

WYNANTSKILL UNION FREE SCHOOL DISTRICT
Regular Meeting of the Board of Education
December 18, 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 7:03 p.m. by Mrs. Marsh.

1.1 Record of Attendance

Mrs. Dinan	Present @ 7:50 pm
Ms. Gray	Present
Mrs. Paone	Present
Mr. Lanese	Present @ 7:13 pm
Mrs. Marsh	Present

1.2 Review of Agenda/Additions to Agenda

Mrs. Marsh reviewed the agenda

1.3 Approval of Minutes of Previous Meetings

- a. November 20, 2014 Public Hearing
- b. November 20, 2014 Regular Meeting

Mrs. Paone made a motion to approve the November 20, 2014 Public Hearing & Regular Meeting minutes. Ms. Gray seconded the motion. Motion carried 3/0

1.4 Acceptance of Financial Reports

- a. Internal Claims Auditor's Report November 2014
Motion Carried 2/1
- b. Treasurer's Monthly Report with Budget Transfers
Motion Carried 3/0

Mrs. Paone made a motion to accept the District Treasurer's Financial Reports
Ms. Gray seconded the motion.

1.5 Approval of Building Use Requests

Group	Building Area	Dates	Times
PTO	Gym, Cafeteria, Ball Field	8/3/15 to 8/7/15	8:30-3:30

Ms. Gray made a motion to accept the Building Use Request from PTO 8/3/15 to 8/7/15 for Camp Invention. Mrs. Paone seconded the motion. Motion Carried 3/0

1.6 Communications to the Board of Education

There are no communications to the Board of Education for December 2014

2.0 Reports to the Board of Education

2.1 District / School Program Report

- a. Smart Schools: Mr. Bordick reported that Smart Schools Bond Act was approved by the NYS voters in this past November election. Pre-Kindergarten programs, infrastructure wireless technology and school safety are areas that are covered under the state grant. Mr. Bordick thought

- we should keep this grant in mind with our own Capital project. Mike Shusda the district fiscal advisor will be putting together a plan for the district that will be available around February 2015.
- b. 2014 Transportations Study: Mr. Bordick reported that we would like to have the study officially accepted by the Board. The study will be looked at closer as a budgetary guideline.
 - c. St. Jude's Lunch Program: Mr. Bordick reported that St. Jude's school has requested that Gardner-Dickinson take over their breakfast & lunch program, starting in September 2015. We would be able to provide all of the meals from the St. Jude's kitchen under the supervisor of Lori Audi.

2.2 Board of Education Reports & Updates

- a. Presentation to the Board of Education CSArch Ed Anker: Mr. Anker presented the proposed project schedule to The Board of Education. (Schedule attached to the end of the December 18, 2014 meeting minutes)

2.3 Principal's Report: Mrs. Yodis reported on the following:

- a. Academic Achievement programs that have been put in place are an after school program with 10 5th grade students we are keeping after school every other day working on ELA and Math. The students ride home on the middle school bus. Middle school morning program in the library 35 minutes in the morning and provide another intervention for students who need additional support.
- b. Data team led by Beth Bissell have been looking weekly at data. Testing is done online so that reports can be run quickly and easily. We have been working with our teachers to target children with specific skills.
- c. 2 days a month we are looking at the Math and ELA curriculum with the Questar III specialist.
- d. Communication Technology Committee focused on the parent portal to further that line of communication. Hoping to have some parent volunteers to pilot the program, the program will roll it out to all middle school families in September 2015.
- e. Positive Culture we had a Bee Assembly. 4th grade did a beautiful presentation, lots of singing.
- f. Upcoming events: grade level spelling Bee on December 19th grades 3 to 8. PTO will be holding a spelling club for the month of January. We will be having a 3 to 8 final spelling bee to send one child to the Capital Region spelling bee.
- g. We had two wonderful concerts this week. There was a very good turnout. The quality and diversity of the program was well done.

- 2.4 Special Education/RtI: Mrs. Steffek reported that she has touched base with the State Education Department and our paperwork is still in their hands, as soon as she receives the report Mrs. Steffek will provide a copy to the Board of Education. Mrs. Steffek reviewed the referral process and the differences between children who come to the district from a pre-kindergarten program with an IEP vs a child who is a new referral to the district. The child study team looks at the data so that through each phase we make sure we are building a relationship with the family and child.

