The regular monthly meeting of the Worcester Central School District Board of Education was held on Wednesday, April 11, 2018, at Worcester Central School, Worcester, New York.

MEMBERS PRESENT: William Fisher II, President, Michelle Francis, Vice President, Peter Kwiatkowski, Stacey Serdy, and Tanya Shalor

MEMBERS ABSENT: None

OTHERS PRESENT: Edmund Shultis, Interim Superintendent, Nicholas Savin, ONC BOCES District Superintendent, Jessie Westfall, Elementary Principal, Kimberlea Curran, Secondary Principal, Jennifer Kersmanc, Wendy Burton, Gary Pochkar, and Wendy Elliott

At 5:33 p.m. William Fisher, President, called the meeting to order with a quorum present. Pledge of Allegiance recited. CALL TO ORDER

Motion made by Mr. Kwiatkowski, seconded by Mrs. Shalor to approve the agenda. AGENDA

Ayes 5 Nays 0 Motion carried

Motion made by Mrs. Shalor, seconded by Mrs. Serdy to go into executive session at 5:35 p.m. to discuss: matters leading to the employment of a particular person. Mr. Savin was invited into executive session. EXECUTIVE SESSION

Ayes 5 Nays 0 Motion carried

Motion made by Mr. Kwiatkowski, seconded by Mrs. Shalor to return to the business of the regular meeting at 6:37 p.m. RECONVENE

Ayes 5 Nays 0 Motion carried

Special Presentation:
Mr. Pochkar presented the 2018-2019 Budget to the Board.

Faculty and Staff Sharing:
There was no one present who wished to address the Board.

Consent Agenda Items:
Motion made by Mrs. Shalor, seconded by Mr. Kwiatkowski, to approve the following Consent Agenda items: CONSENT AGENDA

- Approval of Minutes – March 21, 2018 Regular Meeting;
- Approval of Minutes – March 24, 2018 Special Meeting;
- Treasurer's Report.

Ayes 5 Nays 0 Motion carried

Public to be Heard:
Wendy Burton addressed the Board about the budget, superintendent search, and student of the month.

Action Required:
Motion made by Mrs. Francis, seconded by Mrs. Shalor.
RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Worcester Central School District, does hereby appoint Edmund Shultis as Interim Superintendent, as presented.

EDMUND SHULTIS INTERIM SUPERINTENDENT

RESOLUTION
APPOINTMENT OF INTERIM SUPERINTENDENT

WHEREAS, to address transitional needs of the District, the Board appointed a qualified individual to serve as Acting Superintendent to the District during the period commencing on or about February 27, 2018 through April 11, 2018 to assist in the efficient operation of the District and thereafter while the Board undertakes its process of searching for and retaining a new Superintendent of Schools or the Board's determination to address any other form of leadership for the District whichever comes first; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Education, after due consideration, appointed former Interim Superintendent Edmund G. Shultis to undertake such duties and responsibilities on behalf of the District, and

WHEREAS, the Board of Education and Mr. Shultis entered into an agreement to serve as Acting Superintendent containing the terms and conditions of said employment (the "Employment Agreement"); and

WHEREAS, the Board is desirous of changing the position from Acting Superintendent to Interim Superintendent for the period April 11, 2018 through August 31, 2018 pursuant to the terms and conditions of the Employment Agreement.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED,

1. The Board of Education approves the Employment Agreement setting forth the terms and conditions of employment for Edmund G. Shultis as Interim Superintendent of Schools for the term effective on or about April 11, 2018 through on or about August 31, 2018, unless further extended or sooner terminated as provided in such Employment Agreement; and

2. The Board of Education hereby appoints Edmund G. Shultis to the position of Interim Superintendent of Schools under the terms and conditions of employment of the Employment Agreement.

Ayes 5 Nays 0 Motion carried

The Oath of Office was administered to the Interim Superintendent and filed with the District Clerk.

Motion made by Mrs. Francis, seconded by Mr. Kwiatkowski.
RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Worcester Central School District, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent as per the request of Scott Duell of BCA Architects & Engineers, does hereby approve the request for proposal from Bolton Land Surveying, P.C. to complete a Boundary Topographic Survey for Worcester Central School for a lump sum of $6,250.00, as presented.

BCA ARCHITECTS BOLTON LAND SURVEYING, P.C. TOPOGRAPHIC SURVEY

Ayes 5 Nays 0 Motion carried

Motion made by Mrs. Shalor, seconded by Mrs. Francis.
RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Worcester Central School District, does hereby accept the Claims Auditor Exception Report for the period March 1, 2018 to March 31, 2018, as presented.

CLAIMS AUDITOR EXCEPTION REPORT

Ayes 5 Nays 0 Motion carried

Motion made by Mrs. Shalor, seconded by Mrs. Serdy.
RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Worcester Central School District, does hereby accept the Student Association Sales Tax Report for the period of March 1, 2017 to February 28, 2018, as presented.

STUDENT ASSOCIATION SALES TAX REPORT 3/1/2017 – 2/28/2018

Ayes 5 Nays 0 Motion carried

Motion made by Mrs. Serdy, seconded by Mrs. Shalor.
RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Worcester Central School District, does hereby authorize a budget transfer of $15,000 from 2250-470 Special Education-Tuition to 1420-400 Legal-Contractual, a budget transfer of $13,000 from 2250-470 Special Education-Tuition to 2020-150 Supervision-Principal, a budget transfer of $24,000 from 2250-470 Special Education-Tuition to 2060-490 Research, Planning & Evaluation-BOCES, and a budget transfer of $50,000 from 2250-470 Special Education-Tuition to 2250-490 Special Education-BOCES.

