

AGENDA
Board of Education
Warren City School District
Special Meeting – April 3, 2020 – 1:00 p.m.
Warren G. Harding High School, WSCN Studio



This meeting is a meeting of the Warren City Board of Education in public for the purpose of conducting the School District's business and is not to be considered a public community meeting. There is a time for public participating during the meeting, as indicated in Agenda Item No. 10.

1. Call to Order
2. Roll Call by Approved Rotation

Mr. Faulkner, Mr. Fowley, Mrs. Limperos, Mrs. Patterson, Mr. Walker

3. Communications

4. Adoption of Agenda

RF _____ JF _____ PL _____ RP _____ JW _____

5. Treasurer's Report

6. Superintendent's Report

7. Board of Education Committee Reports

- A. Athletics *(Bob Faulkner and Patti Limperos)*
- B. Finance Advisory *(John Fowley and Julian Walker)*
- C. Board Policies and Guidelines *(Bob Faulkner and Regina Patterson)*
- D. Legislative Liaison *(Regina Patterson and Julian Walker)*
- E. TCTC Board Representative *(Bob Faulkner)*

8. Old Business

9. New Business

Board's Recommendations

1. A Resolution Declaring an Emergency and Modifying Procedures for Board Meetings

It is recommended the resolution listed below regarding declaring an emergency and modifying procedures for Board Meetings be approved as submitted.

WHEREAS, COVID-19 is a respiratory disease that can result in serious illness or death and can easily spread from person to person between individuals who are in close contact with each other (within about 6 feet) or through the touching of a surface that has the virus on it then touching one's own mouth, nose or eyes; and

WHEREAS, Governor DeWine and the 133rd General Assembly of the Ohio Legislature have declared a state of emergency with respect to the spread of the novel coronavirus; and

WHEREAS, the Ohio Department of Health has ordered that all K-12 schools be closed to students through 11:59 p.m. on May 1, 2020; and

WHEREAS, the Ohio Department of Health has further ordered that mass gatherings, defined as any event or convening that brings ten or more persons in a single room or space at the same time, are prohibited. This includes, but is not limited to auditoriums, stadiums, arenas, meeting halls, conference rooms, and any other confined indoor or outdoor space; and

WHEREAS, the Ohio Department of Health and the Center for Disease Control each recommend limiting gatherings to no more than 10 persons in a single space; and

WHEREAS, in order to permit the fair and orderly expression of public comment at its meetings, the Board has adopted a public participation policy; and

WHEREAS, the Am. Sub. H.B 197 includes a provision permitting governmental entities to meet remotely including by electronic means; and

WHEREAS, while the Board intends to continue to conduct the business of the School District and to keep the community informed of its discussions and decisions related to the official business of the School District, the Board must also act to protect the health and safety of its members, staff, students and other community members who may enter on to school premises.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Education for the Warren City School District:

Section 1. The Board hereby finds that an emergency exists with regard to the spread of a serious communicable disease, COVID-19.

Section 2. In order to prevent against the further spread of the novel coronavirus, the Board hereby temporarily suspends its Public Participation Policy 0169.1, which shall no longer be in effect upon adoption of this Resolution by a majority of the Board. Such policy may be reinstated through a subsequent action taken by the Board.

Section 3. In order to enable the Board to continue with District operations during the public health emergency and in accordance with the provisions of Am. Sub. HB 197, the Board may meet telephonically or through other electronic means, including conference calls or other meeting technology to conduct the public business of the public body while emergency orders of the federal and/or state government are in effect limiting public gatherings. Such meetings will be properly noticed to the public through the established and usual method of notice to the public.

Section 4. In order to provide an opportunity for attendance by the public, news media, and any other person that has requested notification of meetings via the technology utilized will be made available to the extent reasonably possible and feasible. The means of technology and information on how to access the meeting as a member of the public will be made available. The Board intends to fully honor its obligations under the Open Meetings Act.

Section 5. The Board hereby finds and determines that all formal actions relative to the adoption of this resolution were taken in an open meeting of this Board, and that all deliberations of this Board and of its committees, if any, which resulted in formal action, were taken in meetings open to the public, in full compliance with applicable legal requirements, including Section 121.22, ORC.

Section 6. This resolution shall be in full force and effect from and immediately after its adoption and shall supersede any prior resolution or act of this Board that may be inconsistent or duplicative with the provisions of this resolution.

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Superintendent's Recommendations

1. A Resolution Declaring an Emergency and Suspending Board Policy Related to the Student Grading System

It is recommended the resolution listed below regarding declaring an emergency and suspending Board Policy related to the student grading system be approved as submitted.

