

**WYNANTSKILL UNION FREE SCHOOL DISTRICT**  
**Regular Meeting of the Board of Education**  
**December 19, 2013 @ 7:00 PM**  
**Gardner-Dickinson School Media Center**  
**Agenda**

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

- 1.1 Recording of Attendance
- 1.2 Review of Agenda/Additions to Agenda
- 1.3 Approval of Minutes of Previous Meetings
  - a. Approve November 21, 2013 Regular Meeting Minutes
- 1.4 Acceptance of District Treasurer's Report
  - a. Treasurer's Monthly report ending November 30, 2013
  - b. Internal Audit report July 2012 to November 2012
  - c. Returned School Tax notice
- 1.5 Approval of Building Use Requests
  - There are no requests for December 2013
- 1.6 Communications to the Board of Education
  - Communications from:
    - a. Meredith Gavin
    - b. Gary DiLallo
    - c. Matthew Wade
    - d. Michael Ford

**2.0 Reports to the Board of Education**

- 2.1 District / School Program Report
  - a. Common Core
  - b. Resolution on testing
  - c. Strategic Planning Committee Update
  - d. Staffing Overview
  - e. Tuition 2013-2014
  - f. Regional State Budget Event Thursday January 30 South Colonie High School
- 2.2 Board of Education Reports & Updates
  - New School Board Member selection

**3.0 Appointments and Authorizations**

- 3.1 Review Recommendations and Approve Resource Allocation to CSE/CPSE
- 3.2 Adoption of Board Policies
  - a. Wellness Policy New
  - b. Reserve Fund Policy New
  - c. Model Cyber Incident Response Policy New
- 3.3 First Reading of BOE Policies
  - There are no first readings for December 2013
- 3.4 Approval of Substitutes
  - a. Tracy L. Everleth                      Substitute Teacher
  - b. Jennie Williams                      Substitute Teacher
  - c. Ann Marie Chiappinelli              Substitute Teacher
  - d. Janice Jackson                      Substitute Teacher
  - e. Zachary Dymond                      Substitute Teacher
  - f. Ashley Fryer                      Substitute Teacher
  - g. Andren Quattrocchi                  Substitute Teacher
- 3.5 Approval of Volunteers
  - a. Sarah Fisk

- 3.6 Approval of Additional Non-Public Transportation Requests  
There are no requests for December 2013
- 3.7 Approve Patty Rowe Extra-Curricular appointment (intramurals) as per WTA contract
- 3.8 Approve Rebecca Benjamin & Mary Alice Newell as Co-Extra-Curricular appointment (chorus advisors) as per WTA contract
- 3.9 Approve Amy Murphy and Kim Herzl-Betz as Dignity for All Co-Coordinators
- 3.10 Appoint Aaron Joy for a permanent Custodian position fte 1 effective December 20, 2013
- 3.11 Be it Resolved: that the Wynantskill Union Free School District, hereby elects Matthew Wade to the position of Area 7 Director of the New York State School Boards Association for a two-year term commencing January 2014.
- 3.12 Approve Gail Lathrop's response to the Auditors Comments
- 3.13 It is Resolved:
1. That the Board of Education hereby appoints Lee A Bordick as the Superintendent of the Wynantskill Union Free School District, effective January 1, 2014
  2. That the Board of Education hereby authorizes the President of the Board of Education to enter into an agreement for the employment of Lee A Bordick as the Superintendent of the Wynantskill Union Free School District.
- 3.14 It is Resolved:
1. That the Board of Education hereby appoints Mary Yodis as the K-8 Principal for a three year probationary term effective January 1, 2014 in the tenure area of K-8 Principal.
  2. That the Board of Education hereby authorizes the President of the Board of Education to enter into a terms and condition agreement for the employment of Mary Yodis as the K-8 Principal.

3.15 It is Resolved:

WHEREAS, The Wynantskill Union Free School District is dedicated provide opportunities for all students to reach their fullest potential; empower all to achieve personal excellence and encourage a life-long love of learning; and

WHEREAS, the decline in state support for public schools has forced our District to reduce programs and limited our ability to implement the new programs mandated by the state such as the Common Core Standards, creating an uneven rollout of the standards among school districts around the state; and

WHEREAS, while the implementation of Common Core will ultimately help students, teachers, and teaching and learning, the growing reliance on and misalignment of standardized testing is eroding student learning time, narrowing the curriculum, and jeopardizing the rich, meaningful education our students need and deserve; and

WHEREAS, despite the fact that research recommends the use of multiple measures to gauge student performance and teacher effectiveness, the state's growing reliance on standardized testing is adversely affecting students across all spectrums, as well as the morale of our educators and further draining already scarce resources; and

WHEREAS, the federal elementary and secondary education act's testing policies fail to appropriately accommodate the unique needs of students with disabilities and English language learners in assessing their learning, resulting in test scores that do not accurately represent a true measure of the contributions of teachers and schools; and

WHEREAS, it is time for policymakers to recalibrate the number, duration, and appropriate use of standardized tests so that we can refocus our efforts on student learning; now therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that we call upon the Commissioner of Education, the NYS Board of Regents, and other policymakers to reduce the use of and over-reliance on standardized testing; and, be it further

RESOLVED, that we call upon the U.S. Congress and the Administration to reduce federal testing mandates and

support the role of and focus on multiple measures of student learning and school quality in accountability systems.

**4.0 Old Business**

**5.0 New Business**

**6.0 Informational**

6.1 Regular BOE Meeting January 16, 2013 at 7:00pm

6.2 Public Comment

**7.0 Request for Executive Session**

**8.0 Return to Open Session**

**9.0 Adjournment**