

The regular meeting of the Worcester Central School District Board of Education was held on Wednesday, February 28, 2024 at Worcester Central School, Worcester, New York.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Stacey Serdy, Vice President, Tanya Shalor, and Jim Conroe

MEMBERS ABSENT: William Fisher II, President, and Peter Kwiatkowski

OTHERS PRESENT: Timothy Gonzales, Superintendent, Katie Sill, Elementary Principal, Melissa Leonard, Secondary Principal, Gary Pochkar, Glenn Jaquish, and Wendy Elliott

At 6:30 p.m. Stacey Serdy, Vice President, called the meeting to order with a quorum present. Pledge of Allegiance recited.

CALL TO ORDER

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

AGENDA

Ayes 3 Nays 0 Motion carried

Faculty and Staff Sharing:

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

Special Presentations:

Glenn Jaquish, Building Maintenance Mechanic II, presented the facilities report. Mr. Jaquish provided the Board with an update on the condition of the fuel oil tank, septic line, and maintenance department staffing.

Timothy Gonzales, Superintendent, presented the proposed 2024-2025 Capital Budget Component Review. The capital component represents approximately 30% of the total operating budget and the proposed capital component has a 0% increase. Gary Pochkar, District Treasurer, added that the District is waiting on fuel oil bids, mentioned debt service reserve, foundation aid, paying \$85,000 out of fund balance, and distributed WCS Tax Cap History information to the Board.

Consent Agenda Items:

Motion made by Mrs. Shalor, seconded by Mr. Conroe, to approve the following Consent Agenda items:

CONSENT AGENDA

- Approval of Minutes – January 24, 2024 Regular Meeting;
- Treasurer’s Report – January 2024.

Ayes 3 Nays 0 Motion carried

Public to be Heard:

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

Action Required:

Motion made by Mr. Conroe, 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 Jacqueline Nelbach as a substitute teacher (non-certified), substitute LTA, substitute teacher aide, and substitute library aide.

SUBSTITUTE JACQUELINE NELBACH

Ayes 3 Nays 0 Motion carried

Motion made by Mrs. Shalor, seconded by Mr. Conroe.
RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Worcester Central School District, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, does hereby approve Robin Conte as a substitute food service helper, pending fingerprint clearance.

SUBSTITUTE
ROBIN CONTE

Ayes 3 Nays 0 Motion carried

Motion made by Mr. Conroe, seconded by Mrs. Shalor.
RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Worcester Central School District, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, does hereby accept the resignation of Alexander Lamica as Modified Baseball Coach for the 2023-2024 school year.

RESIGNATION
EXTRA-
CURRICULAR
ALEXANDER
LAMICA

Ayes 3 Nays 0 Motion carried

Motion made by Mrs. Shalor, seconded by Mr. Conroe.
RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Worcester Central School District, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, does hereby approve the extra-curricular (Extra Duty) appointment of Christopher Schmiedel as Modified Baseball Coach for the 2023-2024 school year, pending completion of all coaching requirements.

EXTRA-
CURRICULAR
APPOINTMENT
2023-2024

Ayes 3 Nays 0 Motion carried

Motion made by Mr. Conroe, 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 agreement between the District and the Non-Teaching Personnel NYSUT/AFT/AFL-CIO, LOCAL 4858 dated January 25, 2024.

AGREEMENT
NON-TEACHING
PERSONNEL
NYSUT/AFT/AFL-
CIO, LOACL 4858

Ayes 3 Nays 0 Motion carried

Motion made by Mrs. Shalor, seconded by Mr. Conroe.
RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Worcester Central School District, does hereby accept the Claims Auditor Exception Report for the period January 1, 2024 to January 31, 2024, as presented.

CLAIMS AUDITOR
EXCEPTION
REPORT

Ayes 3 Nays 0 Motion carried

Motion made by Mrs. Shalor, seconded by Mr. Conroe.
RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Worcester Central School District, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, does hereby approve the Letter of Engagement with Raymond G. Preusser, CPA, P.C. for audit services for the year ended June 30, 2024, as presented.

LETTER OF
ENGAGEMENT –
AUDIT SERVICES
RAYMOND G.
PREUSSER, CPA,
P.C. 2023-2024

Ayes 3 Nays 0 Motion carried

Motion made by Mr. Conroe, 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 Standard Work Day and Reporting Resolution for Elected and Appointed Officials for the 2023-2024 school year, as presented.

STANDARD
WORK DAY AND
REPORTING
RESOLUTION
FOR ELECTED
AND APPOINTED
OFFICIALS 2023-
2024

Ayes 3 Nays 0 Motion carried

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

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Worcester Central School District, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, does hereby approve the Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) between the District and the Worcester Central School Teachers' Association regarding the New York State Deferred Compensation Plan option, as presented.

MOA WITH WCS
TEACHERS'
ASSOCIATION –
NYS DEFERRED
COMPENSATION
PLAN

Ayes 3 Nays 0 Motion carried

Motion made by Mr. Conroe, 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 Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) between the District and the Worcester Central School Non-Teaching Personnel regarding the New York State Deferred Compensation Plan option, as presented.

