

WARREN COUNTY TECHNICAL SCHOOL BOARD OF EDUCATION
1500 ROUTE 57 ~ WASHINGTON, NJ 07882
BUDGV MEETING MINUTES
March 9, 2023

CALL TO ORDER

Board Secretary Amy Barkman called the meeting to order at 4:30 p.m. on Thursday, March 9, 2023, Via Zoom.

Flag Salute – Dr. Lori Austin

Opening Statement – Board Secretary Amy Barkman

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 March 7, 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 15153-23: Adopt the Meeting Agenda

On the motion of Mr. McDonough, seconded by Mr. Rutledge, RESOLVED, that this Board adopts the Meeting Agenda for the March 9, 2023 meeting as published with any addenda.

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

Motion Carried: Yes

Resolution E700-23: Personnel, Negotiations and Legal Matters

On the motion of Mr. Rutledge, seconded by Mr. McDonough, the Board moved into executive session at 4:39 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:
 - Negotiations update
 - Staff Recognition
- 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 E701-23: Resume Regular Session

On the motion of Mr. Rutledge, seconded by Mr. McDonough, the Board reconvened into regular session at 4:54 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**-Mr. Forsythe thanked the Board for their flexibility in rescheduling the Board meeting.
- **BOARD PRESIDENT'S REPORT**-None
- **NEW BUSINESS**-Ms. Barkman provided the highlights of the 2023/2024 budget.

FINANCE & FACILITIES

Resolution 15154-23: Approve Finance & Facilities Resolutions as Listed Below

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

Resolution 15155-23: Adopt a Tentative Budget for the 2023-2024 School Year
Resolution 15156-23: Approve Maximum Travel Expenditure for the 2023-2024 School Year

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Motion Carried: Yes

Lamonte Abstain McDonough X Rutledge X Warren A Austin X

Resolution 15154-23: Adopt a Tentative Budget for the 2023-2024 School Year

On the motion of _____, seconded by _____, RESOLVED, that this board adopts the following tentative budget for the 2023-2024 school year using the 2023-2024 state aid figures and the Secretary to the Board of Education be authorized to submit to the Executive County Superintendent for approval in accordance with the N.J.S.A. 18A-7-5 and 18A:7F-6:

County Tax Levy	\$ 4,497,907
Other Local Sources	\$ 1,886,126
Revenues From State Sources	\$ 3,433,758
Withdraw from Capital Reserve	\$ 955,365
Withdraw From Maintenance Reserve	\$ 100,000
Budgeted Fund Balance	\$ 800,000
Local Grants	\$ 4,900
Federal Grants	\$ 717,505
Total Revenue	\$12,395,561

AND to advertise said tentative budget in the Star-Ledger in accordance with the form suggested by the New Jersey Department of Education and according to law;

AND, a public hearing on the budget for the 2023-2024 school year will be held at the Wayne Dumont Jr. Administrative Building on Route 519 in White Twp. on April 5, 2023, at 5:00 PM.

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BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education includes in the budget a capital reserve withdrawal in the amount of \$955,365 for:

Driveway entrance repair \$100,000
Keying System \$162,000
Dust Collection and Air Ventilation \$187,810
Partial Roof Top Replacement \$355,555
Sidewalk and masonry repair \$150,000

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education includes in the budget a maintenance reserve withdrawal in the amount of \$100,000 for the purpose of repairs to HVAC/Boilers and routine maintenance

Exhibit: Budget

Resolution 15156-23: Approve Maximum Travel Expenditure for the 2023-2024 School Year

On the motion of _____, seconded by _____, Pursuant to N.J.A.C. 6A:23A-7.3 a Board of Education must establish a maximum dollar amount limit for travel expenditure, as defined in N.J.A.C. 6A:23A-7.1 et seq.,

BE IT RESOLVED Warren County Technical School Board of Education includes in the tentative budget a maximum travel expenditure amount of \$10,500 for the 2023-2024 school year. The maximum travel expenditure amount for the 2022-2023 school year is \$ 25,000, of which, \$4,620 has been spent to date.

PERSONNEL

Resolution 15157-23: Approve Personnel Resolutions as Listed Below

On the motion of Dr. Austin, seconded by Mr. Rutledge, RESOLVED, that this Board approves the following personnel resolutions as listed below:

Resolution 15158-23: Approve FMLA for Employee #0941

Resolution 15159-23: Approve Terry Gochmonnsky as Part Time Custodian

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Motion Carried: Yes

Lamonte _X_ McDonough _X_ Rutledge _X_ Warren _A_ Austin _X_

Resolution 15158-23: Approve FMLA for Employee #0941

On the motion of _____, seconded by _____, RESOLVED, that this Board approves Employee #0941 for FMLA.

Resolution 15159-23: Approve Terry Gochmonnsky as Part Time Custodian

On the motion of _____, seconded by _____, RESOLVED, that this Board approves Terry Gochmonnsky as a Part-Time Custodian at a rate of \$20.00 per hour not to exceed 25 hours per week, retroactive to start date of March 13, 2023.

ADDENDUM ITEMS -None

PUBLIC COMMENTS – Any topic not discussed earlier-None

Policy #0167- PUBLIC PARTICIPATION IN BOARD MEETINGS

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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 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.

ADJOURNMENT

Adjourn the Meeting

On the motion of Mr. Rutledge, seconded by Mr. McDonough, the Board adjourned the meeting at 4:59 p.m.

Upcoming Dates of Interest:

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