

WARREN COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION

Regular Board Meeting Agenda Packet

February 11, 2008

Closed Session – 6pm

Regular Session – 7pm

Central Administrative Office Building Boardroom

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Warren County Schools Central Office

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Agenda

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 - 1.1 Establishment of a Quorum and Call to Order
 - 1.2 Moment of Silence
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9.3	Golden Leaf Foundation Initiative Meeting: February 26, 2008, 6:30pm, Warren County Courthouse	
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9.6	NCSBA/NCASA Legislative Action Conference: April 10, 2008, NCSBA Assembly Hall, Raleigh, NC	
9.7	NCSBA President’s Invitational Conference: May 8-9, 2008, Grandover Resort, Greensboro, NC	
10.	Superintendent’s Comments	
11.	Adjournment	

**Minutes
Warren County Board of Education
January 14, 2008**

The Warren County Board of Education met on Monday, January 14, 2008, at 7pm at the central administrative office for their regular meeting. Members present were: Mr. Cooper, Dr. Grady, Mr. Jones and Mrs. Scott. Mrs. Lassiter was absent.

Item #1: Mr. Cooper announced the establishment of a quorum and called the meeting to order. Mr. Cooper asked for a moment of silence.

Item #2: At 6:05pm on motion by Mrs. Scott which was seconded by Mr. Jones and duly carried by unanimous vote, the Board approved convening in closed session to discuss confidential or privileged information and/or confidential student matters including student transfer requests as allowed under General Statutes 143-318.11(a)(1), negotiating the price for the acquisition of real property as allowed under General Statutes 143-318.11(a)(5) and personnel qualifications, competence, performance, character, or fitness as allowed under General Statutes 143-318.11(a)(6).

Item #3: At 7:05pm on motion by Mrs. Scott which was seconded by Dr. Grady and duly carried by unanimous vote, the Board approved reconvening in open session and continuing the closed session during the latter portion of the regular meeting.

Item #4: Mr. Cooper called for approval of the agenda. On motion by Mrs. Scott, which was seconded by Mr. Jones and duly carried by unanimous vote, the Board approved the agenda with the addendum of action item #8.6 Central Office Custodial Contract.

Item #5: On motion by Mrs. Scott, which was seconded by Dr. Grady and duly carried by unanimous vote, the Board approved the consent agenda item #4.1 minutes of December 10, 2007.

Item #6: The Board of Education recognized the following:

December Stellar Performer:	Tracie Campbell	Warren New Tech High School
December Lights of Character:	Jahari Williams (Student)	Mariam Boyd Elementary School
	JoAnn Wright (Staff)	Northside Elementary School
	Francisco Cortes (Student)	South Warren Elementary School
	Jasmine Huff (Student)	Vaughan Elementary School
	Corey Ellis (Student)	Warren County Middle School
	Brittany Anstead (Student)	Warren County High School
	Joshua Compton (Student)	Warren New Tech High School
	Valerie Green (Staff)	Central Office
Best Attendance for Fourth School Month:	97.27% Attendance	Warren New Tech High School
Most Improved Attendance for Fourth School Month:	.49% Increase	Vaughan Elementary School
Exemplary Student Work:	Jathanna Rice	Mariam Boyd Elementary School, Grade 3
	Blake Tharrington	Northside Elementary School, Grade 4
	Brianna Perry	South Warren Elementary School, Grade 3
	Lynn Meyer's 1st Grade Class	Vaughan Elementary School, Grade 1
	Randall Elam	Warren County Middle School, Grade 7

Joselynn Seward
Alexis Evans

Warren County High School, Grade 12
Warren New Tech High School, Grade 9

Item #7: Mr. Cooper asked if there were any public comments. There were none.

Item #8: The Board received information from Iris Ginn regarding the transportation funding for the 2007-2008 school year. The Simulator Rating received from the Department of Public Instruction was 92.48% and was based on 2006-2007 expenditures, number of buses operated, and the September 2006 student count. The State's average was 94.36%. The Model Run Rating was 92.41% and was derived from the most recent Transportation Information Management System (TIMS) data. The State's average was 93.95%. Based on these ratings, \$1,133,564 will be allotted to the school district for transportation. This figure reflects a reduction of \$868 that was diverted for charter schools.

Item #9: The Board received information regarding the Financial Quarterly Report for the second quarter from Ms. Ginn. A financial report was prepared on a program basis for the period of October 1, 2007 through December 31, 2007. Ms. Ginn stated that 47.17% of state funds, 53.34% of local funds, 34.80% of federal funds and 74.20% of child nutrition have been expended. Based on these periods, the district should have expended approximately 25 to 50 percent for most programs. Ms. Ginn noted that PRC 072 Student Accountability Standards is showing a 133.68% expenditure due to the inclusion of summer school costs. Since this expenditure, PRC 024 DSSF money has been received. Ms. Ginn also noted that PRC 305 Medicaid ADM Outreach Program and PRC 306 Medicaid Direct Service accounts are interchangeable and will equal out at the end of the year.

Item #10: The Board received information from Ms. Lewis concerning the School Crime and Violence Report for the 2006-2007 school year. Currently North Carolina law requires schools to report 17 acts of crime and violence to law enforcement. Four categories of incidents were responsible for 98 percent of reported offenses. These offences include possession of a controlled substance, possession of a weapon excluding firearms and powerful explosives, possession of an alcoholic beverage and assault on school personnel not resulting in serious injury. The majority of the reportable incidents were due to possession of weapons on school grounds. The weapons included in these incidents were pocket knives, box cutters, steak knives, metallic knuckles, a table leg and a utility tool with a knife. There were no injuries as a result of these weapon possession charges. In addition to monitoring acts of crime and violence, the state is required by the No Child Left Behind Act to identify schools that are persistently dangerous. These are schools in which a total of five or more identified offenses are committed per 1000 students in two consecutive years. None of the schools in Warren County have been identified as persistently dangerous. Ms. Lewis noted that the increase of incidents was mainly due to possession of weapons; which were mainly pocket knives.

Item #11: On motion by Dr. Grady, which was seconded by Mr. Jones and duly carried by unanimous vote, the Board approved the waiver requests for the Warren Early College High School (WECHS). High Schools established under the Cooperative Innovative High School program are developed in partnership with post-secondary institutions. The partner institutions must have aligned calendars, graduation requirements and the curriculum in order to operate effectively. The waivers will allow for an efficient operation of the WECHS which is scheduled to open at the beginning of the 2008-2009 school year.

Item #12: On motion by Mr. Jones, which was seconded by Dr. Grady and duly carried by unanimous vote, the Board approved the calendar waiver for Warren Early College High School (WECHS), Warren New Tech High School (WNTHS) and Warren County High School (WCHS). Warren County Schools and Vance-Granville Community College are working cooperatively together with the establishment of WECHS as well as with WNTHS and WCHS. On-line and UNC-GI courses will be made available on these campuses as early as 2008-2009. This requires the school district calendar be congruent with

VGCC's calendar. Dr. Spain noted that the district may have one calendar for high schools and one for elementary schools because the Department of Public Instruction will not grant system-wide waivers. It is not certain which calendar the middle school would utilize. Also, the district may have to amend the current policy regarding students being 16 years old before taking college courses.

Item #13: On motion by Mrs. Scott, which was seconded by Mr. Jones and duly carried by unanimous vote, the Board approved Government and Politics: United States, United States Studies, and Multicultural American Literature: Lift Every Voice as new course offerings at Warren County High School. These courses will be added to the Course Directory beginning with the 2008-2009 school year. These are elective courses that carry one credit and additional staff will not be needed for these courses.

