



Warwick School District

Committee of the Whole

January 7, 2025

Board Room

7:10 p.m.

The school board's Committee of the Whole meeting on Tuesday, January 7, 2025 was held in the district office board room. An overflow area is available in the lobby should attendance warrant.

Committee of the Whole meetings are not voting sessions. These meetings are held for the board to hear presentations, review policies, evaluate data, and hold discussions. Individuals interested in providing public comments must provide their name, their address, and their topic of comment to the Board Secretary at boardsecretary@warwicksd.org before 3:30 p.m. on the day of the meeting. The board may or may not elect to respond to comments.

This meeting was held in person as well as virtually using this link:

<https://youtube.com/live/QR5xwEJQ3G0?feature=share>

MINUTES

In attendance

- Mrs. Janice Boyer, Mr. Nate Wertsch, Mr. Dan Woolley, Mrs. Amy Martin, Mr. Kirk Wolfe, Mr. Reggie Weaver, Mrs. Emily Zimmerman, Mr. Scott Landis, Mrs. Angie Lingo, Mr. Mike Brown, Mr. James Koelsch, Dr. Melanie Calendar, Dr. Steve Szobocsan, Dr. Fred Griffiths, Ms. Noelle Brossman, Mrs. Melissa Weitzel, Ms. Zoe Wiker, Mrs. Carolyn Besjak, Mr. Kevin Martzall, Mr. Tom Shumaker

Absent

- None

Visitors In Attendance (Utilized Sign-In Sheets)

- Annie Wiker

Visitors In Attendance (virtually)

- Approximately **15** unique views were present and able to observe this meeting via YouTube. No names are available through YouTube.

1. Board Policy Review

- 113.1 – Discipline of Students with Disabilities
- 113.2 – Behavior Support
- 202 – Eligibility of Nonresident Students
[Question clarifying separation of McKinney-Vento Act.](#)
- 236.1 – Threat Assessment
- 254 – Educational Opportunity for Military Children
- 607 – Tuition Income

Next Meeting: **February 4, 2025**

2. Other Relevant Items

NONE

3. Public Comment

The following individuals contacted the school board secretary and indicated their desire to address the board with comments regarding items not specific to any Agenda items. Individual addresses were verified by the school board secretary prior to the meeting, and these individuals spoke following the Committee of the Whole meeting on topics as listed.

NONE

The meeting adjourned at approximately **7:15** p.m.

Respectfully submitted by
Melissa Weitzel



Warwick School District
Budget & Finance Committee

January 7, 2025

Conference Room A

6:00 p.m.

MINUTES

Cancelled

Due to the lack of discussion/agenda items, no meeting was held during the month of January.

Next Meeting: **February 4, 2025**



Warwick School District
Building & Property Committee

January 13, 2025

Conference Room A

6:00 p.m.

MINUTES

Cancelled

Due to the lack of discussion/agenda items, no meeting was held during the month of January.

Next meeting: **February 10, 2025**

Warwick School District

Education Committee



January 13, 2025

Board Room

6:00 p.m.

MINUTES

IN ATTENDANCE: Megan Anthony, Amy Balsbaugh, Melanie Calender, Shelly Chmil, Dr. Susan Ciampaglia, Ashley Driscoll, Scott Landis, Angie Lingo, Kellye McMillion, Becky Noon, Joyce Stephens, Steve Szobocsan, Jonathan Walker, Zoe Wiker, Jacob Williams

ABSENT: None

COMMUNITY MEMBERS PRESENT: Nicole Stump, Rebecca Martin, Gabrielle Dannehl

1. Welcome - *Mrs. Angie Lingo, School Board Member & Mr. Scott Landis, School Board Member*

Mrs. Lingo greeted everyone in attendance.

2. Student Representative Report - *Ms. Zoe Wiker, Student Representative*

Zoe shared early updates collected from across the district.

3. Library- K-12 Curriculum Update - *Mrs. Nikki Stump, Library Department Coordinator*

Mrs. Stump and Mrs. Martin shared some updates to the WSD library curriculum. The standards that are used come from the American Association of School Librarians and the International Society for Technology Education. The major shifts include an update to the standards from the 2007 framework to the 2018 framework. Unit name changes K-12 resulted, rearranging topics into new unit titles. Digital Citizenship Lessons are added from Common Sense Education to lessen the load of elementary grade level teachers. Topics and units that are no longer relevant were removed. Title news/topics include using the library, literature, research, and digital citizenship. Our libraries contain a plethora of resources already approved through the Library Materials Review Committee, which will be used to support the needs of the Library curriculum K-12. Digital resources included include: Noodle Tools, World Book, CultureGrams, Gale Databases, ABC Clio, and Bloom's Literature Database.

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The committee will take the recommendation to move this towards board approval.

