

WYNANTSKILL UNION FREE SCHOOL DISTRICT
Regular Meeting of the Board of Education
October 16, 2014 @ 7:00 PM
Executive Session 6-7:00 PM
Gardner-Dickinson School Media Center
Draft Agenda

1.0 Call to Order and Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag

- 1.1 Record of Attendance
 - 1.1.1 Anticipated Executive Session for Personnel Matters
 - 1.1.2 Return to Open Session
- 1.2 Review of Agenda/Additions to Agenda
- 1.3 Approval of Minutes of Previous Meetings
 - a. September 18, 2014
 - b. October 2, 2014
- 1.4 Acceptance of Financial Reports
 - a. Internal Claims Auditor's Report September 2014
 - b. Gail Lathrop's response to the External Auditors Comments
 - c. Treasurer's Monthly Report with budget transfers
 - d. Appropriations Status Report at 9/30/14
 - e. Extra Classroom Activity Fund at 9/30/14
- 1.5 Approval of Building Use Requests

Group	Area	Day	Time
PTO	Cafeteria	December 4, 2014	6-8 PM
PTO	Gym	January 15, 2015	6-8 PM
PTO	Gym	January 23, 2015	3:15-9 PM

- 1.6 Communications to the Board of Education

2.0 Reports to the Board of Education

- 2.1 District / School Program Report
 - a. School Board Recognition
 - b. Capital Improvement Project Update
 - c. Financial Consultants Project Update
 - d. Town of North Greenbush Meeting
 - e. Y Time Morning Program Proposal
 - f. Kiwanis Club Request
 - g. Chamber of Commerce
- 2.2 Board of Education Reports & Updates
- 2.3 PTO Update

3.0 Appointments and Authorizations

- 3.1 Approve CSE/CPSE Recommendations as per attached
- 3.2 Adoption of Board Policies
 - There are no Adoptions of Board Policies for October 2014
- 3.3 First Reading of BOE Policies
 - There are no First Readings of BOE Policies for October 2014

3.4 Approval of Substitutes

Name	Position
Kate Murphy	Certified Substitute Teacher
Teresa Gross	Non Certified Substitute Teacher
Lillian Foss	Substitute Teacher Aide
Joseph Sterantino	Custodial Worker
Nancy Ruffinen	Recess Aide
Mark Gavin	Bus Driver

3.5 Approval of Volunteers

Name	Grade
Angela Strang	Mrs. Mahoney Kindergarten
Abra Bentley	Mrs. Wallace 1 st Grade
Stefanie Ryan	K-4 th Grade
Kristina Gross	Mrs. Mahoney Kindergarten
Jenah Baker	Mrs. Mahoney Kindergarten
Kelly Duff	Mrs. Fecura Bunk Library
Jessica Pakatar	Mrs. Moak Kindergarten
Jennifer Hennessy	Mrs. Fecura Bunk Library
Kate Rodriguez	Mrs. Mahoney Kindergarten
Erica Quinn	K-8
Amy Perala	Mrs. Fecura Bunk Library

3.6 Approval of Additional Non-Public Transportation Requests

There are no Additional Non-Public Transportation requests for October 2014

- 3.7 Approve Bob DeBenedetti as Modified girls basketball coach as per the WTA contact
- 3.8 Approve Michele French as Modified girls basketball coach as per the WTA contract
- 3.9 Approve Bob DeBenedetti as Modified boys basketball coach as per the WTA contract
- 3.10 Approve Meredith Hughes as a part time teacher's aide (3 Hours a day @ \$12.54 hr.) effective October 21, 2014 to June 30, 2015 pending clearance by the State Department of Education
- 3.11 Approve Alison Taylor as a temporary Remedial Reading Teacher effective October 17, 2014 to November 14, 2014 @ \$90 a day
- 3.12 Approve Cindy Dodge to return to duty (temporary AIS ELA teacher @ Step 1) from a Child Rearing Leave effective September 24, 2014
- 3.13 Approve Tina Albert for Extra-Curricular appointment (Chaperone) 2014-2015 school year as per WTA contract
- 3.14 Approve Tammy Miller for Extra-Curricular appointment (Chaperone) 2014-2015 school year as per WTA contract
- 3.15 Approve Kate Cronin for Extra-Curricular appointment (Odyssey of the Mind Coach) 2014-2015 school year as per WTA contract
- 3.16 Approve Kaelyn Kinley for Extra-Curricular appointment (Odyssey of the Mind Coach) 2014-2015 school year as per WTA contract
- 3.17 Approve Gail Lathrop's response to the External Auditors Comments
- 3.18 Approve the disposal at auction of the old modified soccer & basketball uniforms
- 3.19 Approve the Workshop Meeting Schedule February 2015 to June 2015 (February 5th, March 5th, April 2nd, May 7th, June 4th)
- 3.20 Approve Courtney Reed as a temporary teacher's aide effective October 20, 2014 to March 20, 2015