Item #14: On motion by Mrs. Scott, which was seconded by Mr. Jones and duly carried by unanimous vote, the Board approved the gift of \$1,000 from Wal-Mart to South Warren Elementary School for student incentives. The school and district administration are very appreciative of this gift.

Item #15: On motion by Mr. Jones, which was seconded by Mrs. Scott and duly carried by unanimous vote, the Board approved the Cornerstone Facility Services contract for custodial services for the central office building for the next twelve months.

Item #16: Mr. Cooper made the following announcements:

- NCSBA School Board 101: January 17-18, 2008, NCSBA Assembly Hall, Raleigh, NC
- District 7 Public Forum: January 22, 2008, 10am-3pm, VGCC Henderson Campus
- Golden Leaf Foundation Community Meeting: January 22, 2008, 6:30pm, Warren County Courthouse, Courtroom #202
- NSBA Federal Relations Conference: February 3-5, 2008, Grand Hyatt Hotel, Washington, DC
- Board Meeting: February 11, 2008, 6pm Closed Session, 7pm Regular Meeting
- NCSBA Understanding the Role of the School Board Chair: February 20, 2008, NCSBA Assembly Hall, Raleigh, NC
- NCSBA Personnel Law Conference (repeat of December conference): February 21-22, 2008, Sheraton Imperial, RTP, NC

Item #17: Mrs. Scott noted that four years ago she was selected by the North Carolina School Boards Association (NCSBA) as their representative to the Federal Relations Network (FRN) conference. Due to situations out of her control, Mrs. Scott was not able to attend this conference the last two years. NCSBA has asked Mrs. Scott to continue as their representative at the FRN conference this year.

Item #18: Dr. Spain made the following comments:

- January 15, 2008 will be an early release day for all schools in the district to accommodate professional staff development. January 11, 14 and 16, 2008 will be early release days for Warren County High School, Warren New Tech High School and Warren County Middle School due to exams.
- Warren County High School was visited during exams and the administration was pleased with the atmosphere. Hopefully, the district will have good news to share with Board members after exams are completed.
- The next Golden Leaf Foundation meeting will be held on January 22, 2008 at the Warren County Courthouse in Courtroom #202. At the December meeting, education and training were the main items listed by attendees. The Foundation meeting attendees will need to be made aware of the school district's needs and priorities.

- The Golden Leaf Foundation meeting conflicts with the Board's Work Session. This Work Session will not be rescheduled right away because a Work Session may be needed to discuss the district's needs and priorities.
- A Joint Meeting with the County Commissioners is being planned for February or March.
- A letter of commendation has been received from the Littleton Parade Committee. They had very good things to say about the WCHS Air Force Junior Reserve Officer Training Corps Color Guard and the WCHS Marching Band. The letter also states how impressed they were when Ms. Coleman and Ms. Sebrell came and spoke to their group about the education process at WNTHS.
- January 17-18, 2008 are teacher workdays. The school district will be closed on January 21, 2008 for the Dr. Martin Luther King holiday.

Item #19: At 9pm on motion by Dr. Grady, which was seconded by Mr. Jones and duly carried by unanimous vote, the Board approved reconvening in closed session to continue the session that began earlier in the evening.

Item #20: At 9:50pm on motion by Mrs. Scott, which was seconded by Mr. Jones and duly carried by unanimous vote, the Board approved convening in open session.

Item #21: On motion by Mrs. Scott, which was seconded by Dr. Grady and duly carried by unanimous vote, the Board approved the Personnel Report. A resignation, transfers and a vacancy list were presented for information and acknowledged.

Employment

Mary Adcock, School Nurse, District-wide, effective 01/29/08
 Cameron Comer, Guidance Counselor, Vaughan, effective 01/02/08
 Stanley Jones, Jr., Young Scholars Student Helper, South Warren, effective 01/15/08
 Robert Parker, Jr., Child Nutrition Director, Central Office, effective 01/15/08
 Donna Paschall, Teacher Assistant, Vaughan, effective 01/07/08
 Bernadine Richardson, After School Tutorial Instructor, Haliwa-Saponi multipurpose, effective 10/01/07
 Kevin Walker, Math Teacher, WCHS, effective 01/22/08

Extra Duty Assignments, After School Tutors, Mariam Boyd, effective 01/22/08

Stephanie Alston, Wren Davisson, Perceda Faulcon, Sarah Higgs-Juarez, Lucretia Kinnin, Elaine Leet, Karen Paynter, Patricia Riethmeier, Elaine Smith

Extra Duty Assignments, Young Scholars Tutors, South Warren, effective 01/22/08

Anne Christensen, Lenora Clark, Meredith Cochran, Kerri Connelly, Gail Cooper, Celestine Faines (effective 01/15/08), Deborah Foster, Mary Henderson, Della Humphrey, Ebony Jones, Nurisha Jones, Elsie Kearney, Katherine Munn, Connie Palmer, Latonia Person, Keisha Royster-Carrawell, Shena Royster-Davis, Pearl Simes (Coordinator, effective 01/15/08), Patricia Williams

Extra Duty Assignments, Young Scholars Tutors, WCMS, effective 01/15/08

Nikeena Boyd-Kearsey, Carla Burgess, Sarah Carucci, Blair Davis, Jacqueline Hargrove (On-site Coordinator), Johnathan McConico, Wilhelmina Ratliff, Veronica Richardson, Daniel Sellers, Lori Szerensci, Gwendolyn White,

Extra Duty Assignments, Miscellaneous

Angela Alston, Assistant Girls' Basketball Coach, WCMS, effective 2007-2008 School Year
 Rosa Macklin, Head Cheerleader Coach, WCMS, effective 2007-2008 School Year
 Jacqueline Teeters, Homebound Teacher, WCMS, effective 2007-2008 School Year

Substitute Teachers, District-wide, effective 01/15/08

Mary Arrington, Ferbie Watson, Barbara Williams-Jones

Resignation

Blake Gay, 4th Grade Teacher, Northside, effective 01/08/08

Transfers

Deborah Foster, transfer from Reading First Coach at South Warren to Intervention Specialist at South Warren, effective 01/15/08

Karen Gervasio, transfer from Kindergarten Teacher at Northside to Reading First Coach at South Warren, effective 01/15/08

Vacancies

Slot #4004, Mariam Boyd, Exceptional Children Teacher

Slot #1043, Northside, Elementary Education Teacher

Slot #3106, Northside, Elementary Education Teacher

Slot #1205, South Warren, Kindergarten Teacher

Slot #4009, South Warren, Exceptional Children Teacher

Slot #4026, WCMS, BED Teacher

Item #22: On motion by Mrs. Scott, which was seconded by Mr. Jones and duly carried by unanimous vote, the meeting was adjourned.

Meeting Date
Feb. 11, 2008

Warren County School District
BOARD AGENDA ITEM

Agenda Item No.
7.1

Item Title: Benchmark Test Results for Second Quarter

Prepared by: Ms. Jefferies Approved by: Dr. Ray V. Spain Date: Feb. 8, 2008

Recommendation:

This item is provided for information.

Supporting Information:

Benchmark II Test Results

Supporting Information:

Second quarter benchmark data for the following schools will be presented:

- Mariam Boyd Elementary School
 - Northside Elementary School
 - South Warren Elementary School
 - Vaughan Elementary School
 - Warren County Middle School
- Warren County High School did not take a second benchmark assessment due to scheduling. It would have been given at the same time that EOC testing was taking place. Benchmark testing for the high school will be rescheduled.

