

The regular meeting of the Worcester Central School District Board of Education was held on Wednesday, January 24, 2024 at Worcester Central School, Worcester, New York.

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

MEMBERS ABSENT: None

OTHERS PRESENT: Timothy Gonzales, Superintendent, Katie Sill, Elementary Principal, Melissa Leonard, Secondary Principal, Catie Huber (ONC BOCES), Brianne Hart, and Wendy Elliott

At 6:38 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. Conroe, seconded by Mrs. Shalor, to approve the agenda.

AGENDA

Ayes 5 Nays 0 Motion carried

Faculty and Staff Sharing:

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

Special Presentations:

Katie Sill and Brianne Hart presented for the Elementary ELA Program Review Team to the Board about the review and selection process of a reading curriculum aligned with Science of Reading and for one that is vertically aligned. The recommendation is to purchase a program aligned with Science of Reading and vertically aligned, plus continue to use of current resources: Heggerty Program (phonemic awareness supplement), Fountas & Pinnell Leveled Library (use in small group ELA instruction), Scholastic Leveled Library (use in small group ELA instruction), and Freckle-Online (individualized skill-based instruction).

Tim Gonzales, Superintendent, presented the proposed 2024-2025 Administrative Budget Component Review. The administrative component represents about 10% of the total operating budget and the proposed administrative component is up 5%.

Consent Agenda Items:

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

CONSENT AGENDA

- Approval of Minutes – December 20, 2023 Regular Meeting;
- Treasurer’s Report – December 2023.

Ayes 5 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 appoint Riley Sauschuck as a Long-Term Substitute to a non-probationary term-substitute position as an Elementary Teacher (Grade 6), effective January 3, 2024 through June 26, 2024, and the base salary will be Step 1 (\$44,529) per diem and prorated for January 3, 2024 through June 26, 2024.

LONG-TERM
SUBSTITUTE
ELEMENTARY
TEACHER
RILEY
SAUSCHUCK
1/3/2024-6/26/2024

Ayes 5 Nays 0 Motion carried

Motion made by Mrs. Serdy, 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 Iriyah Haley as a substitute teacher (non-certified), substitute LTA, substitute teacher aide, and substitute library aide, pending fingerprint clearance.

SUBSTITUTE
IRIYAH HALEY

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 Liam Kaseta as a substitute teacher (non-certified), substitute LTA, substitute teacher aide, and substitute library aide.

SUBSTITUTE
LIAM KASETA

Ayes 5 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 appoint Christina Pulitano as a substitute teacher (non-certified) and substitute LTA, effective January 12, 2024.

SUBSTITUTE
CHRISTINA
PULITANO

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, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, does hereby appoint Michael Marshall to the position of Bus Driver (regular AM / PM run), with a 52-week probationary period, to be paid at Step 1 (\$21.75 per hour) as per the WNTP contract, effective January 25, 2024.

BUS DRIVER
APPOINTMENT -
MICHAEL
MARSHALL

Ayes 5 Nays 0 Motion carried

Motion made by Mr. Kwiatkowski, 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 Shannon Hunt as a Level 1 Mentor for Riley Sauschuck for the period January 3, 2024 through June 26, 2024.

MENTORING
ASSIGNMENT
2023-2024

Ayes 5 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, does hereby accept the Claims Auditor Exception Report for the period December 1, 2023 to December 31, 2023, as presented.

CLAIMS AUDITOR
EXCEPTION
REPORT

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 accept the Student Association Quarterly Report for the period of October 1, 2023 through December 31, 2023, as presented.

STUDENT
ASSOCIATION
QUARTERLY
REPORT
10/1/2023 –
12/31/2023

Ayes 5 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 User Agreement with the County of Otsego for the Annual Meeting and Election on May 21, 2024, as presented.

AGREEMENT WITH
COUNTY OF
OTSEGO FOR
MAY 21, 2024

Ayes 5 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 Substitute Bus Driver rate of pay at \$25.00 per hour, effective February 1, 2024.

SUBSTITUTE BUS
DRIVER RATE OF
PAY \$25 PER HOUR
EFFECTIVE 2/1/2024

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 approve the CSE/CPSE recommendations, as presented for students: #3824, #2503, #2385, #600006041, #600006040, #2509, #3657, #3774, #3946, #3849, #3932, #3929, #3930 and #3808.

CPSE/CSE
RECOMMENDATIONS

Ayes 5 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 on the capital project, waiting on SED, comments still expected to be pushed back to March, in week twelve of twenty for comments. Cost estimates were reviewed and seem to be in the ranges expected for the current market. There is not much wiggle room on time.

Mr. Gonzales reported that the District had received one proposal. The proposal will be received and then reviewed and further evaluated by the Board members. Mr. Gonzales shared the Board has rights to examine other criteria: price of proposal, prior experience with bidder, solvency of bidder, and proposed future use of the premises. Review and discussion ensued to move forward with Stewarts Shops but to request the district incur no fees in the sale process.

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 Resolution for the sale of unused property, as follows:

RESOLUTION FOR
THE SALE OF
UNUSED PROPERTY

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the Board of Education of the Worcester Central School District did authorize the advertisement of request for proposals for the sale of unused property located at 831 Hollenbeck Road, Town of Worcester, County of Otsego and State of New York, being a portion of tax map number 199.19-1-32.01 consisting of approximately .41± acres of vacant land; and

WHEREAS, all bids received were opened and read aloud on the date and time advertised in the notice, and

THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED THAT, the bid for the sale of the land be awarded to the following bidder:

Stewart's Shops Corp.
Corporate Address - P.O. Box 435, Saratoga Springs, New York, 12866
Physical Address - 2907 Route 9, Ballston Spa, New York, 12020
Federal ID: 14-1323607

The Superintendent of Schools, and District's counsel are authorized to take actions to implement the sale of the property subject to final approval by the Board of Education.

Ayes 5 Nays 0 Motion carried

Mr. Gonzales discussed the Catskill Area School Study Council School Boards Institute: Zero Emission Buses: A Panel Discussion to be held on February 29, 2024 with the Board. He shared what we know so far about zero-emission buses in that they were mandate by the Governor in April of 2022, all student transportation must be with zero-emission vehicles by July 1, 2035, purchase or lease new vehicles must be zero-emission by July 1, 2027, and school districts may request a delay in the implementation for up to two years to July 1, 2029, but only by completing a study. Mr. Gonzales has contacted Cornice Technology.

Evaluation materials were given to Board members to complete the Superintendent's evaluation.

New Business and Old Business - Discussion was held for the following:

- Chromebook issues
- Letter to stakeholders pertaining to zero emissions
- Robinson Broadhurst grant applications
- Plaque for the new flagpole donated by the Class of 2022
- Singing of the Alma Matter
- Eligibility Policy and Individual Growth Plan

Informational:

The December 2023 bus mileage reports were given to board members for their review.

The next regular meeting will be held on Wednesday, February 28, 2024 at 6:30 p.m. in the library.

Motion made by Mrs. Shalor, seconded by Mr. Conroe to adjourn the meeting at 7:56 p.m.

ADJOURN

Ayes 5

Nays 0

Motion carried

Respectfully submitted,

Wendy Elliott
District Clerk