

**WARREN CITY SCHOOLS
BOARD OF EDUCATION SPECIAL MEETING
FRIDAY, APRIL 3, 2020
1:00 PM
Warren G. Harding High School, WSCN Studio
860 Elm Road NE
Warren, Ohio**

CALL TO ORDER

Mrs. Limperos, Board President, called the Special Meeting to order at 1:00 p.m. All present saluted the flag.

ROLL CALL

The following Board Members answered to roll call: Mr. Faulkner, Mr. Fowley, Mrs. Limperos, Mrs. Patterson and Mr. Walker.

MOTION NO. 04-2020-72 - ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Mrs. Patterson moved and Mr. Fowley seconded the adoption of the agenda.

The President called for a vote.

Yes: Mrs. Patterson, Mr. Fowley, Mr. Faulkner, Mr. Walker and Mrs. Limperos.

No: None.

The President declared the motion carried.

BOARD'S RECOMMENDATIONS

**MOTION NO. 04-2020-73 - A RESOLUTION DECLARING AN EMERGENCY AN
MODIFYING PROCEDURES FOR BOARD MEETINGS**

Mr. Fowley moved and Mr. Faulkner seconded the resolution listed below 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.

The President called for a vote.

Yes: Mr. Fowley, Mr. Faulkner, Mrs. Patterson, Mr. Walker and Mrs. Limperos.

No: None.

The President declared the motion carried.

SUPERINTENDENTS RECOMMENDATIONS

MOTION NO. 04-2020-74 -

A RESOLUTION DECLARING AN EMERGENCY AND SUSPENDING BOARD POLICY RELATED TO THE STUDENT GRADING SYSTEM

Mr. Walker moved and Mrs. Patterson seconded the resolution listed below regarding declaring 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.

The President called for a vote.

Yes: Mr. Walker, Mrs. Patterson, Mr. Faulkner, Mr. Fowley and Mrs. Limperos.

No: None.

The President declared the motion carried.

MOTION NO. 04-2020-75 - 2019-2020 SCHOOL CALENDAR FOR TEACHERS AND STUDENTS - AMENDMENT

Mr. Faulkner moved and Mrs. Patterson seconded the resolution listed below AMEND the 2019-2020 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 20-19), 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

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

through Tuesday, June 2, 2020

Additional Make Up Days, if needed

The President called for a vote.

Yes: Mr. Faulkner, Mrs. Patterson, Mr. Fowley, Mr. Walker, and Mrs. Limperos.

No: None.

The President declared the motion carried.

MOTION NO. 04-2020-76 -

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Walker moved and Mrs. Limperos seconded that, at 1:38 p.m., the Warren City Board of Education's Special Board Meeting be adjourned.

The President called for a vote.

Yes: Mr. Walker, Mr. Fowley, Mr. Faulkner, Mrs. Patterson and Mrs. Limperos.

No: None.

The President declared the motion carried.

President

Treasurer

Date

In addition to the record of the proceedings set forth in these minutes, an audio tape recording of the entire meeting was made and will be maintained in the Treasurer's Office of the Warren City School District. Said recording may not be kept in perpetuity but may be destroyed in accordance with the Warren City Board of Education's Records Retention Schedule, which has been approved by the Auditor of State's Office and the Ohio Historical Society