

**WYNANTSKILL UNION FREE SCHOOL DISTRICT**  
**Regular Meeting of the Board of Education**  
**August 21, 2014 @ 7:00 PM**  
**Gardner-Dickinson School Media Center**  
**Minutes**

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

The meeting of the Board of Education was called to order at 6:59 p.m. by Mrs. Marsh.

**1.1 Record of Attendance**

Mrs. Dinan	Present
Ms. Gray	Present
Mrs. Paone	Present
Mr. Lanese	Present
Mrs. Marsh	Present

**1.2 Review of Agenda/Additions to Agenda**

Mrs. Marsh reviewed the agenda

**1.3 Approval of Minutes of Previous Meeting**

- a. July 9, 2014

Mrs. Dinan made a motion to approve the July 9, 2014 Meeting Minutes  
Mrs. Paone seconded the motion  
Motion carried 5/0

**1.4 Acceptance of June Financial Reports**

- a. Internal Claims Auditor's Report  
b. Treasurer's Monthly Report  
c. Student Activity Monthly Report  
d. Quarterly Revenue Report (June 30, 2014)

Mrs. Paone made a motion to accept the District Treasurer's reports  
Mr. Lanese seconded the motion  
Motion Carried 5/0

**1.5 Approval of Building Use Requests**

Mrs. Dinan made a motion to approve the following build use requests

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|----|--------------|--------------|-------------------------|---------------------|
| a. | YMCA         | Cafeteria    | Mon-Friday              | 9/3/14 to 6/25/15   |
| b. | PTO          | Media Center | 2 <sup>nd</sup> Tuesday | 9/9/14 to 6/9/15    |
| c. | Lady Bombers | Gym          | Tuesday                 | 11/18/14 to 3/31/15 |

Mrs. Paone seconded the motion  
Motion carried 5/0

**1.6 Communications to the Board of Education**

There were no communications to the Board of Education for August 2014

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

### 2.1 District / School Program Report

- a. Enrollment Update: Mr. Bordick reported that 316 students were registered for the 2014-2015 school year with 42 of those students being in Kindergarten. The school is monitoring the numbers daily.
- b. Transportation Plan: Mr. Bordick reported that the transportation consultant has done some preliminary work and will return in September to look at the current number of students. The district has been working with Bonnie Cole to make the bus runs more efficient.
- c. First Staff Day/First Student Day: Mr. Bordick reported that Superintendents day September 2<sup>nd</sup> will start around 8 am and he has invited the Board of Education to join us for the kickoff of the school year.
- d. Facility Plan Update: September 10<sup>th</sup> Strategic Plan's first meeting.
- e. Little Red Shared Services: This year the Little Red students will be here every day, they will be receiving the same amount of time at Gardner-Dickinson School as last school year; the students take Physical Education, Library and Art. New this year the students will be dismissed from our building daily.
- f. Strategic Plan Action Steps: We will be looking at student performance and how do we increase student performance, recruit making sure we have highly qualified staff that we train and retain, wellness supporting positive behavior and creating an environment that everybody is benefiting from, communication how can we improve with emails face book twitter and with the community, potential bond issue and capital improvement and looking at the financial projections. We know there is a lot to do and we are all up to the task to accomplish them all.
- g. Interscholastic Athletic League: Mr. Bordick reported that the Section 2 is going through realignment and the Region Big 10 League has dissolved. We are starting to look at what is best for our modified children; Laurie Albright is looking in to the Central Hudson Valley League.
- h. 7<sup>th</sup> Grade Math Enrichment: The rules are changing for those students in accelerated math. Additional Math support will be given to those students in accelerated math to help with the common core testing as well as the NYS Math regent's exam, and the 8<sup>th</sup> grade regular curriculum.

### 2.2 Board of Education Reports & Updates

- a. Board Retreat: The Board of Education reported they did have their board retreat on Monday, August 18<sup>th</sup> at HVCC. The agenda items that were discussed were as follows Effective Teams, Dramatic Changes in Education during the past 5 years, Case Studies, Self-Evaluation Results and Discussion, Board Goals, Administrative Structure present and future, Strategic Goals, Board Committees (finance, policy, committee as a whole). The board has decided to do a board workshop 2 weeks (Thursday night) before the regular meeting at 7pm to help with communication as a whole. The first meeting is Wednesday the 3<sup>rd</sup>.
- b. NYSSBAS New School Board Members Academy: Patricia Gray reported that she attended NYSSBAS new school board members academy. Ms. Gray spoke on the topics that were discussed over the two day event.