See additional information attached

Funding Source: _____

Recommended Action:

Estimated Cost: _____

Action

Consideration

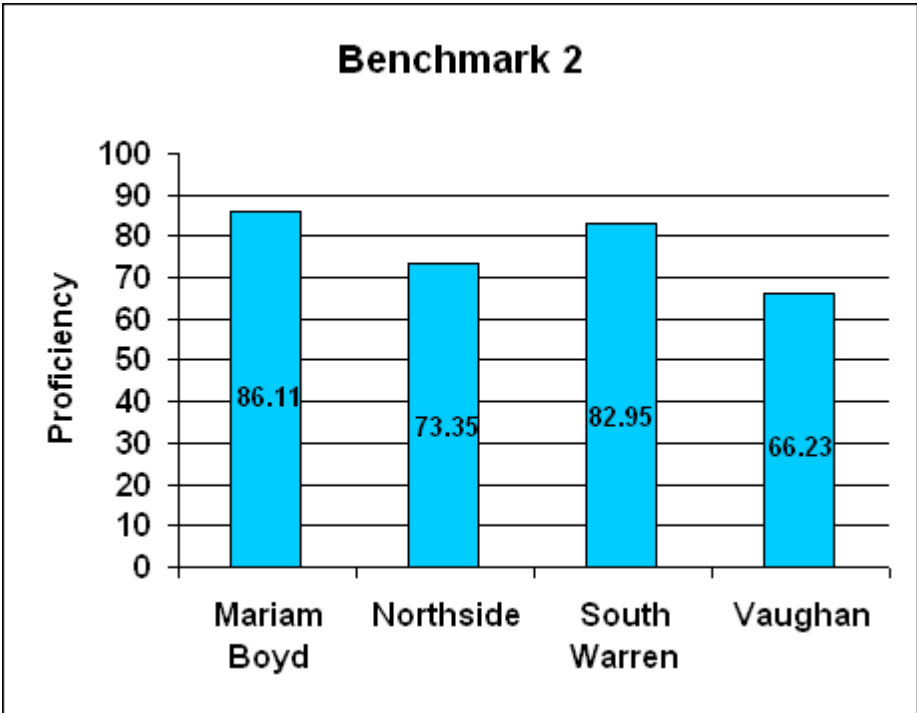
Information

Other: _____

Superintendent: _____

Board Member	Motion	Second	Aye	Nay	Abstain	Other
Cooper						
Grady						
Jones						
Lassiter						
Scott						

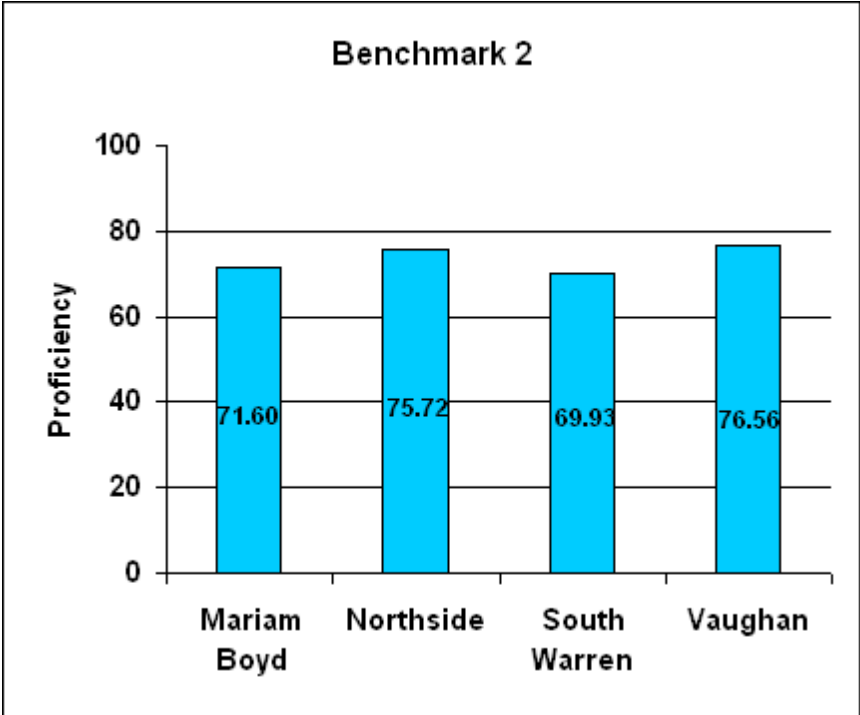
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Warren County Schools

