

**WARREN INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT  
WARREN, TEXAS**

**OFFICIAL MINUTES      REGULAR MEETING      January 23, 2017**

The Board of Trustees of the Warren Independent School District met in regular session on January 23, 2017 at 7:00 p.m. in the Warren School Board Room, located in the Warren School Administration Office, with Mr. Will Young presiding.

MEMBERS                      Mr. Rocky Burks  
Present                         Mr. Terry Fry  
                                       Mrs. Oneta Harris  
                                       Mr. Marty Ramer  
                                       Mr. Billie Read  
                                       Mr. Will Young

MEMBERS

ABSENT                         Mr. Burt Moore

STAFF PRESENT             Mr. Brad McEachern, Superintendent  
                                       Mr. Mike Paddie, Assistant Superintendent  
                                       Mr. Terry Ling, Business Manager  
                                       Sherry Mitchell, Secretary  
                                       Chris Carter, Fred Elementary Principal  
                                       Steven Cox, Warren Elementary Principal  
                                       Kristina Wiedman, Warren Junior High Principal  
                                       James Swinney, Warren High School Principal  
                                       Karen Ford, Warren Elementary Assistant Principal  
                                       Russell Hopkins, band director  
                                       Michelle Weichert, culinary art teacher  
                                       Mark Hardy, teacher aide

Guest(s)                         Justin Matthews, P.C., CPA, Axley & Rode, LLP  
                                       Steve Pierce, Brandon Peavey, Bryson Sheppard, Billy Sheppard,  
                                       Joni Sheppard, Trinity Morris, Mallory Walters,  
                                       Brennah Buckner, Cade Flebbe

**Item 01                         Call to Order:** Mr. Young called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.  
**Establishment of Quorum –**

**Item 02                         Pledge of Allegiance:** Mr. Fry led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Item 03                         Invocation/welcome guests:** Mr. Ramer gave the invocation, and  
Mr. Young welcomed the guests.

**Item 04**                      **School Board Recognition:** At this time each campus recognized the board members with various tokens of appreciation for their dedicated leadership, commitment and support, and, continuing services in educating the students of Warren ISD. Also, Superintendent McEachern gave each Member a certificate of appreciation for their dedicated leadership in public education and continued services and support of students attending Warren ISD. At this time (7:06 p.m.) Mr. Young recessed the meeting giving Board Members time to thank the students and faculty members for their generosity. Following this agenda item Mr. Young called the meeting back into regular session.

**Item 05**                      **Open forum: Record reflects no open forum participant**

**Item 06**                      **Annual Financial Audit Report Year ending August 31, 2016:** At this time Justin Matthews, CPA, Axley & Rode, LLP addressed the Board presenting the financial audit for the year ending August 31, 2016. Beginning with page six (6) Independent Auditors' Report. Mr. Matthews stated that the district received a clean or unqualified opinion, which is the highest rating that a district can receive, and, indicates appropriate record keeping by the district. Mr. Matthews also touched on page(s) **16** -Statement of Net Profits; **18** - Balance Sheet – Governmental Funds; **20** Statement of Revenue, Expenditures and changes in Fund Balances; **43**- Statement of Revenues, Expenditures, and Changes in Fund Balance Budgetary Comparison -- General Fund. Following the presentation Mr. Burks made a motion to approve the audit as presented. Mr. Mr. Ramer seconded the motion and it was approved unanimously. (a copy of the audit is made a part of this record)

**Item 07**                      **Superintendent's report:** Superintendent McEachern reported on the following topics: **a)** enrollment, at this time the enrollment is up 20 students from this time last year --1269 with 1249 in 2015-16 year, (a copy of the report is made a part of this record), **b)** reminder of Midwinter conference Jan. 29-Feb. 1; **c)** reminder of the Lamar University Visioning conference Feb. 17-19; **d)** update on the TASB Policy Workshop; and, **e)** Teacher of the Year Banquet to be held Jan. 26<sup>th</sup> -6:00 p.m. at the First Baptist Church in Woodville. Listed are the teachers from each campus: Warren High – Kyle Staley, Warren Junior High – Jessica Smith, Fred Elementary – Amber Kelley, Warren Elementary – Donna Buckner, and, Warren ISD District--wide teacher of the year is Jessica Smith.

- Item 08**                    **Consent Agenda:** Mr. Burks made a motion to approve the consent agenda, which includes the minutes of November 28, 2016, November and December 2016 bills and accounts – (Nov. bills totaling \$291,455.19 and December bills totaling \$367,974.99), and, the November and December 2016 tax office report. Mr. Fry made a motion to approve the consent agenda as presented. Mr. Burks seconded the motion and it was approved unanimously. (a copy is made a part of this record)
- Item 09**                    **Financial Statements: a) monthly financial reports)** –Mrs. Harris made a motion to approve the financial statements as presented. Mr. Ramer seconded the motion and it was approved unanimously. (a copy is made a part of this record)
- Item 10**                    **Recycling of broken and obsolete technology equipment and old televisions:** Mr. Ramer made a motion to concur with Superintendent McEachern and Mr. Ling’s recommendation to allow STS Electronic Recycling to pick up the old obsolete technology equipment as well as broken televisions. They will provide the district with a certificate of destruction for all hard drives. No moneys will be received by the district for the equipment. Mr. Fry seconded the motion and it was approved unanimously.
- Item 11**                    **Resolution concerning the A-F Accountability Rating System for Texas Public Schools:** Mr. Ramer made a motion to approve the Resolution as presented. Mr. Burks seconded the motion and it was approved unanimously. (a copy is made a part of this record)
- Item 12**                    **Closed Session:** At 8:20 p.m. Mr. Young announced that the Board would convene in closed session. He further stated that all votes and action taken would be done in open session. Mr. Young called the meeting back into open session at 9:47 p.m.
- Item 13**                    **Personnel matters:** Mr. Read made a motion to concur with Superintendent McEachern’s recommendation to employ Brittany Morvant as a teacher at Warren Elementary for the remainder of the 2016-17 school year. Miss Morvant is a Texas certified teacher. Mr. Fry seconded the motion and it was approved unanimously. Superintendent McEachern also apprised the Board of the fact that Mr. Jerry McEachern would be resigning his position as math teacher at Warren High School. Mr. McEachern accepted the position due to the district not being able to find a certified teacher to teacher Algebra I and Geometry Pre-AP. His agreement was to

stay until the district could find a full-time applicant for the position.

**Item 14**                    **Budget amendments:**

**Item 15**                    **Future Agenda Items:**

**Item 16**                    **Adjourn:** Mr. Burks made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Ramer seconded the motion and it was approved unanimously.

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Mr. Will Young, Board President

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Mr. Rocky Burks, Board Secretary