

The regular meeting of the Worcester Central School District Board of Education was held on Wednesday, April 14, 2021 at Worcester Central School, Worcester, New York.

MEMBERS PRESENT: William Fisher II, President, Michelle Francis, Vice President (6:40 p.m.), Stacey Serdy, Tanya Shalor, and Peter Kwiatkowski

MEMBERS ABSENT: None

OTHERS PRESENT: Timothy Gonzales, Superintendent, Noelle Jackman, Elementary Principal, Melissa Leonard, Secondary Principal, Christopher Kaltenbach, Sherri France, Susan Hugick, Beth Perrillo, Gary Pochkar, Andy Odell, and Wendy Elliott

At 6:31 p.m. William Fisher, President, called the meeting to order with a quorum present. Pledge of Allegiance recited. CALL TO ORDER

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

Ayes 4 Nays 0 Motion carried

Special Presentation:

Timothy Gonzales, Superintendent, presented the 2021-2022 Budget.

The 2021-2022 proposed budget exceeds the 1.2 percent tax cap at 1.97 percent. Exceeding the state tax cap requires approval by sixty percent of the qualified voters present and voting.

Faculty and Staff Sharing:

Christopher Kaltenbach addressed the Board to share the desire of the group of teachers is to continue to communicate, to receive communication, and to support the Worcester Central School District Board of Education and the District.

Consent Agenda Items:

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

- Approval of Minutes – March 24, 2021 Regular Meeting;
- Treasurer’s Report – March 2021.

Ayes 4 Nays 0 Motion carried

Public to be Heard:

There was no one present who wished to address the Board.

Action Required:

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 2021-2022 school year, at \$11,700,578, which represents a tax levy increase of \$68,591 from the 2020-2021 school year, subject to voter approval. 2021-2022 BUDGET

Ayes 4 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, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, does hereby approve the Property Tax Report Card for the 2021-2022 school year, as presented.

2021-2022
PROPERTY TAX
REPORT CARD

Ayes 4 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 Timothy Gonzales, 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 18, 2021, between the hours of 12:00 noon and 8:00 p.m.

CHAIRPERSON OF
THE BOARD
MAY 18, 2021

Ayes 4 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 authorize the Superintendent on April 19, 2021 to cast one affirmative vote for the Otsego Northern Catskills BOCES Administrative Budget as presented for the 2021-2022 school year.

2021-2022 ONC
BOCES
ADMINISTRATIVE
BUDGET

Ayes 4 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 the Superintendent on April 19, 2021 to cast six (6) votes to elect the following six (6) candidates, Dr. Deborah Fox, Collin Miller, Jacqueline Parry, Cynthia Kukenberger, Tim Powell, and Alan Rubin to the Otsego Northern Catskills BOCES Board of Education.

ONC BOCES BOARD
MEMBERS
ELECTION
2021-2022

Ayes 4 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, does hereby accept the Claims Auditor Exception Report for the period March 1, 2021 to March 31, 2021, as presented.

CLAIMS AUDITOR
EXCEPTION
REPORT

Ayes 4 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 approve the Cooperative Purchasing Resolution for the School Year 2021-2022 with Delaware-Chenango-Madison-Otsego BOCES, as presented.

COOPERATIVE
PURCHASING
2021-2022

RESOLUTION OF BOARD OF EDUCATION
COOPERATIVE PURCHASING
SCHOOL YEAR 2021-2022

WHEREAS,

The Cooperative Purchasing Service is a plan of a number of public school districts in the Delaware-Chenango-Madison-Otsego BOCES Area in New York, to bid jointly equipment, supplies and contract items, and

WHEREAS,

The Worcester Central School is desirous of participating with other districts in the Delaware-Chenango-Madison-Otsego BOCES in the joint bidding of the items mentioned above as authorized by General Municipal Law, Section 119-o, and

WHEREAS,

The Worcester Central School wishes to appoint the Delaware-Chenango-Madison-Otsego BOCES to advertise for bid, accept, tabulate bids and award bids on their behalf; therefore

BE IT RESOLVED,

That the Board of Education of the Worcester Central School hereby appoints the Delaware-Chenango-Madison-Otsego BOCES to represent it in all matters relating above, and designates the Evening Sun Newspaper as the legal publication for all Cooperative Purchasing bid notifications, and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED,

That the Board of Education of the Worcester Central School authorizes the Delaware-Chenango-Madison-Otsego BOCES to represent it in all matters leading up to the entering into a contract for the purchase of the above mentioned commodities, and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED,

That the Board of Education of the Worcester Central School agrees to (1) assume its equitable share of the costs of the Cooperative Bidding; (2) abide by majority decisions of the participating districts; (3) abide by the Award of the BOCES Board; (4) and that after the award of the bid it will conduct all negotiations directly with the successful bidder(s).

