

Warren Township HSD 121 School Board Meeting

September 24, 2013

Main Governing Board

Warren Township High School District 121, 34090 Almond Road, Gurnee, Illinois, 7:30 p.m. Open Session, Library, Almond Campus
7:30 p.m. Public Hearing for the FY14 Tentative Budget, Library, Almond Campus

Opening of Meeting

1.A Roll Call *[Procedural]*

As Vice President of the Board of Education, I call this meeting to order. Board President, John Anderson, is absent this evening. A responsibility of the Vice President is to conduct the meeting when the President is absent and the School Code calls for the Board to appoint a President pro tem when the President is absent.

May I have a motion to appoint David Grum as President pro tem for the purpose of the meeting this evening?

Regular School Board Meeting – September 24, 2013

Confidential Memo (Pink Sheet)

If you have questions about the September 24, 2013 board meeting or about this board packet, please send your inquiries to Dr. Mary Perry Bates by Monday at 3:00 p.m. This will allow us time to respond to your questions and provide a response at the Board meeting on Tuesday.

Since the meeting will begin at 7:30 p.m., no dinner has been ordered.

Public Hearing for the FY14 Tentative Budget – 7:30 p.m.

We will have a public hearing on the FY14 tentative budget starting at 7:30 p.m. The tentative budget has been on display for the past 30 days as required by the State and we must now have the required public hearing which allows community members to state their opinions about the budget. If you have any questions about this, please call Carol on Monday morning, so she has enough time to respond to your questions.

Recognitions

There are no Recognitions at this time. Following the Reception of Visitors, will be the **President's Report, Committee Reports and Superintendent's Report.**

The **Consent agenda** has the usual approval of minutes, personnel items and payment of bills. Also included in the consent agenda is the annual approval of the **Application for Recognition of Schools.**

New Business

A. Notification of Posting of Administrative and Teacher Salary and Benefits for FY13

School districts are required to post administrative and teacher salaries and benefits on its website. Carol Rogers has prepared the document and a memo explaining the process.

Old Business

A. Approval of the FY 14 Tentative Budget

The FY 14 Tentative Budget is being presented for approval.

Notes: The meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. Roll call was taken.

1.B Appoint President pro tem [Action]

Board President, John Anderson, is absent this evening. A responsibility of the Vice President is to conduct the meeting when the President is absent and the School Code calls for the Board to appoint a President pro tem when the President is absent.

May I have a motion to appoint David Grum as President pro tem for the purpose of the meeting this evening?

Motion: *I move to appoint David Grum as President pro tem for the purpose of the meeting this evening. Roll Call Vote*

Notes: Mr. Grum announced that Board President, John anderson, was absent this evening. A responsibility of the Vice-President is to conduct the meeting when the President is absent and the School Code calls for the Board to appoint a President pro tem when the President is absent.

Public Hearing for the FY14 Tentative Budget

2.A Open Public Hearing for the FY14 Tentative Budget *[Action]*

President: The next agenda item is a public hearing to receive public comments on the FY14 Tentative Budget. All persons desiring to be heard will have an opportunity to present written or oral testimony. May I have a motion to move into the public hearing?

1. **President:** "This public hearing is to receive comments on the proposed FY14 Tentative Budget. Anyone who wishes to be heard will have the opportunity to present written or oral testimony."

2. The President will ask the Superintendent and Business Manager to briefly explain the FY14 Tentative Budget process.

3. **President:** "Are there additional comments from the Board of Education?"

4. **President:** "Will the Board Secretary read into the record any written testimony concerning the proposed FY14 Tentative Budget?"

5. **President:** "Are there any person or persons who would like to provide oral testimony or public comments concerning the proposed FY14 Tentative Budget?"

6. **President:** "All persons desiring to be heard have been given the opportunity to present written or oral testimony with respect to the FY14 Tentative Budget."

7. **President:** "The approval of the FY14 Tentative Budget has been placed on the agenda for tonight's regular Board of Education meeting as an action item."

8. The President will ask for a motion to adjourn the public hearing. (See next agenda item for the motion.)

Motion: *I move to enter into a public hearing for the FY14 Tentative Budget. Roll Call Vote*

Notes: Ms. Biondi met with Carol Rogers and Mary Perry Bates. not in a comfortable situation and will be voting on the budget tonight. Promoted two vice principals to associate principals and created two new positions for assistant principals. This opinion and the people she ha talked to is a top heavy management. we need to spend funds on the programs for the students. plan to meet with carol on a number of matters to save money on. will prevent riffing of teachers and staff. needs more transparency to the public by the board. addition to o'plaine publicized at \$10

million and read in the paper was \$13 million. We have asked about Henderson to come to the board meeting. way over budget and a lot of questions that need to be answered. budgets and audits will be posted on the website.

2.B Close Public Hearing for the FY14 Tentative Budget *[Action]*

Motion: I move to close the public hearing for the FY14 Tentative Budget. Roll Call Vote

Open Session

3.A Pledge of Allegiance *[Procedural]*

Notes: The meeting re-commenced at 7:40 p.m. All present stood for the Pledge of Allegiance.

3.B Approval of the Agenda *[Procedural]*

Motion: I move to approve the agenda. Roll Call Vote

Notes: All consent items will have a separate roll call vote. There were no other changes to the agenda.