### 2.3 PTO Update

Sue Czubek presented the PTO report to the Board Of Education

## **3.0 Appointments and Authorizations**

### 3.1 Approve CSE/CPSE Recommendations as per attached

Ms. Gray made a motion to approve, Mr. Lanesey seconded the motion.  
Motion carried 5/0

- 3.2 Adoption of Board Policies  
There are no Adoptions of Board Policies for August 2014
- 3.3 First Reading of BOE Policies  
There are no First Readings of BOE Policies for August 2014

3.4 Approval of Substitutes  
**Certified (\$90.00/day)**

Jessica Lee	Janice Jackson	Zachary Dymond
Jason Rickey	Ashley Champitto	Michael Gilligan
Jereme Wilson	Ashley Fryer	Margaret McCarthy
Daniella De Rose	Michele Weiss	Jennie Williams
Sandra Ryan		

**Classroom Aide (\$55 day)**

Marcia Barringer  
Jessica Hubbard  
Susan Steffek

**Clerical (\$15.00/Hr)**

Marcia Barringer  
Maureen Hernick

Mrs. Paone made a motion to approve, Ms. Gray seconded the motion.  
Motion carried 5/0

- 3.5 Approval of Volunteers  
There are no Volunteer requests for August 2014
- 3.6 Approval of Additional Non-Public Transportation Requests  
There are no Additional Non-Public Transportation requests for August 2014
- 3.7 Approve Karen Keane for Extra-Curricular appointment (mentor to Sarah Sepp) for 2014-2015 school year as per WTA contract  
  
Mrs. Paone made a motion to approve, Mrs. Dinan seconded the motion.  
Motion carried 5/0
- 3.8 Approve Jennifer Kelleher for Extra-Curricular appointment (mentor to Bethany Wallace) for 2014-2015 school year as per WTA contract  
  
Ms. Gray made a motion to approve, Mr. Lanese seconded the motion.  
Motion carried 5/0
- 3.9 Approve Cindy Dodge for a temporary leave of absence as a teacher's aide effective 10/2/14 to 12/3/14  
  
Mr. Lanese made a motion to approve, Mrs. Paone seconded the motion.  
Motion carried 5/0
- 3.10 Approve Elizabeth Jamison for a temporary leave of absence as a teacher's aide effective 9/2/14 to 3/20/15  
  
Mrs. Dinan made a motion to approve, Ms. Gray seconded the motion.  
Motion carried 5/0
- 3.11 Approve Cindy Dodge as temporary AIS ELA teacher @ Step 1 effective 10/2/14 to 12/3/14  
  
Mrs. Paone made a motion to approve, Mrs. Dinan seconded the motion.  
Motion carried 5/0

- 3.12 Approve Elizabeth Jamison as temporary AIS Math teacher @ Step 1 effective 9/2/14 to 3/20/15  
Mrs. Paone made a motion to approve, Mr. Lanese seconded the motion.  
Motion carried 5/0
- 3.13 Approve Cindy Dodge for an unpaid leave of absence for Child Rearing Leave, starting on 9/2/14 returning 10/1/14  
Ms. Gray made a motion to approve, Mrs. Paone seconded the motion.  
Motion carried 5/0
- 3.14 Approve Kimberly Cestaro as a temporary teacher's aide effective 9/2/14 to 12/3/14  
Mrs. Paone made a motion to approve, Mr. Lanese seconded the motion.  
Motion carried 5/0
- 3.15 Approve Chelsea Zantay as a temporary teacher's aide effective 9/2/14 to 3/20/15  
Ms. Gray made a motion to approve, Mrs. Dinan seconded the motion.  
Motion carried 5/0
- 3.16 Approve Debbie Ann Hayes as a Bus Driver Trainee effective 9/2/14  
Mr. Lanese made a motion to approve, Mrs. Paone seconded the motion.  
Motion carried 5/0
- 3.17 Approve Morgan Mason as a student teacher with Nicole Sinkins Special Education 9/3/14 to 12/12/14  
Mrs. Paone made a motion to approve, Mrs. Dinan seconded the motion.  
Motion carried 5/0
- 3.18 Approve Jessica Smith as a student teacher with Lauren Curran 3<sup>rd</sup> grade 9/3/14 to 10/17/14  
Mrs. Paone made a motion to approve, Mr. Lanese seconded the motion.  
Motion carried 5/0
- 3.19 Approve Allison Lund as a student teacher with Jennifer Kelleher 1st grade 9/3/14 to 10/17/14  
Mrs. Paone made a motion to approve, Mrs. Dinan seconded the motion.  
Motion carried 5/0
- 3.20 Approve Olivia Phela as a student teacher with Laura Horacek 6<sup>th</sup> grade 9/3/14 to 10/17/14  
Mr. Lanese made a motion to approve, Ms. Gray seconded the motion.  
Motion carried 5/0
- 3.21 Amend District Organizational Chart effective July 01, 2014  
Mr. Lanese made a motion to approve, Mrs. Paone seconded the motion.  
Motion carried 5/0
- 3.22 Approve the Certification of Lee Bordick, Mary Yodis, & Elizabeth Bissell as Lead Teacher Evaluators  
Mr. Lanese made a motion to approve, Mrs. Paone seconded the motion.  
Motion carried 5/0