MOA WITH WCS
NON-TEACHING
PERSONNEL
ASSOCIATION –
NYS DEFERRED
COMPENSATION
PLAN

Ayes 3 Nays 0 Motion carried

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

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Worcester Central School District, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, does hereby approve to create Spring 2024 After School Enrichment Workshop Leader Positions (up to 12 that are grant funded) for the Spring 2024 program from April 15, 2024 through May 29, 2024, with after school hours of 3:05 p.m. to 5:05 p.m., and to be paid at a rate of \$42 per hour.

SPRING 2024 AFTER
SCHOOL
ENRICHMENT
WORKSHOP
LEADER POSITIONS
(UP TO 12 GRANT
FUNDED)

Ayes 3 Nays 0 Motion carried

Motion made by Mr. Conroe, 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 to revise the school calendar for the 2023-2024 school year by adding the following vacation dates: Friday, March 15, 2024, Monday, April 8, 2024, Friday, April 26, 2024, Friday, May 17, 2024, and Tuesday, May 28, 2024. Should the District need to close for additional snow/emergency day(s) then instructional day(s) will need to be restored beginning with Friday, March 15, 2024 and continue moving down the list with Monday, April 8, 2024, then Friday, April 26, 2024, then Friday, May 17, 2024, and then Tuesday, May 28, 2024 for the 2023-2024 school year.

REVISE 2023-2024
SCHOOL
CALENDAR:
NO SCHOOL
3/15/2024, 4/8/2024,
4/26/2024, 5/17/2024,
AND 5/28/2024

Ayes 3 Nays 0 Motion carried

Motion made by Mr. Conroe, 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 2024-2025 Worcester Central School Calendar, as presented.

2024-2025
WCS SCHOOL
CALENDAR

Ayes 3 Nays 0 Motion carried

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

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Worcester Central School District, does hereby approve the CSE/CPSE recommendations, as presented for students: #2380, #2478, #3891, #3892, #3828, and #600006033.

CPSE/CSE
RECOMMENDATIONS

Ayes 3 Nays 0 Motion carried

Principal Reports:

Mrs. Sill 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 that things at SED have changed, WCS went from a 20-week review to a 26-week review for comments. BCA is still prepared to expedite responses within a day or two. John Sokol has offered a possible solution which is to use a Co-op that has been approved by the comptroller as of 2018 as a means to secure contractors. Met with Smith Site Group who assist in cooperative contractors. They secure and lock in pricing of contractors who have already been vetted and gone through the procurement process. If we decide to sign a contract with them, we then forgo the procurement/bid process and expedite it to building. They can assist in the long lead items now.

Mr. Gonzales reported to the Board that the Stewarts Sale Agreement from the attorney includes attorney fees and terms. If the Board would like to move forward, we have the resolution. The Board should review the SEQR which says there is no environmental impact from the sale which there is not.

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

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Worcester Central School District, does hereby RESOLUTION approve the Resolution to approve the contract and required SEQRA, as follows:

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the Board of Education of the Worcester Central School District (the “District”) seeks to sell real property, which is located at 831 Hollenbeck Rd, in the Town of Worcester, County of Otsego, and State of New York, being tax map number 199.19-1-32.01, consisting of approximately 0.41+/- acres of vacant land (the “Property”);

WHEREAS, the Board of Education received proposals from potential purchasers of the Property that complied with the published Request for Proposals, previously authorized by Resolution of the Board of Education;

WHEREAS, after reviewing the merits of each proposal, following the criteria set forth in the Request for Proposal, and considering the Board’s fiduciary duty to obtain the best possible price for the Property, the offer to purchase the Property submitted by Stewart’s Shops Corp. is the best offer available; and

NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved as follows:

1. The Board of Education of the Worcester Central School District hereby selects the proposal by Stewart’s Shops Corp. for the sale of the Property for a Purchase Price of Fifteen Thousand Dollars (\$15,000.00), which is in the in the best interest of the District.
2. The transfer of the property is an Unlisted Action under SEQRA and upon review it is determined to not have an adverse environmental impact.
3. The Real Estate Purchase and Sale Contract is approved.
4. The officers and employees of the District are authorized and directed to take all steps necessary or appropriate to complete the transaction.
5. This resolution shall take effect immediately.

Ayes 3 Nays 0 Motion carried

Mr. Gonzales shared with the Board that the Worcester Free Library will be asking for a \$7,500 increase this year. Currently, the Worcester community pays \$32,500 in taxes to the library. Schenevus pays \$25,000.

Informational:

The January 2024 bus mileage reports were given to board members for their review.

The next regular meeting will be held on Wednesday, March 27, 2024 at 6:30 p.m. in the library.

Motion made by Mr. Conroe, seconded by Mrs. Shalor, to go into executive session at 7:13 p.m. to discuss: the employment history of a particular person.

EXECUTIVE
SESSION

Ayes 3 Nays 0 Motion carried

Motion made by Mrs. Shalor, seconded by Mr. Conroe to return to the business of the regular meeting at 8:43 p.m.

RECONVENE

Ayes 3 Nays 0 Motion carried

Motion made by Mrs. Shalor, seconded by Mr. Conroe to adjourn the meeting at 8:44 p.m.

ADJOURN

Ayes 3 Nays 0 Motion carried

Respectfully submitted,

Wendy Elliott
District Clerk