Recognitions

4.A Recognitions *[Recognition]*

Notes: There were no recognitions.

Reception of Visitors

5.A Reception of Visitors *[Procedural]*

Notes: Ray Biondi, asked for additional time. Mr. Munda asked if he would be speaking about the same issues? Congratulations on the dog and pony show at the last board meeting. Mr. Biondi asked again about why the school is on academic watch. What steps has this board taken to correct the watch. Other high schools have printed their steps on their webpage. Highland Park has a concern for the low achieving students. Talked about having the board have an oversight on the checks and balance.

President's Report

6.A President's Report *[Report]*

Notes: Mr. Grum announced that the Dedication Ceremony for the O'Plaine Campus addition is scheduled for Tuesday, October 8, 2013. The program will begin at 5:00 p.m. followed by a reception and tours. There is a special meeting scheduled for Thursday, October 3, 2013 from 6 to 10 p.m. in the Board Conference Room. This is for the Board retreat. The meeting will begin in open session and move into a closed session. This is allowable under the Open Meetings Act exemption, 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(16), "self-evaluation, practices and procedures, or professional ethics, when meeting with a representative of a statewide association of which the District is a member." Barb Toney from Illinois Association of School Boards (IASB) is our representative and the discussion will be "Starting Right: Creating the New Governance Team." Mr. Grum reported that reservations are needed tonight if Board members are planning to attend the IASB Lake Division Fall Dinner meeting which is scheduled for October 23, 2013 at Rondout School in Lake Forest. This event starts at 5:45 p.m.

Committee Reports

7.A Committee Reports *[Report]*

Notes: There were no committee reports.

Superintendent's Report

8.A Superintendent's Report *[Report]*

Notes: Ryan Davis, anthropology teacher, skyped with class. Korean public station about flip classroom. Will meet with some of our staff, Warren's reputation is moving beyond Gurnee and beyond the US and into the international realm. Special Ed vocational staff seeking opportunities for students in the community thanks to Scott Crow, Park District. Mr. Walz spoke about having the meeting on October 9 at 7 p.m., we will be hosting that meeting at OP. Expressed appreciation to the mayor and the village board and adopted safety concerns on OP. FOIA request. Distributed information for the Board members.

Consent Agenda

9.A Consent Agenda *[Action (Consent)]*

Motion: I move to approve consent agenda items A, B, C, D, E and F. Roll Call Vote

9.B Approval of the Regular Meeting Minutes and Executive Session Minutes of September 10, 2013 [Action:Minutes]

Motion: I move to approve the regular meeting minutes and executive session minutes of September 10, 2013. Roll Call Vote

9.C Approval of the Regular Meeting Minutes and Executive Session Minutes of August 20, 2013 [Action]

The minutes were amended to include Mrs. Biondi's comments regarding her understanding of the motion for going into a closed session.

Motion: I move to approve the regular meeting minutes and executive session minutes of August 20, 2013. Roll Call vote

9.D Approval of Hiring Recommendations per Exhibit A [Action]

Motion: I move to approve Exhibit A Personnel Recommendations number 81 and 82. Roll Call Vote.

Attachments:

- [09-24-2013 Personnel Recommendations Exhibit A -xlsx.pdf](#) [Executive]
 - [Backup documentation 9-24-13.pdf](#) [Executive]
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9.E Approval of the payment of the Bills for 09/24/2013 [Action]

Motion: I move to approve the list of bills for 09/24/13 in the amount of \$1,402,267.12. Roll Call Vote

Attachments:

- [AP List of Bills 09 24 2013.pdf](#)
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9.F 2013-2014 Application for Recognition of Schools [Action]

Please review the attached document for the 2013-2014 Application for Recognition of Schools.

Motion: I move to approve the 2013-2014 Application for Recognition of Schools for Warren Township High School. Roll Call Vote

Attachments:

- [Application Recognition Schools_2013_2014.pdf](#) [Admin]
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New Business

10.A Notification of Posting of Administration and Teacher Salary and Benefits for FY13

[Information]

School districts are required to post administrative and teachers salaries and benefits on its website. Carol Rogers has prepared the document for this posting.

Attachments:

- SALARY-COMPENSATION 9-24-13.pdf [Executive]
- Administrative Compensation Posting Memo.pdf [Executive]

Old Business

11.A Approval of the FY14 Tentative Budget [Action]

***Motion:** I move to approve the resolution to adopt the FY14 tentative budget. WHEREAS the Board of Education of Warren Township High School District No. 121, County of Lake, State of Illinois, caused to be prepared in tentative form a budget, and the Secretary of this Board has made the same conveniently available to public inspection for at least thirty days prior to final action thereon; AND WHEREAS a public hearing was held as to such budget on the 24th day of September, 2013, notice of said hearing was given at least thirty days prior thereto as required by law, and all other legal requirements have been complied with; NOW THEREFORE, Be it resolved by the Board of Education of said district as follows: Section 1: That the fiscal year of this School District be and the same hereby is fixed and declared to be beginning July 1, 2013 and ending June 30, 2014. Section 2: That the following budget containing an estimate of amounts available in each Fund, separately, and expenditures from each be and the same is hereby adopted as the budget of this district for said fiscal year. Roll Call Vote*

Adjournment

12.A Adjournment [Action:Procedural]

***Motion:** I move to adjourn the meeting. Roll Call Vote*