Ayes 4

Nays 0

Motion carried

Motion made by Mr. Kwiatkowski, seconded by Mrs. Shalor.

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Worcester Central School District, does hereby approve the Generic Resolution for the School Year 2021-2022 with Delaware-Chenango-Madison-Otsego BOCES, as presented.

GENERIC
RESOLUTION
2021-2022

RESOLUTION OF BOARD OF EDUCATION
GENERIC
SCHOOL YEAR 2021-2022

WHEREAS,

It is a plan of a number of public school districts in the Delaware-Chenango-Madison-Otsego BOCES Area in New York, to bid jointly equipment, supplies and contract items, and

WHEREAS,

The Worcester Central School is desirous of participating with other districts in the Delaware-Chenango-Madison-Otsego BOCES Area in the joint bidding of the items mentioned above as authorized by General Municipal Law, Section 119-o, and

WHEREAS,

The Worcester Central School wishes to appoint a committee made up of participating schools to assume the responsibility for drafting of specifications, advertising for bids, accepting and opening bids, tabulating bids and providing the information to their Board of Education who will make the awards; therefore

BE IT RESOLVED,

That the Board of Education of the Worcester Central School hereby appoints the Delaware-Chenango-Madison-Otsego BOCES to represent it in all matters relating above, and designates the Evening Sun Newspaper as the legal publication for all Cooperative Purchasing bid notifications and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED,

That the Board of Education of the Worcester Central School authorizes the above committee to represent it in all matters leading up to the entering into a contract for the purchase of the above mentioned items, and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED,

That the Board of Education of the Worcester Central School agrees to (1) abide by majority decisions of the participating districts on quality standards; (2) that it will award contracts based on information provided from the bid; (3) and that after the award of the bid it will conduct all negotiations directly with the successful bidder(s).

Ayes 4

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 approve the Food and Cafeteria Supplies Bid Resolution for the School Year 2021-2022 with Delaware-Chenango-Madison-Otsego BOCES, as presented.

FOOD AND
CAFETERIA
SUPPLIES BID
RESOLUTION
2021-2022

RESOLUTION OF BOARD OF EDUCATION
FOOD and CAFETERIA SUPPLIES
SCHOOL YEAR 2021-2022

WHEREAS,

It is a plan of a number of public school districts in the Delaware-Chenango-Madison-Otsego BOCES Area in New York, to bid jointly Cafeteria supplies including but not limited to food and paper items, and

WHEREAS,

The Worcester Central School is desirous of participating with other districts in the Delaware-Chenango-Madison-Otsego BOCES Area in the joint bidding of the commodities mentioned above as authorized by General Municipal Law, Section 119-o, and

WHEREAS,

The Worcester Central School wishes to appoint a committee made up of participating schools to assume the responsibility for drafting of specifications, advertising for bids, accepting and opening bids, tabulating bids and awarding bids and reporting the results to the schools; therefore;

BE IT RESOLVED,

That the Board of Education of the Worcester Central School hereby appoints the Delaware-Chenango-Madison-Otsego BOCES to represent it in all matters relating above, and designates the Evening Sun Newspaper as the legal publication for all Cooperative Purchasing bid notifications, and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED,

That the Board of Education of the Worcester Central School authorizes the above committee to represent it in all matters leading up to the entering into a contract for the purchase of the above mentioned commodities, and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED,

That the Board of Education of the Worcester Central School agrees to (1) assume its equitable share of the costs of the Cooperative Bidding; (2) abide by majority decisions of the participating districts on quality standards; (3) that it will award contracts according to the recommendations of the committee; (4) and that after the award of the bid it will conduct all negotiations directly with the successful bidder(s).