Grade 1 Math

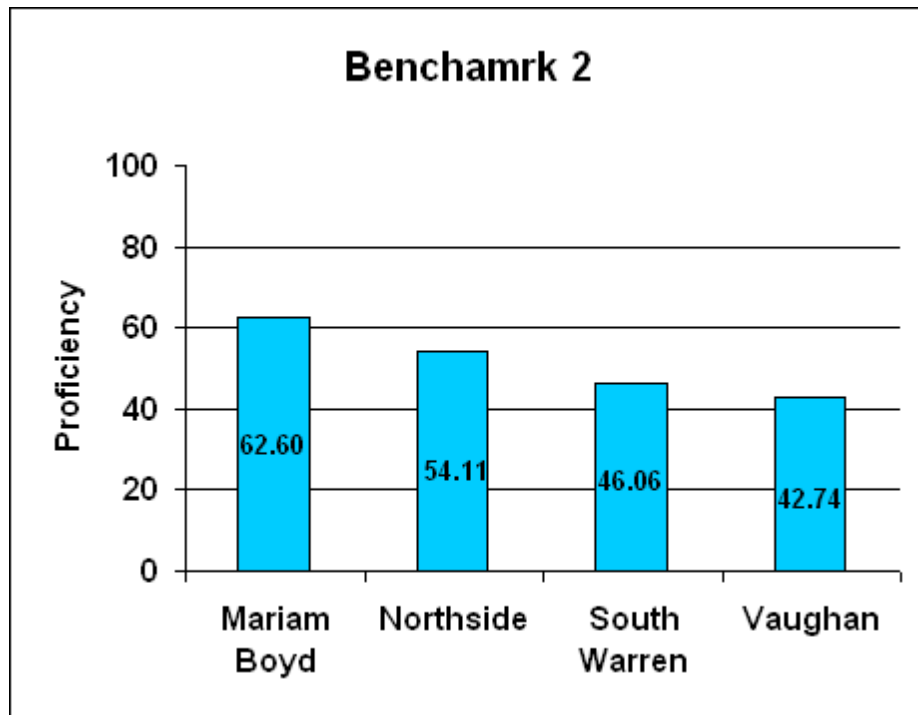
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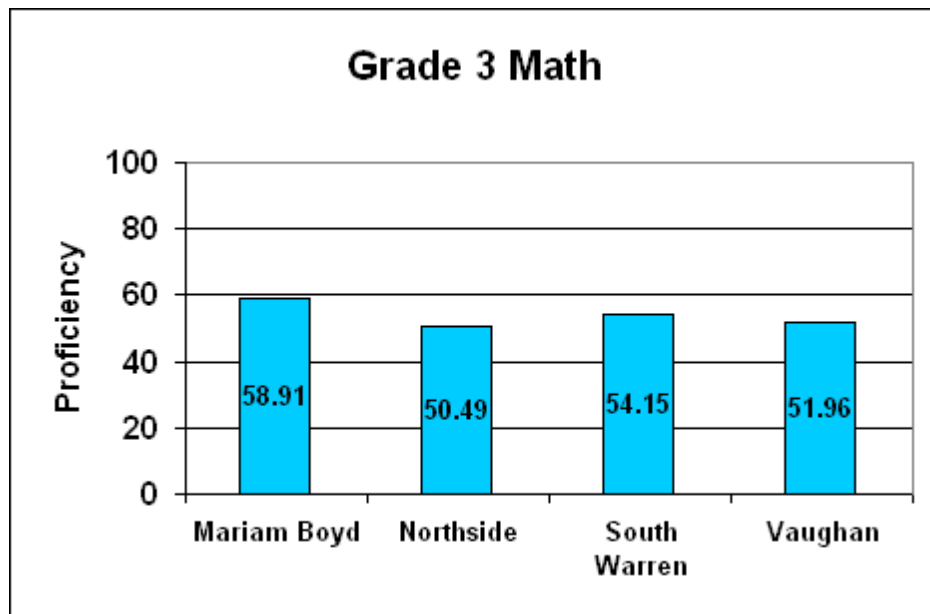
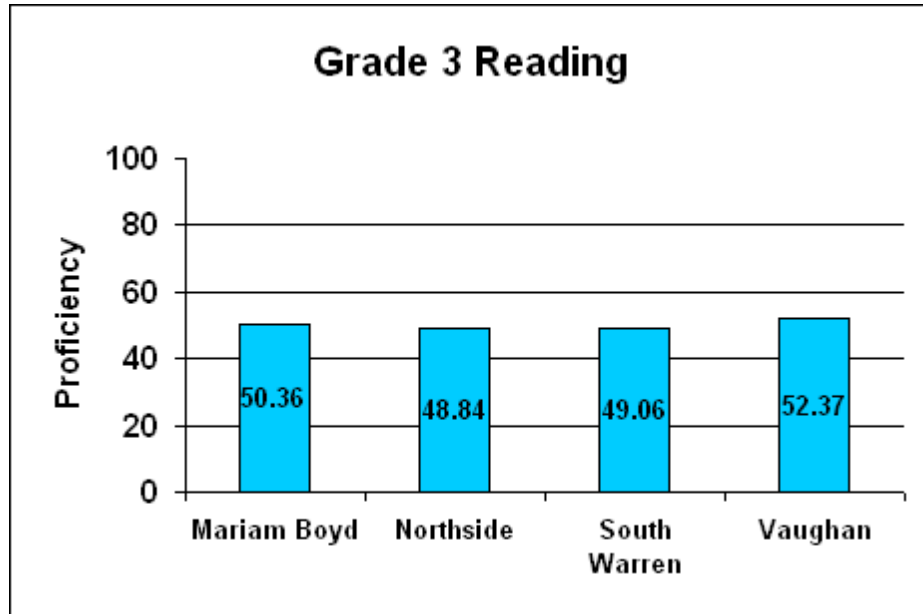
Warren County Schools