2.5 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

Mr. Lanese made a motion to table the approval of 3.1 CSE/CPSE Recommendations
Ms. Gray seconded the motion. Motion carried 5/0

3.2 Adoption of Board Policies

There are no Adoptions of Board Policies for December 2014

- 3.3 First Reading of BOE Policies
 - a. Purchasing #6700
 - b. Notification of Rights under the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act #5500 E
 - c. Student Records #5500
 - d. Student Wellness #5405
 - e. Computer Use In Instruction #4526
 - f. Board Member Qualifications #2121
 - g. Community Relations Goals #1000
 - h. Charging Meals (New)

3.4 Approval of Substitutes

Name	Position
Stefanie Ryan	Teacher Aide
Meaghan Stadlander	Certified Substitute Teacher
Kimberly Cestaro	Non Certified Substitute Teacher

Mr. Lanesev made a motion to approve the list of Substitutes
 Mrs. Paone seconded the motion. Motion carried 5/0

3.5 Approval of Volunteers

There are no Volunteer requests for December 2014

3.6 Approval of Additional Non-Public Transportation Requests

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

3.7 Acceptance of the 2014 Transportation Study

Mr. Lanesev made a motion to accept the 2014 Transportation Study, Mrs. Paone seconded the motion.
 Motion carried 5/0

3.8 Approve Jeanine Mitchell & Mary Alice Newell for Extra-Curricular appointments (Chaperone)
 2014-2015 school year as per the WTA contract

Mrs. Dinan made a motion to approve Jeanine Mitchell & Mary Alice Newell for an Extra-Curricular
 appointment as chaperones, Mr. Lanesev seconded the motion. Motion carried 5/0

3.9 Approve Cindy Dodge as a temporary Remedial Reading Teacher @ Step 1 effective 12/4/14 to 12/19/14

Mr. Lanesev made a motion to approve Cindy Dodge as a temporary Remedial Reading Teacher @ Step
 1 effective 12/4/14 to 12/19/14, Mrs. Paone seconded the motion. Motion carried 5/0

3.10 Approve Kimberly Cestaro as a temporary teacher's aide effective 12/4/14 to 12/19/14

Mrs. Paone made a motion to approve Kimberly Cestaro as a temporary teacher's aide effective 12/4/14 to
 12/19/14, Mr. Lanesev seconded the motion. Motion carried 5/0

3.11 Approve addendum B144 to the original contract with CSArch approved on November 20, 2014

Mr. Lanesev made a motion to approve addendum B144 to the original contract with CSArch approved
 on November 20, 2014, Ms. Gray seconded the motion. Motion carried 5/0

3.12 Certification of the Special Meeting on December 2, 2014 (Total Votes = 136 Yes = 119 No = 17)
 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?

Mr. Lanese made a motion to certify of the Special Meeting on December 2, 2014 (Total Votes = 136 Yes = 119 No = 17), Mrs. Paone seconded the motion. Motion carried 5/0

3.13 Approve Meaghan Stadtlander as a Part Time (.5) Special Education Teacher @ Step 1 effective 12/19/14

Mr. Lanese made a motion to approve Meaghan Stadtlander as a Part Time (.5) Special Education Teacher @ Step 1 effective 12/19/14, Mrs. Paone seconded the motion. Motion carried 5/0

4.0 Old Business: Mrs. Marsh reported that we are working on the policy book and at any time board members need to have their books updated please bring them in to Sharon. Every summer the books will be handed in to Sharon for updating. Mrs. Marsh is doing some work with the Superintendents evaluation tool, pulling together information and will share her findings shortly.

5.0 New Business

6.0 Informational

- 6.1 Kindergarten Holiday Gathering & Bells Concert December 22, 2014 @ 9:30 am
- 6.2 The Troy High School Holiday Minstrels and Troubadours December 22, 2014 @ 1
- 6.3 Boy & Girls Home Basketball Games 12/22, 1/12, 1/15
- 6.4 Board of Education Workshop January 7, 2015 @ 7pm
- 6.5 8th Grade High School Fair January 13, 2015 @ 1 pm
- 6.6 Regular BOE Meeting January 15, 2015 @ 7 pm
- 6.7 Public Comment

M Gavin: Asked why the part time special education teacher was hired.

Mr. Bordick: Additional students, higher needs of the children's it was determined that students needed more time (minutes). Instead of rescheduling children and staff we decided to hire the temporary teacher having the least amount of impact on the children.

M Gavin: JM Steffek is wonderful and has built an amazing relationship with my son as well as myself.

M Geise: #1) Concern with Pre-Kindergarten and what will the current kids be losing

Mr. Lanese replied that are no plans to cut any programs

Mr. Bordick replied that we have to make a road map and a financial plan

#2) The concerts were wonderful and people were turned away because they could not find a handicap parking spot. The Board of Education acknowledged the parking issues.

S Czubek: #1) To help with the policy back log maybe using 25 minutes of each meeting to help you get caught up. #2) If people sign up for camp early there is a reduction in fees.

7.0 Request for Executive Session

Mrs. Dinan made a motion to enter into executive session to Review Special Education Recommendations at 9:05 p.m.

Mr. Lanese seconded the motion

Motion carried 5/0

8.0 Return to Open Session

Mrs. Dinan made a motion to return to open session at 10:25 p.m.

Ms. Gray seconded the motion

Motion carried 5/0

- 3.1 Approve CSE/CPSE Recommendations as per attached

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

9.0 Adjournment

Mrs. Dinan made a motion to adjourn at 10:26 p.m.
Mrs. Paone seconded the motion
Motion carried 5/0

Respectfully submitted,



Sharon Hillis

Clerk of the Board