4. The Art of History - Course Proposal - *Ms. Gabrielle Dannehl, WHS Social Studies Teacher*

Ms. Dannehl, a social studies teacher, and Ms. Miller, an art teacher, came to present a potential new course. The course would be cross curricular, a semester-long elective that would be taught between a social studies and visual arts teacher. The course is designed for students interested in research of humanities studies and application of knowledge through art making. Students will create their own works of art showcasing their understanding of the unit theme/historical event. Students will develop ideas and understandings of society, culture, and history through their interactions with and analysis of art. The foundation of each of the students' artwork is their social studies component. This course would be open to 48 students and would require 2 teachers, one social studies and one art teacher. The students would be broken up into two groups of 24 as to meet the space needs of the art room. Each staff member would be responsible for a group of 24 at any given time. A complete list of art pieces is available upon request.

The committee will take the recommendation to move this towards board approval.

5. Gifted Curriculum Updates - *Mr. Mike Smith, Gifted Support Teacher*

Mr. Smith noted the curriculum is a student-centered curriculum that is focused on nurturing and encouraging student interests and strengths, based upon the Gifted National Standards. American Association for School Librarians standards also align and are used with the development. Best practices for gifted are guided by PA Chapter 16. STEELS standards will also be incorporated. The department courses offered will be 7th grade Gifted, 8th grade Gifted, HS Honors Seminar on Maximizing One's Potential, MS Urban Design and HS Urban Design. Shifts include MS/HS Urban Design taught through the Future City competition requirements and increased independent study options. PC Laptops would be needed to allow for Autodesk Revit to run, and Mr. Smith would hope to apply for a WEF grant to cover those costs. Urban Design courses are not limited to just students who are gifted, but are open to other students with interests in areas such as engineering, etc. There is also a registration fee to participate.

The committee will take the recommendation to move this towards board approval.

6. Comprehensive Plan Update - *Dr. Melanie Calender, Assistant Superintendent*

Dr. Calender previewed information from an email that Dr. Calender will be sharing with the committee, involving education committee members as Steering Committee Members of the comprehensive plan. A survey will be included for committee members to give feedback upon after reviewing the plan. The focus of the Comprehensive Plan is to show

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how we will meet the criteria that the state gives us with our students. Dr. Calender reviewed the draft of the plan and walked through the document for the committee to have an overview prior to giving feedback.

7. Old Business

NONE

8. Public Comment

Mrs. McMillion asked what was happening at the library review committee. Dr. Szobocsan shared it will all be dependent upon what is decided at the board meeting next week.

Zoe Wiker shared that student council elections are coming and they are transitioning advisors and transitioning a replacement for Zoe's board role, potentially having a few potential candidates coming to shadow some meetings.

Mr. Walker asked for a review as a new committee member, of what had been discussed about the library review committee, and Mr. Landis gave him an update.

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 7:41 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Amy Balsbaugh

Next Meeting: February 10, 2025

Warwick School District

Student Activities Committee



January 2, 2025

Board Room

6:00 p.m.

MINUTES

- If you have any questions or considerations before or during the meeting, please email Dr. Szobocsan @ sszobocsan@warwicksd.org

Attendance: Dr. Szobocsan, Mr. Brown, Mrs. Medini, Mr. Todd, Mrs. Rossi, Mr. Bernstein

Absent: Mr. Koelsch, Mr. Cordero, Mr. Hazel, Mrs. Hample, Ms. Wharton, Ms. Wiker

Audience: None

1. Greetings - *Mr. Mike Brown, School Board Members*
2. Student Representative Report - *Zoe Wiker, Student Representative*
Ms. Wiker was enjoying her holiday break and was not in attendance at the meeting. She will give her report later this month.
3. Extra-Curricular Report - *Mr. Earl Hazel, Athletic Director*
Mr. Hazel was not at the meeting. Dr. Szobocsan provided a brief update regarding the start of our winter athletics season.
4. WHS Science Olympiad - Activity Account discussion - *Dr. Steve Szobocsan*
The committee discussed the need for the creation of an ASN for WHS Science Olympiad. The group is pleased to see its continued growth and success. The committee is in full support of an ASN being created for them and is making this recommendation to the board for approval.
5. Out-of-State/Overnight Trip Requests - *Dr. Steve Szobocsan*
 - a. HS students and staff to Bethlehem, PA, from December 27, 2024, through December 29, 2024, to participate in the Bethlehem Holiday Wrestling Classic.
 - b. HS students and staff to East Stroudsburg South High School, East Stroudsburg, PA, from March 6, 2025 through March 9, 2025, to participate in the PMEA Region V Band Festival.

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- c. HS students and staff to Kalahari Resort, Pocono Manor, PA, from April 9, 2025 through April 12, 2025, to participate in the PMEA All State Band, Choir, and Orchestra.
- d. HS students and staff to Hartford, Connecticut, from April 24, 2025 through April 27, 2025, to participate in the NAFME All Eastern Music Festival.

The committee discussed all four out-of-state/overnight trips and is in support of them all. The committee recommends that each trip be sent to the Board for formal approval.

- 6. Old Business
- 7. Additional Considerations
- 8. Public Comment

None

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 6:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Steve Szobocsan

Next Meeting: February 6, 2025