Grade 2 Math

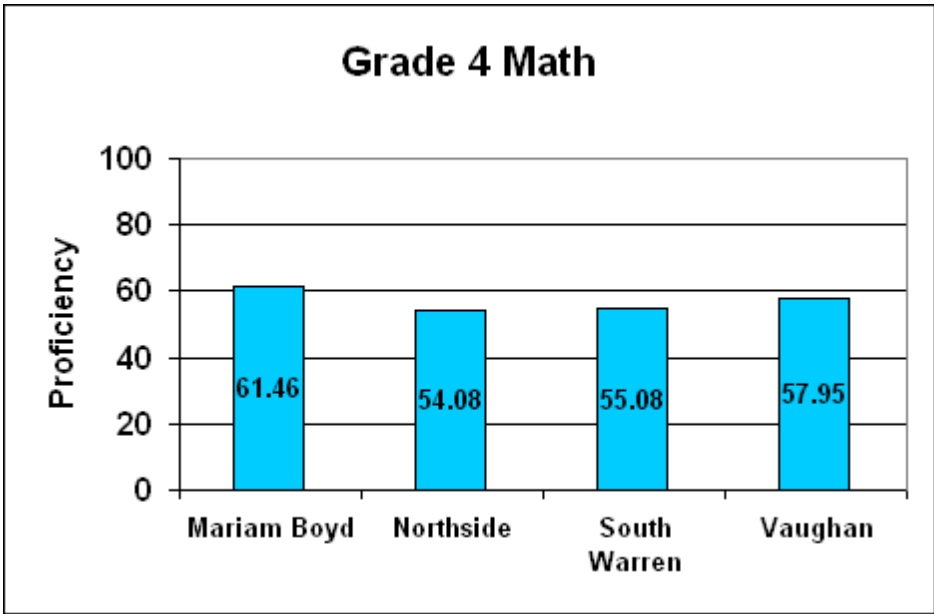
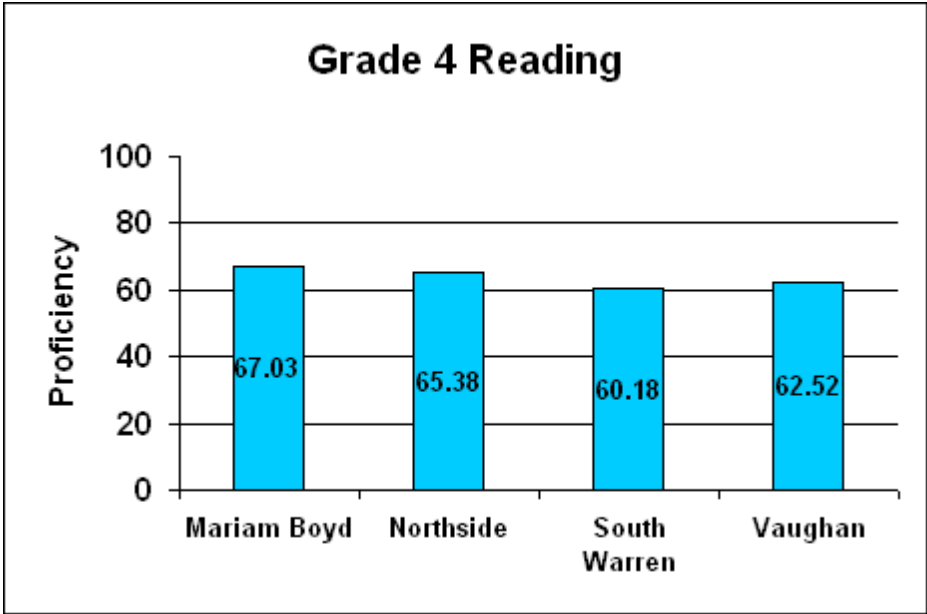
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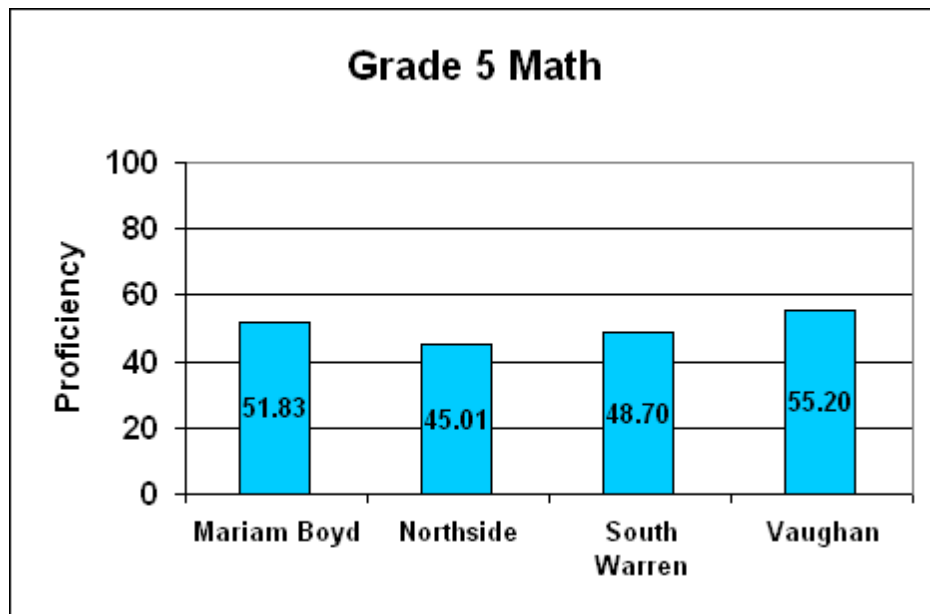
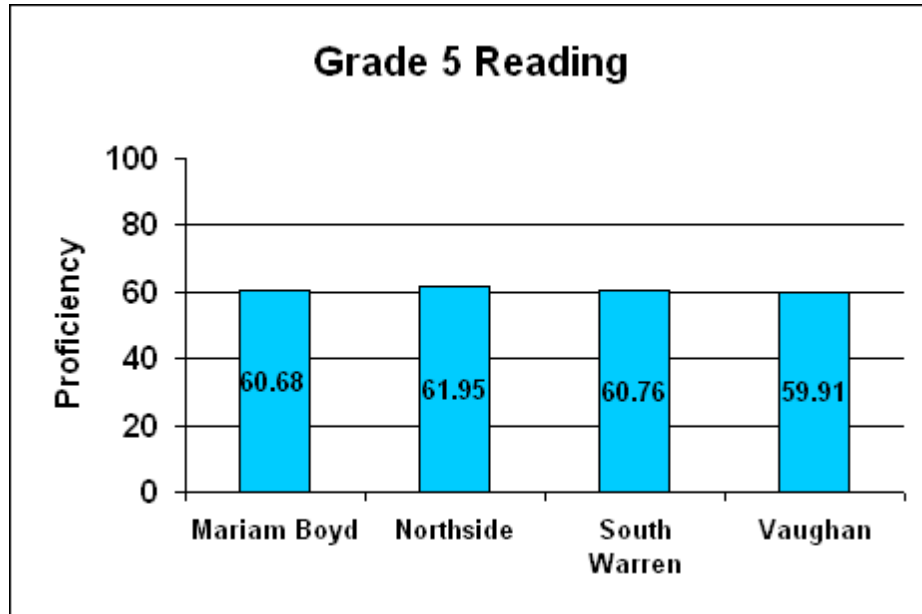
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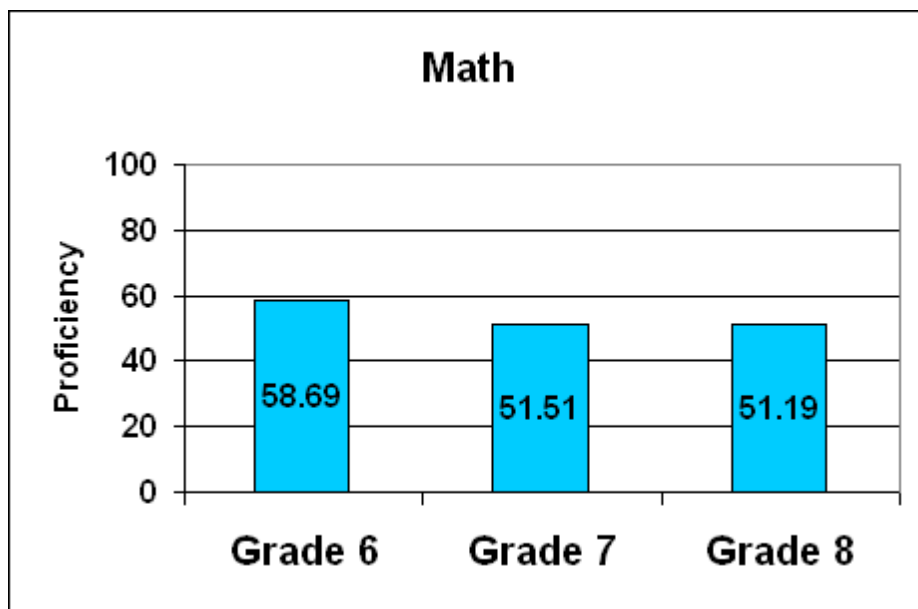
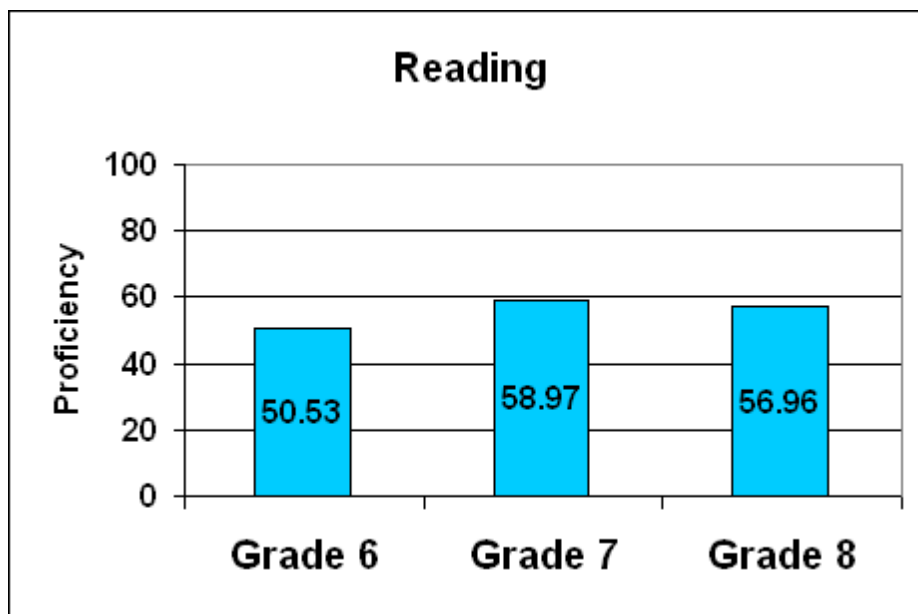
Warren County Schools Benchmark 2 2007-2008



Warren County Middle School

Benchmark 2

2007-2008



Meeting Date
Feb. 11, 2008

Warren County School District
BOARD AGENDA ITEM

Agenda Item No.
7.2

Item Title: Timeline for 2008-2009 Budget

Prepared by: Ms. Ginn Approved by: Dr. Ray V. Spain Date: Feb. 8, 2008

Recommendation:

This item is provided for information.

Supporting Information:

The School Budget and Fiscal Control Act prescribes the last day on which certain steps of the budget procedure are to be performed. The schedule on the following page lists the tasks to be performed and the date each is required to be completed.

See additional information attached

Funding Source: _____

Recommended Action:

Action

Estimated Cost: _____

Consideration

Information

Other: _____

Superintendent: _____

Board Member	Motion	Second	Aye	Nay	Abstain	Other
Cooper						
Grady						
Jones						
Lassiter						
Scott						

PREPARED BUDGET CALENDAR

Tentative Time Line

2008- 2009

The School Budget and Fiscal Control Act prescribes the last day on which certain steps of the budget procedure are to be performed. The following schedule lists the tasks to be performed and the date each is required to be completed.