3.21 **WHEREAS**, Article 5-G of the New York State General Municipal Law authorizes municipal corporations to enter into cooperative agreements for the performance or exercise of services, functions, powers or activities on a cooperative or contract basis among themselves or one for the other, and

WHEREAS, Section 119-n of the General Municipal Law defines the term "municipal corporation" for the purposes of Article 5-G as a county outside the city of New York, a city, a town, a village, a board of cooperative educational services, a fire district or a school district; and

WHEREAS, *Wynantskill Union Free School District* (hereinafter sometimes referred to as "Participant") is a "municipal corporation" as defined above; and

WHEREAS, this Board wishes for this municipal corporation to become or remain a Participant pursuant to the Municipal Cooperation Agreement For Energy Purchasing Services dated the 1st day of May, 2005 (the "Agreement"), among municipal corporations collectively identified as the New York School and Municipal Energy Consortium ("NYSMEC") upon the terms of the Agreement and further wishes to authorize participation as an energy consumer as specified below.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that this Board hereby determines that it is in the interests of the *Wynantskill Union Free School District* to participate in the NYSMEC, and authorizes and directs Mrs. Ann Marsh, BOE President, to sign the Agreement/and or the Billing Schedule and Agreement for natural gas on its behalf; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this Board authorizes the Administrative Participant (as defined in the Agreement) to prepare, advertise, disseminate and open bids pursuant to the General Municipal Law and to award, execute and deliver binding contracts on behalf of this Board for the purchase of natural gas for this Participant to the lowest responsible bidder as is determined by the Administrative Participant at a commodity price not to exceed \$1.141 cents per therm for a term of at least one year and no more than three years commencing May 1, 2015, and other terms and conditions, all as may be determined by the Administrative Participant, or to reject any or all such bids; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this Participant agrees to advertise said bid as may be directed by the Administrative Participant; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the officers and employees of this Participant are authorized to execute such other confirming agreements, certificates and other documents and take such other actions as may be necessary or appropriate to carry out the intent of this resolution.

This Resolution shall take effect immediately.

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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this Board authorizes the Administrative Participant (as defined in the Agreement) to prepare, advertise, disseminate and open bids pursuant to the General Municipal Law and to award, execute and deliver binding contracts on behalf of this Board for the purchase of electricity for this Participant to the lowest responsible bidder as is determined by the Administrative Participant at a commodity price not to exceed \$.1126 cents per kWh for a term of at least one year and no more than three years commencing May 1, 2015, and other terms and conditions, all as may be determined by the Administrative Participant, or to reject any or all such bids; and

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This Resolution shall take effect immediately.

3.23 **BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Board of Education of Wynantskill Union Free School District, Rensselaer County, New York, as follows:

Section 1. That a Special District Meeting of the qualified voters of said School District shall be held in the Gardner-Dickinson School, 25 East Avenue, in Troy, New York, in said School District, on the 2nd day of December, 2014, at 12:00 o'clock Noon, Prevailing Time, for the purpose of voting by voting machine upon the proposition hereinafter set forth. Polls for the purpose of voting will be kept open between the hours of 12:00 o'clock Noon and 9:00 o'clock P.M., Prevailing Time.

Section 2. That the notice of said Special District Meeting, including the proposition to be voted upon, shall be in substantially the form attached hereto as Exhibit A and hereby made a part hereof.

Section 3. That the School District Clerk is hereby authorized and directed to cause notice to be given of said Special District Meeting in substantially the form hereinbefore prescribed, by publishing the same four times within the seven weeks next preceding such district meeting, the first publication to be at least forty-five days before said meeting, in the Troy Record & Albany Times Union, newspaper(s) having a general circulation in said School District, and by giving such other notice as in his/her discretion may be deemed advisable.

Section 4. That the School District Clerk is hereby authorized to amend and or supplement the notice of the Special District Meeting hereinafter set forth from time to time as, in his or her discretion such amendment may be required.

Section 5. This resolution shall take effect immediately.