BUDGET TRANSFERS

Ayes 5 Nays 0 Motion carried

Motion made by Mrs. Shalor, seconded by Mr. Kwiatkowski.
RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Worcester Central School District, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, does hereby adopt the budget as presented for the 2018-2019 school year, at $11,439,829, which represents a tax levy increase of $65,528 from 2017-2018 school year, subject to voter approval.

2018-2019 BUDGET

Ayes 5 Nays 0 Motion carried

Motion made by Mrs. Shalor, seconded by Mr. Kwiatkowski.
RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Worcester Central School District, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, does hereby approve the Property Tax Report Card as presented for the 2018-2019 school year.

2018-2019 PROPERTY TAX REPORT CARD

Ayes 5 Nays 0 Motion carried

Motion made by Mrs. Serdy, seconded by Mrs. Shalor.
RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Worcester Central School District, does hereby appoint Edmund Shultis, Interim Superintendent, as chairperson of the Board, to open and close the polls at the special meeting of the qualified voters of the Worcester Central School District to be held on Tuesday, May 15, 2018, between the hours of 12:00 noon and 8:00 p.m.

CHAIRPERSON OF THE BOARD MAY 15, 2018

Ayes 5 Nays 0 Motion carried

Motion made by Mrs. Shalor, seconded by Mrs. Francis.
RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Worcester Central School District does hereby authorize the Interim Superintendent on April 16, 2018 to cast one affirmative vote for the Otsego Northern Catskills BOCES Administrative Budget as presented for the 2018-2019 school year and to cast two votes for the BOCES Board of Education members.

ONC BOCES ADMINISTRATIVE BUDGET & ELECTION

Ayes 5 Nays 0 Motion carried

Motion made by Mrs. Serdy, seconded by Mr. Kwiatkowski.
RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Worcester Central School District, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, does hereby approve to revise the school calendar for the 2017-2018 school year by adding the following vacation dates: Friday, May 25, 2018 and Tuesday, May 29, 2018. Should the District need to close for an additional snow/emergency day then Friday, May 25, 2018 will become an instructional day and should the District need to close for another snow/emergency day then Tuesday, May 29, 2018 will become an instructional day for the 2017-2018 school year.

CHANGES TO 2017-2018 SCHOOL CALENDAR: UNUSED SNOW/EMERGENCY DAYS CONVERTED TO VACATION DAYS

Ayes 5 Nays 0 Motion carried

Motion made by Mr. Kwiatkowski, seconded by Mrs. Francis.
RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Worcester Central School District, does hereby approve the Memorandum of Agreement with the Worcester Teachers' Association, and Ms. Barb Golja regarding an expansion of eligibility for the retirement incentive contained within Article 27 - RETIREMENT of the Collective Bargaining Agreement between the Parties, for members retiring prior to the beginning of the 2018-2019 academic year, as presented.

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Ayes 5 Nays 0 Motion carried

Motion made by Mrs. Shalor, seconded by Mrs. Serdy.
RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Worcester Central School District, does hereby approve the CSE/CPSE recommendation, as presented for student: #2576.

CPSE/CSE RECOMMENDATION

Ayes 5 Nays 0 Motion carried

Motion made by Mrs. Shalor, seconded by Mrs. Serdy.
RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Worcester Central School District, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, does hereby approve the 2018-2019 Worcester Central School Calendar, as presented.

2018-2019 SCHOOL CALENDAR

Ayes 5 Nays 0 Motion carried

Motion made by Mrs. Shalor, seconded by Mrs. Francis.
RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Worcester Central School District, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, does hereby appoint the law firm of Girvin and Ferlazzo, P.C. and the law firm of Hogan, Sarzynski, Lynch, Dewind & Gregory, LLP to the position of General Legal/Litigation/Labor Relations Counsel, in addition to firms previously appointed by the Board of Education, effective immediately through June 30, 2018, at hourly rates to be determined by negotiations between the District and the firm.

GENERAL LEGAL/LITIGATION/ LABOR RELATIONS COUNSEL

Ayes 5 Nays 0 Motion carried

Board Member and/or Superintendent Items:
Mr. Shultis provided an update to the Board on emergency planning and collaboration with the Worcester Fire Department, NYS Police, and Otsego County Sheriff's Office.

Mr. Shultis reported that the field trip permission form has been updated for the Music Department Trip and Senior Class Trip.

2018 Clark Scholarship Recipients: Olivia Armao, Brionnah Buck, Andrew Clement, Sebastian Fredette, Katelyn Kwiatkowski, Lucy Meehan, Thomas Odell, Parker Sheldon, and Liv Spina

Mr. Shultis reported that he surveyed nineteen districts about their free and reduced meal programs and Worcester is about in the middle of this school comparison. He clarified that in order to qualify for all children to receive free meals; the District has to be at 70% of the student population approved for free and reduced meals.

Informational:
The March 2018 bus mileage reports were given to board members for their review.

The next regular meeting will be held on Wednesday, May 23, 2018 at 6:30 p.m. in the library. The budget hearing will be held on Wednesday, May 2, 2018 at 6:30 p.m. in the library. The budget vote, bus proposition, and election will be held on Tuesday, May 15, 2018, polls will be open from 12:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

Motion made by Mrs. Shalor, seconded by Mr. Kwiatkowski to adjourn the meeting at 7:07 p.m. ADJOURN

Ayes 5 Nays 0 Motion carried

Respectfully submitted,

Wendy Elliott
District Clerk