WHEREAS, COVID-19 is a respiratory disease that can result in serious illness or death and can easily spread from person to person between individuals who are in close contact with each other (within about 6 feet) or through the touching of a surface that has the virus on it then touching one's own mouth, nose or eyes; and

WHEREAS, the Governor and the 133rd General Assembly of the Ohio Legislature have declared a state of emergency with respect to the spread of the novel coronavirus; and

WHEREAS, the Ohio Department of Health has ordered that all K-12 schools be closed to students through 11:59 p.m. on May 1, 2020; and

WHEREAS, H.B. 197, as passed by the 133rd General Assembly of the Ohio Legislature and signed by the Governor permits K-12 school districts to deliver alternative methods of instruction during the period of school closure to students caused by COVID-19, including adjustment to the student grading criteria; and

WHEREAS, the Warren City School District has determined it necessary to modify the method for student promotion and retention during this crisis.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Education of the Warren City School District, that after careful consideration and evaluation of the information before it:

Section 1. The Board hereby finds that an emergency exists with regard to the spread of a serious communicable disease, COVID-19.

Section 2. In order to provide appropriate educational opportunities to student through alternative methods, to allow promotion from grade-to-grade, and so not as to penalize students who determine to complete assignments through the offered alternative means, the Board temporarily suspends current Board Policy 5421 on the award of letter grades, specific to grades Kindergarten through Grade 5, with modifications in grades 6 through 12, which shall no longer be in effect upon adoption of this Resolution by a majority of the Board. Such policies may be reinstated through a subsequent action taken by the Board.

Section 3. The Board authorizes the Superintendent and School Administration to develop and implement a system of pass/fail grading, specific for each course grade levels Kindergarten through Grade 5 within the Warren City Schools instructional program until such time as the Board restores the grading policy.

Section 4. The Board hereby finds and determines that all formal actions relative to the adoption of this resolution were taken in an open meeting of this Board, and that all deliberations of this Board and of its committees, if any, which resulted in formal action, were taken in meetings open to the public, in full compliance with applicable legal requirements, including Section 121.22, ORC.

Section 5. This resolution shall be in full force and effect from and immediately after its adoption and shall supersede any prior resolution or act of this Board that may be inconsistent or duplicative with the provisions of this resolution.

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2. 2019-20 School Calendar for Teachers and Students - AMENDMENT

It is recommended the resolution listed below AMEND the 2019-20 School Calendar approved at the Regular Board Meeting held on May 28, 2019, MOTION NO. 05-2019-97 be approved as submitted.

WHEREAS, formal adoption of a school calendar does not prevent the Board from amending such calendar at a later date.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, under the provisions of ORC 3313.48, ORC 3313.47, other appropriate Ohio revised Codes, Ohio Administrative Codes, and standard operating procedures, the following school calendar for the teachers and students, EXHIBIT A, (p. 9), is hereby adopted for the 2019-20 academic year as stated in the Exhibit.

Deletion: 2020 Spring Break

Change from: Friday, April 10, 2020
through Friday, April 17, 2020
Monday, April 20, 2020
Thursday, May 28, 2020
Friday, May 29, 2020
Monday, June 1, 2020 through
Friday, June 5, 2020

Spring Break

Students Return to School
Last Day of Instruction
Clerical Day

Make Up Days, if needed

Change to: Friday, March 13, 2020
through Monday, March 16, 2020

Teacher In-Service in Preparation for
mandated Closing of Schools

Tuesday, March 17, 2020
through Monday, March 23, 2020
Tuesday, March 24, 2020

School Closure – Calamity Days
Distance Learning/Alternative
Education Opportunities Began
Spring Break

Friday, April 10, 2020
Through Monday, April 13, 2020
Tuesday, April 14, 2020
Friday, May 22, 2020
Tuesday, May 26, 2020
Wednesday, May 27, 2020
Thursday, May 28, 2020
Friday, May 29, 2020
Through Tuesday, June 2, 2020

Students Return to School
Last Day of Instruction
Clerical Day
Additional Clerical day, if needed
Conference Comp Day

Additional Make Up Days, if needed

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10. Recognition of Speaker(s)

*Executive Session is a private conference between the members of the Board of Education from which the public is excluded. Because Executive Session is confidential and closed to public view, there are limitations on the use of Executive Session. Executive Session can be used for the following:
Consideration of Appointment, Employment, Promotion etc. of Employees
Investigation of Charges or Complaints Against Public Employee
Conference with an Attorney Involving Pending Legal Action
Consideration of the Purchase of Property for Public Purposes or Sale of Property at Competitive Bidding
Preparing for, Conducting or Reviewing Negotiations with Public Employees
Matters Required to be Kept Confidential by State or Federal Law
District Security Arrangements and Emergency Response Protocols
Consideration of Confidential Information Related to Economic Development Project*

11. Executive Session

Under the provisions of ORC 121.22, the Warren City Board of Education recessed to Executive Session at _____ p.m. to discuss:

- A. Consideration of Appointment, Employment, Promotion, etc. of Public Employees
- B. Investigation of Charges or Complaints Against Public Employee
- C. Conference with an Attorney Involving Pending Legal Action
- D. Consideration of the Purchase of Property for Public Purposes or Sale of Property at Competitive Bidding
- E. Preparing for, Conducting, or Reviewing Negotiations with Public Employees
- F. Matters Required to be Kept Confidential by State or Federal Law
- G. District Security Arrangements and Emergency Response Protocols
- H. Consideration of Confidential Information Related to Economic Development Project

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12. Reconvened Board Meeting - _____ p.m.

13. Adjournment - _____ p.m.

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04/02/2020