

The regular meeting of the Worcester Central School District Board of Education was held on Wednesday, December 18, 2024 at Worcester Central School, Worcester Central School, Worcester, New York.

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

MEMBERS ABSENT: Stacey Serdy, Vice President

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

At 6:30 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 Mr. Conroe, to approve the agenda.

AGENDA

Ayes 4

Nays 0

Motion carried

Faculty and Staff Sharing:

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

Consent Agenda Items:

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

CONSENT
AGENDA

- Approval of Minutes – November 20, 2024 Regular Meeting;
- Treasurer’s Report – November 2024.

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 Mr. Conroe, 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 request of Kayleigh Carentz who serves in the position of Special Education Teacher for an unpaid leave of absence for maternity leave effective on or around May 19, 2025 through the remainder of the 2024-2025 school year.

LEAVE OF
ABSENCE
KAYLEIGH
CARENTZ
SPECIAL
EDUCATION
TEACHER

Ayes 4

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 Volunteer Teacher Assignment of Susan Hugick to teach a seventh period from on or around January 6, 2025 through on or around March 21, 2025 and with compensation of an amount equal to 1/6th of Step 1 of the corresponding schedule for the year for the period on or around January 6, 2025 through on or around March 21, 2025 as per the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between the Worcester Central School District and the Worcester Teachers’ Association regarding Unit members who volunteer to teach a seventh period.

WTA UNIT
MEMBER – SUSAN
HUGICK
VOLUNTEERS TO
TEACH A SEVENTH
PERIOD ON OR
AROUND 1/6/2025
THROUGH ON OR
AROUND 3/21/2025
AS PER MOU

Ayes 4

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 Taylor Schroeder as a substitute teacher (non-certified), substitute LTA, substitute teacher aide, and substitute library aide.

SUBSTITUTE
TAYLOR
SCHROEDER

Ayes 4

Nays 0

Motion carried

Motion made by Mr. Conroe, 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 Misty Jubar as a substitute teacher (non-certified), substitute LTA, substitute teacher aide, substitute library aide, substitute school monitor, substitute school monitor (bus), substitute cleaner, and substitute food service helper, pending fingerprint clearance.

SUBSTITUTE
MISTY JUBAR

Ayes 4

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 November 1, 2024 to November 30, 2024, as presented.

CLAIMS AUDITOR
EXCEPTION
REPORT

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, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, does hereby declare the following vehicle as surplus, removed from inventory, and approve the trade-in for the newly purchased vehicle, Bus #93 delivered on November 26, 2024, for the 2024-2025 school year.

SURPLUS ITEM

- Bus #85, a 2019 International 65-Passenger Bus, VIN #4DRBUC8N8KB039288, and Asset #DT125.

Ayes 4

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 first reading of the revised Policy #7316 – Student Use of Personal Technology, as presented.

REVISED POLICY
#7316 – STUDENT
USE OF PERSONAL
TECHNOLOGY
FIRST READING

Ayes 4

Nays 0

Motion carried

Motion made by Mr. Conroe, seconded by Mr. Kwiatkowski.

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Worcester Central School District, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, does hereby waive the second reading of the revised Policy #7316 – Student Use of Personal Technology and adopt the revised Policy #7316 – Student Use of Personal Technology, as presented.

REVISED POLICY
#7316 – STUDENT
USE OF PERSONAL
TECHNOLOGY
WAIVE SECOND
READING AND
ADOPT POLICY

Ayes 4

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 to reschedule the regular meeting from Wednesday, April 23, 2025 to Tuesday, April 22, 2025 at 6:30 p.m. in the library at Worcester Central School.

APRIL 2025 BOARD
OF EDUCATION
MEETING
RESCHEDULED TO
TUESDAY, APRIL 22,
2025

Ayes 4

Nays 0

Motion carried

Motion made by Mr. Conroe, seconded by Mr. Kwiatkowski.

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Worcester Central School District, does hereby approve the Budget Development Calendar for the 2025-2026 school year, as presented.

2025-2026 BUDGET
CALENDAR

Ayes 4

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: #600006033, #3760, and #3946.

CPSE/CSE
RECOMMENDATIONS

Ayes 4

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 the capital project is moving and over break they will finish cabling for future security cameras. Electrical lighting work and demolition work in the old elevator shaft will begin. They have begun trenching the electrical for the scoreboard as well.

Mr. Gonzales shared with the Board that he has been in communication with the owner regarding insurance in the School Resource Officer (SRO) contract. NYSIR recommended the company to increase their liability from \$2 million to \$5 million. They also wanted some language clarified, so it named them as the primary insured. After the conversation with the owner, he said he could not afford the \$5 million cost. He was sending the language to his insurance company for further review, but his agent is not available until January 2, 2025. Other component districts and BOCES who are working with the company did not ask their insurance agent to review the contract. Mr. Gonzales said the contract can be signed as is or wait. Discussion ensued and it was determined by the Board to wait.

Mr. Gonzales shared that the Board of Regents met and updated regionalization regulations. One change is that school districts will no longer be required to participate in the State Education Department's new regionalization initiative. Under the new revision, participation is voluntary and districts that do not want to participate must inform NYSED by January 15, 2025. Worcester has been working with Dr. Huber for some time on this and Mr. Gonzales mentioned this only because if Worcester wanted to opt out, it would need to be done now. Mr. Gonzales said he would not recommend opting out as it poses no harm other than some organized efforts for collaboration but wanted to provide the opportunity for Board consideration.

Mr. Gonzales discussed future bus purchases, the five-year cycle, and shared that it might be a good time to purchase 3 buses next year. The reason is that we will have a newer fleet before having to follow the current law which only allows electric bus purchases in the future. Any purchase after July 1, 2027, can only be zero emission vehicles. The Board directed Mr. Gonzales to get a third quote for the 35-passenger bus in addition to the two quotes he has currently.

Informational:

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

The next regular Board of Education meeting will be held on Wednesday, January 22, 2025 at 6:30 p.m. in the library.

Motion made by Mrs. Shalor, seconded by Mr. Conroe to adjourn the meeting at 7:15 p.m.

ADJOURN

Ayes 4

Nays 0

Motion carried

Respectfully submitted,

Wendy Elliott
District Clerk