February	FY 07-08 Budget Expenditure Analysis
February 25	Analysis of fiscal needs for programs and services (Principals, Sr. Staff and Directors)
March 3	Director's Priority List to be received
March 3	Principal's Priority List to be received
March 7	Principal's Meeting - Budget Planning - Final Priority Listing
TBA	Joint meeting with Board of Education and County Commissioners
March 10	Budget Work Session - Superintendent's Senior Staff - Final FY2009 Budget
March 18	Budget Work Session with Board
April 7	Board of Education Action on FY 07-08 Budget Request
April 8	Submit FY 07-08 Budget Request to Warren County Board of Commissioners for approval
June 10	Continuation Request to Board of Education for Action
July 1	Notification from County Commissioners of action taken
July/August	Board of Education action on balanced Budget Resolution after Commissioners approval

NOTE: Until the budget ordinance or an interim budget ordinance is properly approved by the Board of Education, no expenditures may be made or purchase orders issued after June 30th.
(G. S. 115C-434)

Meeting Date
Feb. 11, 2008

Warren County School District
BOARD AGENDA ITEM

Agenda Item No.
8.1

Item Title: Copy Management Agreement

Prepared by: Ms. Ginn Approved by: Dr. Ray V. Spain Date: Feb. 8, 2008

Recommendation:

The Superintendent recommends that the Board approve the Copy Management Agreement with Toshiba Business Solutions effective January 2008 until June 30, 2013.

Supporting Information:

Toshiba Business Solutions has been providing a copier management program for Warren County Schools since 1998. Toshiba Business Solutions is requesting a contract for 66 months beginning in January 2008. This company provides all necessary up-to-date equipment, accessories, service and supplies (except paper, staples and NC sales tax) to meet the system's needs for copying at a per copy price of \$0.0146.

See additional information attached

Funding Source: _____

Recommended Action:

Action

Estimated Cost: _____

Consideration

Information

Other: _____

Superintendent: _____

Board Member	Motion	Second	Aye	Nay	Abstain	Other
Cooper						
Grady						
Jones						
Lassiter						
Scott						

Toshiba Business Solutions
Copy Management Agreement

A CMGroup Program

CUSTOMER INFORMATION

Full Legal Name of Customer: Warren County Schools		Street Address: 109 Cousin Lucy's Lane		
City: Warrenton	State: North Carolina	Zip: 27589	Telephone: 252-257-3184	Fax: 252-257-5357
Service Locations and Equipment: See Attachment A				

TERM SCHEDULE

Program Beginning Date January 2008	Program Completion Date June 30, 2013
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COST PER COPY SCHEDULE

Copier/Riso CPC: \$0.0146	Toshiba Color CPC: \$0.095
The CPC includes equipment, accessories, service and supplies (excludes paper, staples and NC sales tax).	The CPC includes equipment, accessories, service and supplies (excludes paper, staples and NC sales tax).

INVOICE SCHEDULE

Months invoices mailed	Payments due by	Invoices include all copies made during	Program Copies CPC	Program Copies Color CPC
April 1, 2008	April 30, 2008	January 2008 thru March 2008	1,600,000	Unlimited
July 1, 2008	July 30, 2008	April 2008 thru June 2008	1,600,000	Unlimited
October 1, 2008	October 30, 2008	July 2008 thru September 2008	1,600,000	Unlimited
January 1, 2009	January 30, 2009	October 2008 thru December 2008	1,600,000	Unlimited
		All Subsequent Quarters	1,600,000	Unlimited

TERMS AND CONDITIONS

1. COPY MANAGEMENT PROGRAM: TBS shall be the primary provider of copying equipment for Warren County Schools and will provide to customer the equipment and accessories described on Attachment "A" (the "Equipment"). The copy charges and program copy charges set by this agreement include payment for the use of the equipment, maintenance (during normal business hours), routine inspection, adjustment, parts replacement, drums and cleaning materials required for the proper operation. Paper, sorter staples and fax supplies may not be included in the cost per copy as specified within the cost per copy schedule above.

2. COPY MANAGEMENT PROGRAM BILLING: For each invoice period during which customer participates in the copy management program, TBS shall invoice customer for copy charges, determined by multiplying the actual number of copies made by Customer during such invoice period using the equipment by the applicable cost per copy described in the cost per copy schedule above. The program copy charges for an annual period shall be the dollar amount determined by the number of invoice periods within a 12 month period multiplied by the applicable cost per copy. The annual period shall be the period that begins on the program beginning date (or the day following the preceding annual period, as applicable) and ends on the next anniversary of the program beginning date (or, if earlier, on the program completion date or other date of termination of this agreement). Customer shall pay, no later than the due date shown in the invoice schedule above, the monthly invoices submitted to customer by TBS. Any payment not made within 10 days after such due date may be assessed a late charge of 5% of the delinquent amount.

3. CUSTOMER'S REPRESENTATIONS AND AGREEMENTS: Customer represents and warrants that: (1) it has, in accordance with all legal requirements, fully budgeted and appropriated sufficient funds for the current budget year to pay copy charges and meet all other obligations under this agreement and such funds have not been expended for other purposes; (2) no action, proceeding or investigation is pending or threatened in any court or other tribunal or before any public body, which in any way would restrict or prohibit customer's performance of its obligations under this agreement or its ability to pay copy charges or other payments hereunder, nor is there any basis for any such action, proceeding or investigation; (3) the equipment will be operated by customer and will be used for essential state government purposes during the term of this agreement; and (4) customer has not previously terminated any agreement for non-appropriation, except as described in a letter attached hereto.

4. SIGNATURE: The person signing this agreement on behalf of customer personally represents and warrants that he/she is fully familiar with the applicable legal and regulatory provisions pertaining to this agreement and has full authorization to sign this agreement. Such signer further warrants the governing body of customer has taken the necessary steps, including any legal bid requirements, under applicable law to approve this copy management program; the approval and execution of this agreement have complied with all applicable open meeting laws; and the authorization of the governing body of customer for the execution and delivery of this agreement remains in full force and effect.

ACCEPTANCE:

TOSHIBA BUSINESS SOLUTIONS by _____ Title: _____ Date: _____

CUSTOMER:

WARREN COUNTY SCHOOLS by _____ Title: _____ Date: _____

Meeting Date
Feb. 11, 2008

Warren County School District
BOARD AGENDA ITEM

Agenda Item No.
8.2

Item Title: Gift to Warren County Middle School-*Stories to Remember: Oral Histories of Warren Co.*

Prepared by: Mr. Evans Approved by: Dr. Ray V. Spain Date: Feb. 8, 2008

Recommendation:

The Superintendent recommends that the Board approve the \$1,000 Read 2 Succeed grant from the North Carolina School Library Media Association and the \$247 grant from Donor's Choose for Warren County Middle School.

Supporting Information:

In accordance with Board Policy 8410, the Board of Education must take action on gifts given to schools and/or the school district. Warren County Middle School will receive \$1,000 for a Read 2 Succeed grant from the North Carolina School Library Media Association. The school was also awarded a \$247 grant from Donor's Choose. Both of these grants will be utilized towards a collaborative project, *Stories to Remember: Oral Histories of Warren County*, by Mrs. Gwendolyn White, the media coordinator, and Mrs. Nikeena Boyd-Kearsey, an eighth grade teacher. Ninety students in Mrs. Boyd-Kearsey's classes will research and record oral histories of Warren County utilizing digital technology. The first goal of this project is to have students conduct cross-generational interviews with residents that grew up in Warren County and are at least thirty years old. The second goal is to have students transcribe the interviews that will be placed in an oral history book and to create pod casts and/or a video of their interviews. The school and district administration are very appreciative of this grant.