3.23 Approve the Special Education Surrogate Parents list for the 2014-2015 school year

Mrs. Paone made a motion to approve, Ms. Gray seconded the motion.  
Motion carried 5/0

3.24 Approve the Special Education Preschool Programs list for the 2014-2015 school year

Ms. Gray made a motion to approve, Mrs. Dinan seconded the motion.  
Motion carried 5/0

3.25 Approve the transportation contact for the 2014-15 school year with \_\_\_\_\_ to transport a student to Wildwood School in Schenectady at a cost of \_\_\_\_\_

Mrs. Dinan made a motion to table the approval of transportation until the September 2014 meeting, Mr. Lanese seconded the motion.  
Motion carried 5/0

3.26 Approve shared bid with Questar III for the 2014-2015 school year for the following

- a. Janitorial Supplies All American Poly, Dynamic Industries, EA Morse, Gabriel, Hill and Marques, Interboro Packaging, LJC, Unipack, United Sales
- b. Meat and Grocery Sysco & Ginsberg's
- c. Paper Products Hill and Marques
- d. Bread Products Bimbo Foods
- e. Dairy Products Sycaway Creamery

Mrs. Dinan made a motion to approve, Mrs. Paone seconded the motion.  
Motion carried 5/0

3.27 Accept Strategic Action Plan as per attached

Mrs. Paone made a motion to approve, Mrs. Dinan seconded the motion.  
Motion carried 5/0

3.28 Approve the attached Enrollment Study Proposal submitted and conducted by Dr. Paul Seversky at \$3300. This is a BOCES aidable expenditure

Mrs. Paone made a motion to approve, Mr. Lanese seconded the motion.  
Motion carried 5/0

3.29 Whereas the Board of Education of Wynantskill Union Free School District has been authorized by the voters at the Annual District Meeting to raise for the current budget of the 2014-2015 school year a sum not to exceed \$4,935,336

Therefore be it resolved, that the board fix the equalized tax rates by towns and confirm the extension of taxes as they appear on the following tax roll:

Town	Total Assessed Levy Value	Equalization Rate	Tax Rate per 1,000	Dollar Amount Increase per 1,000	Percent Tax Rate Increase	2014-2015 School Levy By Town
Brunswick	\$2,900	26.70%	\$73.08	\$3.68	5.01%	\$223.50
No. Greenbush	\$63,501,578	26.50%	\$77.65	\$0.71	0.93%	\$4,930,811.47

Poestenkill	\$55,600	26.60%	\$77.34	\$3.22	4.34%	\$4,301.03
Total	\$63,560,078					\$4,935,336.00

And be it hereby directed that the tax warrant of this board, duly signed shall be affixed to the above described tax rolls authorizing the collection of said taxes to begin September 2, 2014 and end October 31, 2014, giving the tax warrant and effective period of sixty days at the expiration of which time the tax collector shall make an accounting in writing to the board:

And it is further directed that the delinquent tax penalties be fixed as follows:

1<sup>st</sup> 30 days penalty free period

2<sup>nd</sup> 30 days interest of 2 percent added

Mrs. Paone made a motion to approve, Mr. Lanese seconded the motion.