Exhibit A:

**NOTICE OF SPECIAL DISTRICT MEETING
AND AVAILABILITY OF ABSENTEE BALLOTS**

Wynantskill Union Free School District,
Rensselaer County, New York

The Board of Education of Wynantskill Union Free School District, Rensselaer County, New York, HEREBY GIVES NOTICE that a Special District Meeting of the qualified voters of said School District will be held in the Gardner-Dickinson School, 25 East Avenue, in Troy, New York, in said School District, on the 2nd day of December, 2014, at 12:00 o'clock Noon, Prevailing Time, for the purpose of voting by voting machine upon the proposition hereinafter set forth. Polls for the purpose of voting will be kept open between the hours of 12:00 o'clock Noon and 9:00 o'clock P.M., Prevailing Time (and for as long thereafter as necessary to enable qualified voters present in the polling place at 9:00 P.M. to cast their ballots). The proposition is as follows:

PROPOSITION

Shall the following resolution be adopted, to wit:

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of Wynantskill Union Free School District, Rensselaer County, New York, is hereby authorized to reconstruct and construct an addition to the Gardner-Dickinson School, including original furnishings, equipment, machinery, apparatus, appurtenances, site improvements, and incidental improvements and expenses in connection therewith, at a maximum estimated cost of \$5,139,000 that \$1,500,000 shall be expended from the capital reserve fund therefor, and that the remaining \$3,639,000 or so much thereof as may be necessary, shall be raised by the levy of a tax upon the taxable property of said School District and collected in annual installments as provided by Section 416 of the Education Law, and in anticipation of such tax, obligations of said School District shall be issued.

NOTICE IS HEREBY FURTHER GIVEN that the aforesaid proposition may appear on the ballot labels of the voting machines used at such Special District Meeting in the following abbreviated form if necessary due to space constraints (in which case the full text of such proposition shall be posted thereat):

PROPOSITION

Shall the proposition set forth in the notice of this meeting authorizing the reconstruction of and construction of an addition to the Gardner-Dickinson School, including site and other incidental improvements and expenses, at a maximum estimated cost of \$5,139,000 expending \$1,500,000 of capital reserve fund monies therefor, and \$3,639,000 or so much thereof as may be necessary, shall be raised by the levy of a tax upon the taxable property of said School District to be collected annually, with District obligations to be issued in anticipation thereof, be approved?

SEORA STATUS OF PROJECTS: The School District Board of Education is acting as lead agency under the regulations of the State

of New York, promulgated under the State Environmental Quality Review Act (“SEQRA”). The building capital project hereinafter described have been determined to be a Type II Action pursuant to the regulations of the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation promulgated pursuant to the State Environmental Quality Review Act, the implementation of which as proposed, said Board of Education has determined, based upon the definition thereof, will not result in a significant environmental effect. SEQRA documentation is available in the office of the School District Clerk for inspection during regular business hours.

NOTICE IS ALSO HEREBY GIVEN that applications for absentee ballots may be applied for at the office of the School District Clerk between the hours of 9:00 A.M. and 4:00 P.M. Monday through Friday, except holidays. Any such application must be received by the District Clerk at least seven (7) days before the date of the aforesaid Special District Meeting if the ballot is to be mailed to the voter, or the day before such Special District Meeting, if the ballot is to be delivered personally to the voter. Absentee ballots must be received by the District Clerk in said office no later than 5:00 P.M. on December 2, 2014. A list of all persons to whom absentee voter’s ballots shall have been issued shall be available for public inspection in the office of the School District Clerk in Gardner-Dickinson School not less than five (5) days prior to the date of the Special District Meeting during regular office hours until the date of the aforesaid Special District Meeting. In addition, such list shall also be posted conspicuously at the places of voting during the hours of such Special District Meeting. Any qualified voter may submit a written challenge to the qualifications of any person whose name appears on the list of absentee voters and provide reasons therefore known to the District Clerk for transmittal to the Inspectors of Election before the close of the polls.

AND FURTHER NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that the qualified voters of the School District shall be entitled to vote at said Special District Meeting and election. A qualified voter is one who is (1) a citizen of the United States of America, (2) eighteen (18) years of age or older, and (3) resident within the School District for a period of thirty (30) days next preceding the Special District Meeting and election. The School District may require all persons offering to vote at the Special District Meeting and election to provide one form of proof of residency pursuant to Education Law 2018-c. Such form may include a driver’s license, a non-driver identification card, a utility bill, or a voter registration card. Upon offer of proof of residency, the School District may also require all persons offering to vote to provide their signature, printed name and address.

4.0 Old Business

5.0 New Business

6.0 Informational

- 6.1 Home Soccer Games October 17th, 20th & 22nd
- 6.2 Kindergarten Social October 17, 2014 @ 6 pm
- 6.3 Health Fair October 30, 2014 @ 4-7 pm
- 6.4 Parent Teacher Conferences November 4, 2014
- 6.5 Board Workshop November 6, 2014 @ 7:00 pm
- 6.6 All County Music Festival November 15, 2014 @ 3 pm Berlin High School
- 6.7 Regular BOE Meeting November 20, 2014 @ 7:00 pm
- 6.8 8th Grade Pancake Breakfast November 22, 2014
- 6.9 Public Comment

7.0 Request for Executive Session

8.0 Return to Open Session

9.0 Adjournment

The mission of our community-based school is to create a safe, compassionate, progressive learning environment that recognizes individual needs and encourages all students to strive for personal and educational excellence.