

**WYNANTSKILL UNION FREE SCHOOL DISTRICT  
BOARD OF EDUCATION  
October 20, 2011  
GARDNER-DICKINSON SCHOOL  
MEDIA CENTER**

**1.0 Call to Order and Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag**

The meeting of the Board of Education was called to order at 7:05 p.m. by Mrs. Paone.

**1.1 Recording of Attendance**

The District Clerk called the roll:

Mrs. Curran- present  
Mr. Hug- absent  
Mr. Lanese- present  
Mrs. Marsh – present  
Mrs. Paone- present

Others Present: Ms. Christine Hamill, Superintendent  
: Mr. Jack Lynskey, Principal  
: Mrs. Jean Marie Steffek, CSE, CPSE Chair

**1.2 Review of Agenda/Additions**

Ms. Hamill reviewed the Agenda.

**1.3 Approval of Minutes of Previous Meeting(s)**

Mr. Lanese made a motion to approve the September 15, 2011 minutes of the Board of Education:

Mrs. Curran seconded.  
Motion carried: 4-0

**1.4 Acceptance of District Treasurer's Report**

Mrs. Marsh made a motion to accept the District Treasurer's Report.

Mr. Lanese seconded.  
Motion carried: 4-0

**1.5 Approval of Building Use Requests**

Mr. Lanese made a motion to approve the following Building Use requests.

<u>Group Name</u>	<u>day of week</u>	<u>dates</u>	<u>area</u>	<u>time</u>
Classie Lassie	Tuesdays	10/04/11-11/08/11	Gym	5-7pm
Wynantskill Girl Scouts	Tuesdays (bi-weekly)	10/04/11-05/29/12	Café	5-7pm
Wynantskill Girl Scouts	Tuesdays (bi-weekly)	10/25/11-05/22/12	Café	5-7pm

Mrs. Curran seconded  
Motion carried: 4-0

## **1.6 Communications to the Board of Education**

Mrs. Paone acknowledged receipt of an anonymous letter to the Board and will discuss its content in Executive Session immediately following the regular meeting of the Board of Education.

Mr. Scott Pruesser, CPA, PC, presented the 2010-2011 District External Audit Report.

## **1.7 Royal Recognition**

Mrs. Paone displayed the Sportsmanship Promotion Award from the NYSPHSAA, received by Laurie Albright, Athletic Director at the recent AD Meeting. The award honored Gardner Dickinson School for “demonstrating a strong commitment to promoting sportsmanship”. Only 10 schools received this honor.

The District recognized the Board of Education for their dedication to the children of the district.

## **2.0 Reports to the Board of Education**

### **2.1 Principal’s Report**

Superintendents Conference Day was held on Oct. 7th. On the agenda was Smart Board training, a seminar on Managing Difficult Behavior, ELA Mapping, a seminar on Managing Food Allergies and Linking Literacy to Science, Math and Social Studies. It was a very productive day.

Thanks to the Wynantskill Volunteer Fire Department. They did a demonstration for all grade levels during our Fire Prevention Day on Oct. 12<sup>th</sup>.

Mr. Lynskey and Laurie Albright, Athletic Director have been holding interviews for this seasons Basketball Coaches.

### **2.2 Board of Education Reports and Updates**

#### **Superintendent/Principal Search Update.**

Mrs. Paone reported applications were reviewed and screened by Mr. Jeff Baltes, Questar III. He presented many applications to the Board, who narrowed down the applicants to 11 possible candidates. Mr. Baltes then met with the Search Committee who created a set of questions to be used during the first round of interviews which were held Oct. 17, 18 and 20<sup>th</sup>. Questar will compile the committees’ ratings of each applicant and he will meet with the Board to narrow the field who will then be interviewed by the Board and then a committee of school leaders. Finalist will also spend some time in the district with an appointment expected in mid November.

### **2.3 Board Committee Reports**

#### **Finance-Budget Audit Committee:**

The committee met on October 20, 2011 to review the 2010-2011 External Audit Report to be presented to the Board of Education at the October 20, 2011 regular meeting.

### **2.5 PTO Report**

The October PTO report was presented to the Board.

## **3.0 Appointments and Authorizations**



No additional Non-Public Transportation Requests were received.

### **3.7 Approve Disposition of Inventory**

Mrs. Curran made a motion to approve the disposal of inventory as presented.

Mr. Lanese seconded.

Motion carried: 4-0

### **3.8 Approve additional Extra Curricular Advisors / Coaches for 2011-2012 as per WTA Contract**

Mr. Lanese made a motion to approve the following individuals:

8 <sup>th</sup> Grade Class Advisors	Mary Therese Bucher Matt Lutz
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Boys Basketball Co-Coach	Rick Randall Jim Kahler
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Girls Basketball Co-Coach	Tammy Miller
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Mrs. Marsh seconded.

Motion carried: 4-0

### **3.9 Approve additional Tutors for 2011-2012 as per WTA Contract**

Mrs. Curran made a motion to approve the following individual(s):     Matt Lutz

Mr. Lanese seconded.

Motion carried: 4-0

### **3.10 Approve Permanent Full Time Custodian effective Oct. 26, 2011**

Mr. Lanese made a motion to approve Tom Cupp as Full Time Custodian effective October 26, 2011.

Mrs. Curran seconded.

Motion carried: 4-0

### **3.11 Approve 2010-2011 External Audit Report**

Mr. Lanese made a motion to accept the 2010-2011 District External Audit Report presented by Mr. Scott. Preusser, CPA, PC.

Mrs. Curran seconded.

Motion carried: 4-0

### **3.12 Abolish the Classroom Account and transfer balance for the purpose of Scholarships**

Mr. Lanese made a motion to abolish the Classroom Account for Student Council and transfer the remaining funds for the purpose of Scholarships to the 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Class Fund.

Mrs. Curran seconded

Motion carried: 4-0

**Note: Mr. Hug arrived at 7:55 p.m.**

### **3.13 Approve Resolution to Participate in NYSED Transportation Pilot Program**

Mr. Lanese made a motion to approve the Districts participation in the NYSED Transportation Pilot Program.

Mrs. Curran seconded  
Motion carried: 5-0

### **3.14 Approve Unpaid Leave of Absence**

Mr. Lanese made a motion to approve a 1 day Unpaid Leave of Absence on November 14, 2011 to Patty Rowe.

Mrs. Curran seconded  
Motion carried: 5-0

## **4.0 Old Business**

### **4.1 District Goals**

The Board will discuss district goals at the November 17, 2011 meeting,

### **5.0 New Business**

Questar III will be holding the second workshop of their Saturday Morning Workshop Series on November 5th.

## **6.0 Informational**

- 6.1 Next Regular Meeting of the Board of Education: Nov. 17, 2011 at 7:00 pm in the Library / Media Center**
- 6.2 Public Comment**

## **7.0 Request for Executive Session**

Mr. Lanese made a motion to enter into Executive Session at 8:10 pm.

Mrs. Curran seconded  
Motion carried: 5-0

## **9.0 Adjournment**

Mrs. Curran made a motion to adjourn at 10:30 pm.  
Mr. Lanese seconded  
Motion carried: 5-0

Respectfully submitted,

Kathryn Fazioli  
Clerk of the Board