See additional information attached

Funding Source: _____

Recommended Action:

Estimated Cost: _____

Action

Consideration

Information

Other: _____

Superintendent: _____

Board Member	Motion	Second	Aye	Nay	Abstain	Other
Cooper						
Grady						
Jones						
Lassiter						
Scott						

Meeting Date
Feb. 11, 2008

Warren County School District
BOARD AGENDA ITEM

Agenda Item No.
8.3

Item Title: Gift to Warren County Middle School-“A Field Trip in the Classroom” Project

Prepared by: Mr. Evans Approved by: Dr. Ray V. Spain Date: Feb. 8, 2008

Recommendation:

The Superintendent recommends that the Board approve the \$450 donation from WCMS Parent Teacher Student Association and the \$500 donation from Wal-Mart to fund “A Field Trip in the Classroom” project for Warren County Middle School.

Supporting Information:

In accordance with Board Policy 8410, the Board of Education must take action on gifts given to schools and/or the school district. Warren County Middle School will receive a \$450 donation from the school Parent Teacher Student Association and a \$500 donation from Wal-Mart to fund “A Field Trip in the Classroom” project. Mr. Dennis Snead and Mrs. Karen Fleming were instrumental in coordinating this project. This initiative will bring an engineer into the classroom to make Algebra lively and real and also to promote math and science. This project provides hands-on experience and the activities are challenging, fun and relevant in our world of information and technology. During the session, Algebra will be used to solve real engineering problems. The school and district administration are very appreciative of this grant.

See additional information attached

Funding Source: _____

Recommended Action:

Estimated Cost: _____

Action

Consideration

Information

Other: _____

Superintendent: _____

Board Member	Motion	Second	Aye	Nay	Abstain	Other
Cooper						
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Meeting Date
Feb. 11, 2008

Warren County School District
BOARD AGENDA ITEM

Agenda Item No.
8.4

Item Title: Gift to Warren County Middle School-School Supplies Donation

Prepared by: Mr. Evans Approved by: Dr. Ray V. Spain Date: Feb. 8, 2008

Recommendation:

The Superintendent recommends that the Board approve the school supplies donated in the amount of \$650 by North Carolina State University Honor Fraternity Phi Sigma Pi to Warren County Middle School.

Supporting Information:

In accordance with Board Policy 8410, the Board of Education must take action on gifts given to schools and/or the school district. Warren County Middle School will receive school supplies donated in the amount of \$650 by North Carolina State University Honor Fraternity Phi Sigma Pi to Warren County Middle School. Mr. Steven Schott, a Teach for America teacher, was instrumental in securing this donation. The supplies will be used by Mr. Schott's students. The school and district administration are very appreciative of this grant.

See additional information attached

Funding Source: _____

Recommended Action:

Estimated Cost: _____

Action

Consideration

Information

Other: _____

Superintendent: _____

Board Member	Motion	Second	Aye	Nay	Abstain	Other
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Meeting Date
Feb. 11, 2008

Warren County School District
BOARD AGENDA ITEM

Agenda Item No.
8.5

Item Title: Resolution in Support of HB 1740: School Board Fiscal Accountability Act

Prepared by: Ms. Ginn Approved by: Dr. Ray V. Spain Date: Feb. 8, 2008

Recommendation:

The Superintendent recommends that the Board approve the Resolution in Support of HB 1740: School Board Fiscal Accountability Act.

Supporting Information:

More than ninety percent of the local boards of education in the United States are not fiscally dependent upon another locally elected body for their local funds. House Bill 1740: School Board Fiscal Accountability Act would give communities where the school board and the county commission both pass resolutions authorizing the transfer of fiscal responsibility for schools to the school board. The Resolution in Support of HB 1740: School Board Fiscal Accountability Act is on the following page.

See additional information attached

Funding Source: _____

Recommended Action:

Estimated Cost: _____

Action

Consideration

Information

Other: _____

Superintendent: _____

Board Member	Motion	Second	Aye	Nay	Abstain	Other
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RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF HB 1740: SCHOOL BOARD FISCAL ACCOUNTABILITY ACT

WHEREAS, over 90% of the boards of education in the United States are fiscally independent; and

WHEREAS, North Carolina has a unique method of funding public education by placing the control of educational policy with local boards of education while requiring the governing bodies of local governments to appropriate funds for educational purposes; and

WHEREAS, the existing school funding arrangement in North Carolina often puts elected members of the board of education at odds with the budgetary and taxing decisions of another locally elected body elected by the same constituency; and

WHEREAS, the decisions concerning the local needs of an individual school system should be made by those who are the most knowledgeable about school system needs; and

WHEREAS, county commissioners have no special expertise in education matters nor a legal duty or authority to govern the school systems; and

WHEREAS, members of local boards of education are elected to be the educational leaders and decision-makers in their communities and have the legal duty to provide adequate educational services to all children; and

WHEREAS, the members of the local boards of education have a wealth of expertise in educational matters and should not have to educate and justify to a group not familiar with education issues as to why a school system needs local funds for particular purposes; and

WHEREAS, the North Carolina Supreme Court, under Leandro, has held that students in North Carolina have a state constitutional right to a sound basic education; and

WHEREAS, school boards are not in a position to fulfill their obligation to provide a sound basic education without the ability to raise necessary funds to provide these educational services; and

WHEREAS, over recent years, No Child Left Behind and the ABCs of Public Education have made administrators, teachers and students more accountable for the educational progress of all school aged children in North Carolina, and

WHEREAS, until local boards of education are granted fiscal independence, they cannot reasonably be held accountable by the public if their school systems are not fulfilling the needs of the children in their districts;

WHEREAS, HB 1740 provides an opportunity for North Carolina to determine if the model that most states have for local funding is the proper one for this state;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Warren County Board of Education respectfully requests that the North Carolina General Assembly **pass HB 1740: School Board Fiscal Accountability Act** granting those local boards of education and county commissions which choose to transfer fiscal accountability to the local board of education to provide for the local educational needs of the children they serve.

Adopted by the Warren County Board of Education; this 11th day of February in the year 2008.

Chairperson

Superintendent

Meeting Date
Feb. 11, 2008

Warren County School District
BOARD AGENDA ITEM

Agenda Item No.
8.6

Item Title: Resolution in Support of HB 359: Restore Flexibility to the School Calendar

Prepared by: Mr. Evans Approved by: Dr. Ray V. Spain Date: Feb. 8, 2008

Recommendation:

The Superintendent recommends that the Board approve the Resolution in Support of HB 359: Restore Flexibility to the School Calendar.

Supporting Information:

Changes in the school calendar law have presented many issues for school districts. House Bill 359 would allow districts to apply for district-wide waivers instead of only individual school waivers. Waivers are needed for educational purposes including alignment of the calendar with the local community college or university, accommodating Advanced Placement (AP) or International Baccalaureate (IB) exams, or accommodating block scheduling. These waivers would benefit the district due to the numerous partnerships with Vance-Granville Community College and benefit students taking End-of-Course assessments and exams before the winter break. The Resolution in Support of HB 359: Restore Flexibility to the School Calendar is on the following page.

