

The regular meeting of the Worcester Central School District Board of Education was held on Wednesday, March 27, 2024 at Worcester Central School, Worcester, New York.

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

MEMBERS ABSENT: None

OTHERS PRESENT: Timothy Gonzales, Superintendent, Katie Sill, Elementary Principal, Melissa Leonard, Secondary Principal, Gary Pochkar, Eric Haley, 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 5 Nays 0 Motion carried

Faculty and Staff Sharing:

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

Special Presentations:

Eric Haley, Head Bus Driver, presented the transportation report. He discussed staffing, driver training requirements, now a registered ELDT training facility, surplus of a chevy impala, dodge caravan and chevy traverse through Auctions International, and are currently in a NYSERDA Clean Green Schools Initiative Program with the study by Cornice Technology.

Timothy Gonzales, Superintendent, presented the proposed 2024-2025 Instructional Budget Component Review. The instructional component represents about 60% of the total operating budget and the proposed instructional component has a six percent (6%) increase. Discussion was held regarding staffing needs based on student enrollment. Gary Pochkar, District Treasurer, added that the District had some items that were grant funded removed and others were absorbed in the proposed budget, he said from last year to this year that the District is ahead on health insurance and is fortunate with health insurance buyouts.

Discussion was held for the proposed budget, the tax levy, and that currently the NYS calculated tax cap amount is 4.42%.

Consent Agenda Items:

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

CONSENT AGENDA

- Approval of Minutes – February 28, 2024 Regular Meeting;
- Treasurer’s Report – February 2024.

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 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 appoint William Jacoby Jr. to the position of Bus Driver (regular AM / PM run), with a 52-week probationary period, to be paid at Step 2 (\$22.30 per hour) as per the WNTP contract, effective April 9, 2024.

BUS DRIVER
APPOINTMENT
WILLIAM JACOBY
JR.

Ayes 5 Nays 0 Motion carried

Motion made by Mr. Conroe, seconded by Mrs. Serdy.
RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Worcester Central School District, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, does hereby accept the resignation of Jessica Kenyon as Teacher Aide and establishes that her last day working as a Teacher Aide will be April 19, 2024.

RESIGNATION
TEACHER AIDE
JESSICA KENYON

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 Jessica Kenyon as a substitute teacher (non-certified), effective April 22, 2024.

SUBSTITUTE
JESSICA KENYON

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 Alexa Horvath as a substitute teacher (non-certified) and substitute LTA.

SUBSTITUTE
ALEXA HORVATH

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 appoint Poletta Louis (Games and more), Arlene Nealis (Exploring Entomology through Watercolor, aka Bugs & Paint), Brianne Hart (Interactive Games, Play and Learning), Edna Gonzalez Dau (Yoga), Edna Gonzalez Dau (Zumba), Andrew Odell/Elizabeth Lamica (Beginning Piano Lessons), and Michalene Lunn (Directed Drawing) as After School Enrichment Workshop Leaders (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
WORKKSHOP
LEADER
APPOINTMENTS

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 Sandra Knapp and Kelly Schultz as After School Enrichment Workshop Leader Substitutes (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.

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SUBSTITUTE
APPOINTMENTS

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 February 1, 2024 to February 29, 2024, as presented.

CLAIMS AUDIT
EXCEPTION
REPORT

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 the adoption of Houghton Mifflin Harcourt (HMH) Into Reading K-6 Version 2, 3-year subscription as the reading program and resource for grades kindergarten through sixth grade with a total cost of \$46,712.77, as presented.

HOUGHTON
MIFFLIN
HARCOURT
INTRO READING
K-6 VERSION 2,
3 YEAR
SUBSCRIPTION

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 recommendations, as presented for students: #600006049 and #3759.

CPSE/CSE
RECOMMENDATION

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 approve Margaret Nelson, Dawn Larrabee, and Diane Ehmann as Election/Machine Inspectors for the 2023-2024 school year to be paid at a rate of \$15.00 per hour.

ELECTION/
MACHINE
INSPECTORS

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 accept the Petition for Single Proposition to Fund a School District Public Library received from the Worcester Free library and signed by at least twenty-five (25) qualified voters of the School District to be added to the annual meeting and election and placed on the May 21, 2024 ballot for voter approval as follows:

WORCESTER
FREE LIBRARY
PROPOSITION
FOR
5/21/2024 BALLOT

Worcester Free Library Proposition

Shall the following resolution be adopted to wit:

Resolved, that pursuant to Education Law, Section 259, the Board of Education of the Worcester Central School is authorized to levy and collect an annual tax, year after year, separate and apart from the annual school district budget, in the amount of \$40,000, (an increase of \$7500 to the current tax levy) which shall be paid to the Worcester Free Library for the support and maintenance of the library; with this appropriated amount to be the annual appropriation until thereafter modified by a future vote of the electors of the Worcester Central School District.

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, RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Worcester Central School District, does hereby approve the legal notice of date, time and place of Budget Hearing, Annual Meeting and Election as presented, and the District Clerk is authorized to amend this legal notice as needed.

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 that there have been a few walkthrough meetings with the Smith Site Group, BCA, and Lane. Carpets have been selected. Still no feedback from SED.

Mr. Gonzales reported to the Board that the sale documents to Stewart’s Shop were signed and sent to the attorney.

Mr. Gonzales shared with the Board the New Leaf Energy notice of solar energy project, located at 118 Up County Road. A certified letter has been sent to indicate the District’s position and requesting a contract for payment in lieu of taxes.

Mr. Gonzales will reach back out to Dr. Huber to reschedule the Board Retreat.

Discussion was held to determine when to hold the organizational meeting in July 2024.

Informational:

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

The Board received the upcoming ONC BOCES Activities information – ONC BOCES Administrative Budget Vote, ONC BOCES Board Election, and the ONC BOCES Annual Meeting and Save the Date: April 22, 2024.

The next regular meeting will be held on Wednesday, April 17, 2024 at 6:30 p.m. in the library.

Motion made by Mrs. Shalor, seconded by Mr. Conroe, to go into executive session at 7:29 p.m. to discuss: the employment history of a particular person (Superintendent’s Evaluation). Mr. Gonzales was invited into executive session.

EXECUTIVE
SESSION

Ayes 5 Nays 0 Motion carried

Motion made by Mrs. Shalor, seconded by Mr. Conroe to return to the business of the regular meeting at 7:48 p.m.

RECONVENE

Ayes 5 Nays 0 Motion carried

Motion made by Mrs. Shalor, seconded by Mrs. Serdy to adjourn the meeting at 7:50 p.m.

ADJOURN

Ayes 5

Nays 0

Motion carried

Respectfully submitted,

Wendy Elliott
District Clerk