

WARREN COUNTY TECHNICAL SCHOOL BOARD OF EDUCATION
1500 ROUTE 57 ~ WASHINGTON, NJ 07882
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
September 18, 2024

CALL TO ORDER

President Austin called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m. on Wednesday, September 18, 2024, 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 7, 2023.

Roll Call – Board Secretary Barkman

X Dr. Lamonte
X Ms. Leahy
X Mr. McDonough
X Mr. Rutledge
X Dr. Austin

Adopt the Meeting Agenda

Resolution 15703-24: Adopt the Meeting Agenda

On the motion of Mr. Rutledge, seconded by Mr. McDonough, RESOLVED, that this Board adopts the Meeting Agenda for the September 18, 2024 meeting as published with any addenda.

VOICE VOTE: Yeas: 5 Nays: 0 Abstain: 0 Absent: 0

Motion Carried: Yes

Resolution E735-24: Personnel, Negotiations, and Legal Matters

On the motion of Mr. Rutledge, seconded by Mr. McDonough, 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:
 - 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: 5 Nays: 0 Abstain: 0 Absent: 0

Motion Carried: Yes

Resolution E736-24: Resume Regular Session

On the motion of Mr. Rutledge, seconded by Mr. McDonough, the Board reconvened into regular session at 5:21 p.m.

VOICE VOTE: Yeas: 5 Nays: 0 Abstain: 0 Absent: 0

Motion Carried: Yes

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Discussion

- **PUBLIC COMMENTS** - Related to Agenda Items Only-None
- **COMMUNICATIONS**-None
- **SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT**
 - 2023-2024 NJGPA Summary Results
- **HIB REPORT/SUSPENSIONS**-None
- **BOARD PRESIDENT'S REPORT**-None
- **STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE**
 - Student Gov't is holding its first meeting on 9/24
 - Military Appreciation Club is holding its first meeting 9/26
 - Key Club is holding its first meeting on 9/26
- **DISCUSS EDUCATIONAL TOPICS**
- **NEW BUSINESS**

MINUTES

Resolution 15704-24: Approve Board Meeting Minutes Listed Below

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

Resolution 15705-24: Approve August 21, 2024, Regular Meeting Minutes

Resolution 15706-24: Approve August 21, 2024, Regular Meeting Executive Session Minutes

VOICE VOTE: Yeas: 4 Nays: 0 Abstain: Ms. Leahy Absent: 0

Motion Carried: Yes

Resolution 15705-24: Approve August 21, 2024, Regular Meeting Minutes

On the motion of _____, seconded by _____, RESOLVED, that this Board approves the Regular Meeting Minutes of August 21, 2024.

Resolution 15706-24: Approve August 21, 2024, Regular Meeting Executive Session Minutes

On the motion of _____, seconded by _____, RESOLVED, that this Board approves the Regular Meeting Executive Session Minutes of August 21, 2024.

FINANCE & FACILITIES

Resolution 15707-24: Approve Finance & Facilities Resolutions as Listed Below

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

Resolution 15708-24: Board of Education's Monthly Certification of Major Account/Fund Status

Resolution 15709-24: Approve Payment of Bills for August 2024

Resolution 15710-24: Accept a \$500 Scholarship from Associated Construction Contractors of NJ

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Resolution 15711-24: **Approve Withdrawal from Capital Reserve of \$462,184.72 for Payment Toward Septic Line Replacement**

Resolution 15712-24: **Accept Additional Funds in the Amount of \$24,306 for Perkins Federal Grant**

Resolution 15713-24: **Approve Submission of an Amendment for Perkins Federal Grant**

Resolution 15714-24: **Approve the Disposal of the Following Equipment**

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

Lamonte Abstain 15713 Leahy X McDonough X Rutledge X Austin X

Resolution 15708-24: **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 September 2024, 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-expend. 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 15709-24: **Approve Payment of Bills for September 2024**
On the motion of _____, seconded by _____, RESOLVED, that this Board approves the payment of bills as shown on the attached Bills List for September 2024, in the amount of \$1,215,484.45.

Exhibit: F1

Resolution 15710-24: **Accept a \$500 Scholarship from Associated Construction Contractors of NJ**
On the motion of _____, seconded by _____, RESOLVED, that this Board accepts a \$500 Scholarship from Associated Construction Contractors of NJ.

Resolution 15711-24: **Approve Withdrawal from Capital Reserve of \$462,184.72 for Payment Toward Septic Line Replacement**
On the motion of _____, seconded by _____, RESOLVED, that this Board approves the withdrawal of \$462,184.72 for payment toward the septic line replacement project.

Resolution 15712-24: **Accept Additional Funds in the Amount of \$24,306 for Perkins Federal Grant**
On the motion of _____, seconded by _____, RESOLVED, that this Board accepts additional funds in the amount of \$24,306 for the Perkins Federal Grant.

Resolution 15713-24: **Approve Submission of an Amendment for Perkins Federal Grant**
On the motion of _____, seconded by _____, RESOLVED, that this Board approves the submission of an amendment for Perkins Federal Grant to reflect additional funds in the amount of \$24,306.