Ayes 4

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 approve the CSE/CPSE recommendations, as presented for students: #3808, #2422, #2335, #3523, # 2576, #3578, #3569, #3723 and #3543.

CPSE/CSE
RECOMMENDATIONS

Ayes 4

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, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, does hereby approve Shawna Fyfe as a substitute teacher (non-certified), substitute LTA, substitute teacher aide, substitute library aide, and substitute school monitor.

SUBSTITUTE
SHAWNA FYFE

Ayes 4

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 approve to hold a special meeting of the Board of Education of the Worcester Central School District on Tuesday, June 15, 2021 at 6:30 p.m. in the cafeteria at Worcester Central School.

SPECIAL MEETING
JUNE 15, 2021
6:30 PM
CAFETERIA

Ayes 4

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 to revise the school calendar for the 2020-2021 school year by adding the following vacation dates: Friday, May 28, 2021 and Tuesday, June 1, 2021. Should the District need to close for an additional snow/emergency day then Tuesday, June 1, 2021 will become an instructional day, and should the District need to close for another snow/emergency day then Friday, May 28, 2021 will become an instructional day for the 2020-2021 school year.

REVISE THE 2020-
2021 SCHOOL
CALENDAR:
NO SCHOOL
5/28/2021 AND
6/1/2021

Ayes 4

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 to hold the annual organizational meeting of the Board of Education of the Worcester Central School District on Wednesday, July 14, 2021 at 6:00 p.m. in the cafeteria at Worcester Central School.

ANNUAL
ORGANIZATIONAL
MEETING
JULY 14, 2021
6:00 PM
CAFETERIA

Ayes 4

Nays 0

Motion carried

Mrs. Francis arrived at 6:40 p.m.

Principal Reports:

Mrs. Jackman reported to the Board about elementary level news and information.

Mrs. Leonard reported to the Board about secondary level news and information.

Board Member and/or Superintendent Items:

Mr. Gonzales reported to the Board about COVID-19 and the 2020-2021 school year. Discussion was held about COVID 19 considerations for social distancing, prom, and graduation. The Town of Worcester pool was discussed. Merger Mondays were discussed and reported that the next Merger Mondays will be held on Monday, May 10, 2021. Mr. Rick Timbs will present a financial report/project at the May 26, 2021 meeting.

Mr. Gonzales provided the Board with a merger committee update and presented shared values, information on finance and taxes.

Discussion about non-unit 11-month and 12-month salaried employees unused vacation rollover was held.

Motion made by Mrs. Francis, seconded by Mrs. Serdy.

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Worcester Central School District, does hereby approve the Resolution Amending Employment Agreements for Superintendent of Schools, Secondary Principal, Elementary Principal, Network Administrator, Building Maintenance Mechanic II, Superintendent’s Secretary, District Treasurer, and Part-Time Head Bus Driver, as presented. AMENDING
EMPLOYMENT
AGREEMENTS

Ayes 5 Nays 0 Motion carried

Mr. Gonzales reported on the field cameras and gym cameras. Discussion ensued.

Informational:

The March 2021 bus mileage reports were given to board members for their review.

The budget hearing and regular meeting will be held on Wednesday, May 5, 2021 at 6:30 p.m. in the cafeteria. The budget vote, bus proposition, and election will be held on Tuesday, May 18, 2021, polls will be open from 12:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. and voting will take place in the library.

A regular meeting will be held on Wednesday, May 26, 2021 at 6:30 p.m. in the cafeteria.

Motion made by Mrs. Shalor, seconded by Mrs. Serdy to go into executive session at 7:44 p.m. to discuss: the collective negotiations pursuant to article 14 of the Civil Service Law. EXECUTIVE
SESSION
Mr. Gonzales was invited into executive session.

Ayes 5 Nays 0 Motion carried

Motion made by Mrs. Shalor, seconded by Mrs. Serdy to return to the business of the regular meeting at 8:42 p.m. RECONVENE

Ayes 5 Nays 0 Motion carried

Motion made by Mrs. Shalor, seconded by Mrs. Serdy to adjourn the meeting at 8:43 p.m. ADJOURN

Ayes 5 Nays 0 Motion carried

Respectfully submitted,

Wendy Elliott
District Clerk