

WARREN COUNTY TECHNICAL SCHOOL BOARD OF EDUCATION
1500 ROUTE 57 ~ WASHINGTON, NJ 07882
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
February 1, 2023

CALL TO ORDER

President Austin called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m. on Wednesday, February 1, 2023 via Zoom, at the Warren County Technical School, 1500 Route 57, Washington, NJ 07882.

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 and the press on January 27, 2023.

Roll Call – Board Secretary Barkman

X Dr. Lamonte
X Mr. McDonough
X Mr. Rutledge
A Ms. Warren
X Dr. Austin

Adopt the Meeting Agenda

Resolution 15116-23: Adopt the Meeting Agenda

On the motion of Mr. Rutledge, seconded by Mr. McDonough, RESOLVED, that this Board adopts the Meeting Agenda for the February 1, 2023 meeting as published with any addenda.

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

Motion Carried: Yes

Resolution E696-23: Personnel, Negotiations, and Legal Matters

On the motion of Mr. McDonough, seconded by Mr. Rutledge, the Board moved into executive session at 5:02 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:
 - Facilities/Capital Projects
- 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 Nays: 0 Abstain: 0 Absent: 1

Motion Carried: Yes

Resolution E697-23: Resume Regular Session

On the motion of Mr. McDonough, seconded by Mr. Rutledge, the Board reconvened into regular session at 5:15 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
- **SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT**-Mr. Forsythe thanked the Board for their flexibility in scheduling the special meeting.
- **BOARD PRESIDENT'S REPORT**-None

FINANCE & FACILITIES

Resolution 15117-23: Approve Finance & Facilities Resolutions as Listed Below

On the motion of Mr. McDonough, seconded by Mr. Rutledge, RESOLVED, that this Board approves the following finance and facilities resolutions as listed below:

- Resolution 15118-23: Approve the Withdrawal from Capital Reserve for the Air Ventilation and Dust Collection Projects**
- Resolution 15119-23: Approve Construction Project Bid Award-Dust Collection System**
- Resolution 15120-23: Approve Construction Project Bid Award - Air Ventilation System**

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Motion Carried: Yes

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Resolution 15118-23: Approve the Withdrawal from Capital Reserve for the Air Ventilation and Dust Collection Projects

On the motion of _____, seconded by _____, RESOLVED, that this Board approves the withdrawal of \$750,000 from Capital Reserve for the purpose of funding the Air Ventilation and Dust Collection projects which includes \$82,190 for change orders.

Resolution 15119-23: Approve Construction Project Bid Award-Dust Collection System

On the motion of _____, seconded by _____, RESOLVED, that this Board approves the Construction Project Bid Award - Dust Collection System as follows:

WHEREAS, on January 12, 2023, the Warren County Technical School Board of Education conducted a public bid opening for the award of a DUST COLLECTION SYSTEM which yielded the following for consideration:

Contractor Base Bid Iron Mountain Mechanical, LLC (\$354,865) and Envirocon LLC (\$319,717-this bid was rejected due to disqualifications of subcontractors),

and;

WHEREAS, in accordance with the provisions of the Public Schools Contract Law, N.J.S.A. 18A:18A-1 et seq.;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Warren County Technical School Board of Education award the contract for the dust collection system to Iron Mountain Mechanical LLC in the total contract lump sum of \$354,865

Resolution 15120-23: Approve Construction Project Bid Award - Air Ventilation System

On the motion of _____, seconded by _____, RESOLVED, that this Board approves the Construction Project Bid Award-Air Ventilation System as follows:

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WHEREAS, on January 12, 2023, the Warren County Technical School Board of Education conducted a public bid opening for the award of an AIR VENTILATION SYSTEM which yielded the following for consideration:

Contractor Base Bid Iron Mountain Mechanical, LLC (\$312,943) and Envirocon LLC (\$287,712- this bid was rejected due to disqualifications of subcontractors,)

and;

WHEREAS, in accordance with the provisions of the Public Schools Contract Law, N.J.S.A. 18A:18A-1 et seq.;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Warren County Technical School Board of Education award the contract for the air ventilation system to Iron Mountain Mechanical LLC in the total contract lump sum of \$312,943

ADDENDUM ITEMS-None

PUBLIC COMMENTS – Any topic not discussed earlier.-None

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 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 Mr. Rutledge, seconded by Dr. Lamonte, the Board adjourned the meeting at 5:17 p.m.

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Upcoming Dates of Interest:

February 15, 2023	Board of Education Meeting
March 15, 2023	Board of Education Meeting (Budget)
March 29, 2023	Board of Education Meeting
March 17, 2023	Delayed Opening for PD
April 6, 2023	Early Dismissal for Spring Break
April 7-11, 2023	Closed for Spring Break