Minutes

On the motion of _____, seconded by _____, RESOLVED, that this Board approves the Regular Meeting Minutes of December 18, 2024.

Resolution 15868-25: Approve December 18, 2024, Regular Meeting Executive Session Minutes

On the motion of _____, seconded by _____, RESOLVED, that this Board approves the Regular Meeting

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Executive Session Minutes of December 18, 2024.

FINANCE & FACILITIES

Resolution 15869-25: Approve Finance & Facilities Resolutions as Listed Below

On the motion of Ms. Leahy, seconded by Dr. Lamonte, RESOLVED, that this Board approves the following finance and facilities resolutions as listed below:

Resolution 15870-25:	Receive, Accept, and Approve December 2024 Financial Reports
Resolution 15871-25:	Board of Education's Monthly Certification of Major Account/Fund Status
Resolution 15872-25:	Approve Payment of Bills for December 2024
Resolution 15873-25:	Accept Donation of Medical Testing Supplies from Laura Dahmer
Resolution 15874-25:	Approve Donation to the Police Unity Tour of Phillipsburg
ROLL CALL VOTE:	<i>Motion Carried: Yes</i>

Lamonte _X_ Leahy _X_ McDonough _A_ Austin X_ Mlecz _X_

Resolution 15870-25: Receive, Accept, and Approve December 2024 Financial Reports
On the motion of _____, seconded by _____, RESOLVED, that the December 2024 financial reports of the Secretary and Treasurer be received, accepted, and approved.

Exhibit: F1

Resolution 15871-25: Board of Education's Monthly Certification of Major Account/Fund Status
On the motion of _____, seconded by _____, RESOLVED, that the following Board of Education's Monthly Certification of Budgetary Major Account/Fund Status be approved: (1) Board of Education's Monthly Certification and (2) Budgetary Major Account/Fund Status Pursuant to N.J.A.C. 6A:23A-16.10(c) 3&4, we certify that January 2025, after review of the secretary's monthly financial report (appropriations section) and upon consultation with the appropriate district officials that to the best of our knowledge, no major account or fund has been over-expended. The district Board of Education has implemented adequate controls to prevent the over-expenditure of any funds or yearly deficit in major accounts in accordance with N.J.A.C. 6A:23A-16.10(c) 3&4.

Resolution 15872-25: Approve Payment of Bills for December 2024
On the motion of _____, seconded by _____, RESOLVED, that this Board approves the payment of bills as shown on the attached Bills List for December 2024, in the amount of \$587,455.33.

Exhibit: F2

Resolution 15873-25: Accept Donation of Medical Testing Supplies from Laura Dahmer
On the motion of _____, seconded by _____, RESOLVED, that this Board accepts a donation of medical testing supplies from Laura Dahmer.

Resolution 15874-25: Approve Donation to the Police Unity Tour of Phillipsburg
On the motion of _____, seconded by _____, RESOLVED, that this Board approves a staff sponsored dress-down day donation to the Police Unity Tour of Phillipsburg in the amount of \$109 in honor of Officer Dom Belcastro.

PERSONNEL

Resolution 15875-25: Approve Personnel Resolutions as Listed Below

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On the motion of Dr. Lamonte, seconded by Ms. Leahy, RESOLVED, that this Board approves personnel resolutions as listed below, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent:

Resolution 15876-25: **Approve Hunter Valeo as a Substitute Teacher for the 2024-2025 School Year**
Resolution 15877-25: **Approve Extra Curricular Appointments as Follows:**
Resolution 15878-25: **Approve Kayla Dora as a Science Teacher for the 2024-2025 School Year**

ROLL CALL VOTE: ***Motion Carried: Yes***

Lamonte _X_ Leahy _X_ McDonough _A_ Austin X_ Mlecz _X_

Resolution 15876-25: **Approve Hunter Valeo as a Substitute Teacher for the 2024-2025 School Year**
On the motion of _____, seconded by _____, RESOLVED, that this Board approves Hunter Valeo as a substitute Teacher for the 2024-2025 school year.

Resolution 15877-25: **Approve Extra Curricular Appointments as Follows:**
On the motion of _____, seconded by _____, RESOLVED, that this Board approves the following extra-curricular Chaperone appointments as follows:

Math Tutor	Patti Collabella
Admission Testing Proctors	Brooke Cicale, Bobby Cammarota, Christie Heuneman, Lenore Arnold, Nancy Danner, Natalie Mutchler, Jasmine Slowik, Mary Herb
Graduation Portfolio Appeals Proctor	Gregory Dowling
Perkins Tutors	Ray Danner, Lenore Arnold, Michele Vulcano, Scott Lance, Ken Wene, Tina Giraldi-Lynch, Patrick Lilly, Annie Lazorchak, Chad Feilbach, Sean McGeough, Lana Shanahan, Robert Wheatley, Patricia Seugling

Resolution 15878-25: **Approve Kayla Dora as a Science Teacher for the 2024-2025 School Year**
On the motion of _____, seconded by _____, RESOLVED, that this Board approves Kayla Dora as a Science Teacher at Step 1(BA) \$61,090, prorated for the remainder of the school year, with an anticipated start date of January 27, 2025 pending proper certification and criminal background clearance.

EDUCATIONAL

Resolution 15879-25: **Approve Educational Resolutions as Listed Below**
On the motion of Ms. Leahy, seconded by Dr. Lamonte, RESOLVED, that this Board approves educational resolutions as listed below:

Resolution 15880-25: **Approve Membership Between NJ State Interscholastic Athletic Association and the Warren County Technical School**
Resolution 15881-25: **Approve Student and Staff Observations from Warren Hills Regional High School**

ROLL CALL VOTE: ***Motion Carried: Yes***

Lamonte _X_ Leahy _X_ McDonough _A_ Austin _X_ Mlecz _X_

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Resolution 15880-25: **Approve Membership Between NJ State Interscholastic Athletic Association and the Warren County Technical School**

On the motion of _____, seconded by _____, RESOLVED, that this Board approves approves the membership between New Jersey State Interscholastic Athletic Association and Warren County Technical School for the 2024-2025 School Year.

Resolution 15881-25: **Approve Student and Staff Observations from Warren Hills Regional High School**

On the motion of _____, seconded by _____, RESOLVED, that this Board approves visits from Warren Hills Regional School District students and staff in order to observe WCTS career programs for educational purposes on a recurring basis throughout the school year.

ADDENDUM ITEMS -None

PUBLIC COMMENTS – Any topic not discussed earlier.

Policy #0167- PUBLIC PARTICIPATION IN BOARD MEETINGS

Section: Bylaws

Date Created: March 2000

Date Edited: October 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 has been heard;
4. All statements shall be directed to the presiding officer; no participant may address or question the 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.

ADJOURNMENT

Adjourn the Meeting

On the motion of Dr. Lamonte, seconded by Dr. Mleczy, the Board adjourned the meeting at 5:32 p.m.

VOICE VOTE: Yeas:___ Nays:___ Abstain:___ Absent:___

Motion Carried: Yes / No

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Upcoming Dates of Interest:

February 10, 2025	Delayed Opening for Students/Staff PLC
February 14 & 17, 2025	School Closed for President's Weekend
February 19, 2025	Board of Education Meeting