Motion carried 5/0

3.30 Approve Erin Pytell as six month probationary Teacher Aide effective September 2, 2014.

Mr. Lanese made a motion to approve, Ms. Gray seconded the motion.

Motion carried 5/0

#### **4.0 Old Business**

#### **5.0 New Business**

#### **6.0 Informational**

6.1 PTO's Welcome Back Social @ Playground August 26<sup>th</sup> 6-8 p.m.

6.2 Superintendents Day September 2<sup>nd</sup>

6.3 1<sup>st</sup> Day of School September 3<sup>rd</sup>

6.4 Board Workshop 6:30 p.m. September 3<sup>rd</sup>

6.5 Open House Grades 6-8 September 4<sup>th</sup> 6 p.m.

6.6 Facilities Committee September 10<sup>th</sup> 7 p.m.

6.7 Open House Grades K-5 September 17<sup>th</sup> 7 p.m.

6.8 Audit Committee September 18<sup>th</sup> 6:30 p.m.

6.9 Regular BOE Meeting September 18, 2014 at 7:00 pm

6.10 Public Comment

JM Steffek (1) Questioned how the board workshops would be working? Mr. Bordick replied that there would be no action taken at the workshop and all actions will be taken at the regular meetings (2) JM asked Gail Lathrop if the price for the transportation to Wildwood was to add on to a run that was already going to Wildwood or would they be the only child on the bus. Gail replied they would be on the only child on the bus. (3) JM was happy to hear about the successful retreat she was wondering if the board would be accepting the board goals. Mrs. Marsh said they were really still working on the goals and Mrs. Dinan added the goals were more about the board as a whole. Mrs. Marsh said they would be working on their goals and how they function as a whole. They are not district goal, school goals but just board goals for the 5 board members. (4) The organizational chart was in need of change and it is appreciated that the chart was updated.

M Gavin: (1) MG asked if they needed to renew to volunteer forms every school year? Mrs. Marsh replied yes that they are approved every year. (2) Can we talk about the confusion about Cindy Dodge and her maternity leave? You say there is another substitute with a Master's Degree, why are the services starting so late? Mrs. Yodis stated that Cindy Dodge is an addition to the remedial position and that no services would be cut or delayed with Cindy's maternity leave. (3) The administration structure was talked about at the retreat. Can you share? Mrs. Marsh stated that the board is in the process

of speaking with Mr. Bordick, Mrs. Yodis and Gail and looking at the district as a whole and how we have changed over time. Mrs. Marsh added where we are is where we need to be and things are working great. Job descriptions will continue to be an open discussion.

S Czubek: (1) SC asked if we thought there were too many student teachers and too much going on in the classrooms? Mrs. Yodis explained the background of the program and the credentials that our student teachers have. They are a real asset to the classroom with one or more certifications. The students will be here for up to 4 months; they work in small group and really help the teacher when individual instruction is needed. The student teachers are not running the classroom solo.

M Geise: (1) MG asked why Mrs. Wallace needed a mentor. Mrs. Yodis replied that Mrs. Wallace is a very experienced teacher with over 10 years' of experience and the mentor program helps more with policy, procedures, the ins and outs of the school. (2) When the school did the Kindergarten screen we only had 32 kids and now we are 42 where did they come from? Mr. Bordick stated we really don't know where they came from. (3) MG wanted to know if we still had a partnership with Hannaford for cafeteria. Gail replied that she was unaware of a partnership with Hannaford. Mrs. Marsh said she thought is more for PTO and donations, but not for a purchasing agreement for the cafeteria.

**7.0 Request for Executive Session**

Mrs. Paone made a motion to enter onto executive session for contracts and personnel at 9:09 p.m.  
Mrs. Dinan seconded the motion  
Motion carried 5/0

**8.0 Return to Open Session**

Mr. Lanese made a motion to return to open session at 9:59 p.m.  
Mrs. Dinan seconded the motion  
Motion carried 5/0

**9.0 Adjournment**

Mrs. Paone made a motion to adjourn at 10:01 p.m.  
Mrs. Dinan seconded the motion  
Motion carried 5/0

**Respectfully submitted,**



**Sharon Hillis  
Clerk of the Board**