See additional information attached

Funding Source: _____

Recommended Action:

Estimated Cost: _____

Action

Consideration

Information

Other: _____

Superintendent: _____

Board Member	Motion	Second	Aye	Nay	Abstain	Other
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**RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF HB 359: RESTORE FLEXIBILITY TO THE
SCHOOL CALENDAR**

WHEREAS, local school districts are in the best position to determine the educational priorities and objectives in their individual communities; and

WHEREAS, the current calendars for high schools, community colleges and universities are out of alignment by approximately two weeks, causing scheduling problems for dual enrollment and Huskins students. College courses begin before high school students complete their final exams in January; and

WHEREAS, the current calendar has lead to a decrease in the amount of instructional time students have before taking Advanced Placement and International Baccalaureate tests; and

WHEREAS, the current calendar does not allow the fall semester to be completed before the winter break, thus forcing exams to be after the break. This means that students do not have a break without any assessments or assignments pending.

WHEREAS, the current wavier system only allows for individual school waivers, causing school transportation issues when dealing with multiple schools and out of sync schedules for families with children of different ages; and

WHEREAS, the current calendar limits the number of days that can be scheduled as inclement weather days; and

WHEREAS, providing school calendar flexibility allows for more school reform options in individual school districts.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Warren County Board of Education hereby adopts this Resolution and respectfully requests the North Carolina General Assembly to grant local boards of education flexibility through HB 359 Restore Flexibility to the School Calendar.

Adopted by the Warren County Board of Education; this 11th day of February in the year 2008.

Chairperson

Superintendent

Meeting Date
Feb. 11, 2008

Warren County School District

Agenda Item No.
8.7

BOARD AGENDA ITEM

Item Title: Resolution in Support of Sales Tax Exemption/Refund for Public Schools

Prepared by: Ms. Ginn Approved by: Dr. Ray V. Spain Date: Feb. 8, 2008

Recommendation:

The Superintendent recommends that the Board approve the Resolution in Support of Sales Tax Exemption/Refund for Public Schools.

Supporting Information:

The General Assembly first granted local boards of education the authority to apply for a sales tax refund in 1998. The entire sales tax refund was eliminated in the 2005 Budget Bill with an effective date of 2006-2007 fiscal year. During the 2006 session, the General Assembly reinstated the local portion of the refund, but did not reinstate the state portion. Many other entities, including cities, counties, universities and non-profits, have a sales tax refund or exemption. No other entity in recent history has lost this ability. Within the last two years, motor sports racing teams, analytical services, data centers and baked goods at thrift stores received a sales tax refund or exemption, and the refund was expanded for certain aircraft manufacturers. Many school districts are now signing over their buildings to the county during the construction phase. By doing this the county is able to apply for a sales tax refund. The Resolution in Support of Sales Tax Exemption/Refund for Public Schools is on the following page.

See additional information attached

Funding Source: _____

Recommended Action:

Action

Estimated Cost: _____

Consideration

Information

Other: _____

Superintendent: _____

Board Member	Motion	Second	Aye	Nay	Abstain	Other
Cooper						
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RESOLUTION SUPPORTING SALES TAX EXEMPTION/REFUND FOR PUBLIC SCHOOLS

WHEREAS, local school districts are constantly working to secure more revenue and improve staff efficiency; and

WHEREAS, local school districts were granted a sales tax refund in 1998;

WHEREAS, the 2005 General Assembly took away the school districts ability to receive a sales tax refund on purchases; and

WHEREAS, the 2006 General Assembly reinstated the school districts ability to apply for a local sales tax refund but failed to reinstate the ability to apply for a State sales tax refund;

WHEREAS, the inability to apply for a State sales tax refund costs districts approximately 33 million statewide and \$93,267 in Warren County; and

WHEREAS, many other entities, such as cities, counties, universities and non-profits, have a sales tax refund or exemption; and

WHEREAS, the General Assembly has been awarding sales tax refunds to a wide range of new entities, such as motor sports racing teams, analytical services, data centers, baked goods thrift stores, and certain aircraft manufacturers; and

WHEREAS, working with the county commissioners to sign over buildings during the construction phase requires extensive time and expense of school staff and attorneys; and

WHEREAS, if the school districts were given a State sales tax exemption or refund, valuable staff time could be redirected to much more beneficial activities.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Warren County Board of Education hereby adopts this Resolution and respectfully requests the North Carolina General Assembly to grant local boards of education the ability to apply for a State sales tax refund or exemption.

Adopted by the Warren County Board of Education; this 11th day of February in the year 2008.

Chairperson

Superintendent

Meeting Date
Feb. 11, 2008

Warren County School District
BOARD AGENDA ITEM

Agenda Item No.
8.8

Item Title: Resolution in Support of Out-of-State Student Scholarship Provision

Prepared by: Ms. Jefferies Approved by: Dr. Ray V. Spain Date: Feb. 8, 2008

Recommendation:

The Superintendent recommends that the Board approve the Resolution in Support of Out-of-State Student Scholarship Provision.

Supporting Information:

The purpose of this resolution is to repeal the statute which allows out-of-state public university students to be classified as in-state for tuition purposes. The Resolution in Support of Out-of-State Student Scholarship Provision is on the following page.

See additional information attached

Funding Source: _____

Recommended Action:

Estimated Cost: _____

Action

Consideration

Information

Other: _____

Superintendent: _____

Board Member	Motion	Second	Aye	Nay	Abstain	Other
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RESOLUTION ON THE OUT OF STATE STUDENT SCHOLARSHIP PROVISION

WHEREAS, the University of North Carolina’s primary goal as a public university system is to serve students in North Carolina; and

WHEREAS, the 2005 General Assembly approved language to serve out-of-state scholarship students by allowing them to be classified as in-state for both tuition and the 18 percent out-of-state cap; and

WHEREAS, 456 out-of state students at 14 of the University of North Carolina institutions qualified under the statutory provision in the 2006-07 academic year; and

WHEREAS, 70.4% of those students were on athletic scholarships and 29.6% were on academic scholarships; and

WHEREAS, the four year project cost of the tuition discount will cost the General Fund a minimum of \$16.4 million a year from FY 2009-2010 onward; and

WHEREAS, the K-12 student population in North Carolina continues to grow; and

WHEREAS, in 2003, the Board of Governors considered raising the 18% out-of-state student cap and elected not to do so; and

WHEREAS, this statute takes available spaces from North Carolina students and shifts tax dollars to out-of state students.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Warren County Board of Education hereby adopts this Resolution and respectfully requests the North Carolina General Assembly to repeal the statute which allows the out-of state scholarship students to be classified as in-state for tuition purposes.

Adopted by the Warren County Board of Education; this 11th day of February in the year 2008.

Chairperson

Superintendent

Meeting Date
Feb. 11, 2008

Warren County School District
BOARD AGENDA ITEM

Agenda Item No.
8.9

Item Title: Personnel Report

Prepared by: Dr. Mason Approved by: Dr. Ray V. Spain Date: Feb. 8, 2008

Recommendation:

The Superintendent recommends that the Board approve the Personnel Report as presented.

Supporting Information:

The personnel report is presented for approval. A vacancy list, along with any applicable transfers, resignations and retirements, is provided as information.

Attachment-Board Members Only

Funding Source: _____

Recommended Action:

Action

Estimated Cost: _____

Consideration

Information

Other: _____

Superintendent: _____

Board Member	Motion	Second	Aye	Nay	Abstain	Other
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