Resolution 15714-24: **Approve the Disposal of the Following Equipment**
On the motion of _____, seconded by _____, RESOLVED, that this Board approve the disposal of the following equipment:

- 1) Millrite Belt Driven Endmill Asset Tag #00020
- 2) South Bend Belt Driven Lathe Asset Tag #02003
- 3) South Bend Belt Driven Lathe Asset Tag #02010
- 4) JAWS IV Hydraulic Iron Worker Asset Tag #V1590161

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- 5) Torchmate CNC Table Asset Tag #01162
6) Hardness Tester Asset Tag #00039

PERSONNEL

Resolution 15715-24: Approve Personnel Resolutions as Listed Below

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

- Resolution 15716-24:** **Approve Melissa Panafiel to Intern with Erik Bowers**
Resolution 15717-24: **Approve Revision to Resolution 15622-24**
Resolution 15718-24: **Approve Substitute Instructors for the 2024-2025 School Year**
Resolution 15719-24: **Approve Brian Quinones as a Title 1 Math Tutor**
Resolution 15720-24: **Approve the Following Superintendent Goals for the 2024-2025 School Year**
Resolution 15721-24: **Approve Jayden Ruban to teach Self Defense Classes with Bob Wheatley**

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Motion Carried: Yes

Lamonte Abstain 15720 Leahy X McDonough X Rutledge X Austin X

Resolution 15716-24: **Approve Melissa Panafiel to Intern with Erik Bowers**

On the motion of _____, seconded by _____, RESOLVED, that this Board approves Melissa Panafiel to intern with Erik Bowers for her guidance degree through Centenary University.

Resolution 15717-24: **Approve Revision to Resolution 15622-24**

On the motion of _____, seconded by _____, RESOLVED, that this Board approves the revision to Resolution 15622-24 to reflect the withdrawal of Michelle Vulcano from the position of Robotics Instructor noting Sean McGeough as the sole for Robotics Instructor.

Resolution 15718-24: **Approve Substitute Instructors for the 2024-2025 School Year**

On the motion of _____, seconded by _____, RESOLVED, that this Board approves the following Substitute Instructor for the 2024-2025 school year pending proper Criminal History Background Check:

Barbara Horne Angelina Briganti

Resolution 15719-24: **Approve Brian Quinones as a Title 1 Math Tutor**

On the motion of _____, seconded by _____, RESOLVED, that this Board approves Brian Quinones as a Title 1 math tutor for the 2024-2025 school year.

Resolution 15720-24: **Approve the Following Superintendent Goals for the 2024-2025 School Year**

On the motion of _____, seconded by _____, RESOLVED, that this Board approve the following Superintendent goals for the 2024-2025 school year.

Exhibit: A

Resolution 15721-24: **Approve Jayden Ruban to teach Self Defense Classes with Bob Wheatley**

On the motion of _____, seconded by _____, RESOLVED, that this Board approves Jayden Ruban to teach Self-Defense classes with Bob Wheatley in the Police Explorers Club on the 1st and 3rd Tuesday of each month of the 2024-2025 school year.

TRAVEL

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Resolution 15722-24: Approve the Field Trip Resolutions as Listed Below

On the motion of Mr. McDonough, seconded by Mr. Rutledge, RESOLVED, that this Board approves the field trips as listed below:

9-12-2024	B. Wheatley	FirthYouth Center, Phillipsburg	\$0
TBD	K. Sartre & S. Connolly	National College Fair	TBD
10 22 2024	P. Lilly & A. Lazorchak	Culinary Institute of America	\$805.64
10 20 2024	P. Seugling, M. Vulcano	Six Flags Great Adventure / Key Club	\$991.56

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Motion Carried: Yes

Lamonte Abstain Leahy X McDonough X Rutledge X Austin X

POLICY

Resolution 15723-24: Approve the First Reading of The Policy Resolution as Listed Below

On the motion of Mr. McDonough, seconded by Mr. Rutledge, RESOLVED, that this Board approves the first reading of the policy resolution as listed below:

P0141	Board Member Number and Term ®
P0164.6	Remote Public Board Meetings During a Declared Emergency (M) ABOLISHED
P2200	Curriculum Content (M) ®
P&R3160	Physical Examination (M) ®
P&R4160	Physical Examination (M) ®
R5200	Attendance (M) ®
P5337	Service Animals ®
P5350	Student Suicide Prevention (M) ®
P7231	Gifts From Vendors (M) ABOLISHED
P8420	Emergency and Crisis Situations (M) ®
P&R8467	Firearms and Weapons (M) ®
P9181	Volunteer Athletic Coaches and Co-Curricular Activity Advisors/Assistants ®

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Motion Carried: Yes

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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.

Mr. Tierney mentioned that late buses will begin on Tuesday 9/24. He also commented on the effects of the staff related to testing and expressed his appreciation for everyone embracing the practice.

ADJOURNMENT

Adjourn the Meeting

On the motion of Mr. Rutledge, seconded by Dr. Lamonte, the Board adjourned the meeting at 5:39 p.m.

VOICE VOTE: Yeas: 5 Nays: 0 Abstain: 0 Absent: 0

Motion Carried: Yes

Upcoming Dates of Interest:

September 19, 2024	Back to School Night
October 16, 2024	Board of Education Meeting
October 19, 2024	Open House