

WYNANTSKILL UNION FREE SCHOOL DISTRICT
 Regular Meeting of the Board of Education
 February 11, 2016
 6:30 pm Anticipated Executive Session
 7:00 pm Regular Meeting
 Gardner-Dickinson School Media Center
 Minutes

The regular meeting of the Board of Education was called to order at 6:31 pm by Mrs. Dinan

1.1 Record of Attendance

Mrs. Castle	Present
Mrs. Dinan	Present
Ms. Gray	Absent
Mr. Lanesev	Present
Mrs. Mack	Present

1.2 Request for Executive Session

Mrs. Mack made a motion to enter into executive session for the purposes of discussing the medical, financial, credit, or employment history of a particular person or corporation, or matters leading to the appointment, employment, promotion, demotion, discipline, suspension, dismissal, or removal of a particular person or corporation at 6:32 p.m.

Mr. Lanesev seconded the motion.

Motion carried 4/0.

1.3 Return to Open Session

Mr. Lanesev made a motion to return to open session at 6:58 p.m.

Mrs. Mack seconded the motion.

Motion carried 4/0.

1.4 Review of Agenda/Additions to Agenda

Dr. Reardon reviewed the agenda.

1.5 Royal Recognition

The Board of Education recognized the following students in Mrs. Gilooly's 4th Grade Class for exceeding their individual reading goals.

Aidan Bell	MJ Green	Athena Seebald
Alexander Albert-Thomas	Keely Panichi	Wyatt Wehnau
Nicholas Martone	Chayton Young	Renato Guida
Malena Grande	Madelvn Comenole	Timothy Thomas
Jaxson Russell	Tianna Gonzalez	Laura VerWys
Maxwell Ryan	Chloe Rodriguez	Aidan Turbiasz
Angela Lanesev	Jason Cupp	
Ethan Nardacci	Isabela Niver	

1.6 Approval of Minutes of Previous Meeting

a. January 21, 2016

Mr. Lanesev made a motion to approve the January 21, 2016 regular meeting minutes.

Mrs. Castle seconded the motion.

Motion carried 4/0.

- 1.7 Acceptance of Financial Reports
 - a. Internal Claims Auditor's Report January 2016
 - b. Treasurer's Monthly Report with Budget Transfers
 - c. Revenue Report as of December 31, 2015

Mr. Lanesev made a motion to accept the District Treasurer's Financial Reports.
 Mrs. Mack seconded the motion.
 Motion carried 4/0.

1.8 Building Use

Group	Day/Time	Location
Girl Scouts	School Year 1st 3rd Tuesday	Library
Empire Nighthawks	Mon/Wed 3/2/16 to 5/26/16 7-	Gym

Mr. Lanesev made a motion to approve the building use request from the Girl Scouts and the Empire Nighthawks.
 Mrs. Mack seconded the motion.
 Motion Carried 4/0.

1.9 Visitors and Communication

- a. Communications to the Board of Education
- b. Opportunity for the Public to be Heard

2.1 Reports to the Board of Education

2.2 Board of Education Reports & Updates

- a. Assemblyman John McDonald III: Assemblyman McDonald spoke to the Board of Education on the challenges of educational aid, common core standards, and how he (Assemblyman McDonald) will be working closely with Questar III and the Superintendents in his district.
- b. Questar III Jason McCord: Mr. McCord provided the Board of Education with a communication overview. The presentation included how the district is using Facebook, twitter, e-news and the website.

2.3 District / Superintendent Program Report

- a. 2016-2017 Budget Update: Dr. Reardon presented a preliminary overview of the 2016-17 budget. The presentation is available at http://www.wynantskillufsd.org/Budget/documents/2016-17/Budget_Presentation_Feb_11_2016.pdf

- b. Veteran's Tax Exemption: Dr. Reardon provided information to the Board of Education on the impact of each of the three Veteran's exemption levels. March 1, 2016 is the dead line for the school district to adopt the exemption for the next school tax year. The Board of Education will poll the community at the annual budget vote, providing a non-binding proposition.

2.4 Principal's Report: Mary Yodis reported

- 1. Caitlin Kelley (8th grader) represented the Gardner-Dickinson school in the Capital Region Spelling Bee on February 2, 2016. The Spelling Bee this year

- had a written selling and vocabulary component this year. An 8th grader from Red Hook won the competition this year.
2. Kim Herzl-Betz and Elizabeth Bissell organized a very successful day of data team. Each student in grades K-8 was reviewed from the NWEA and F&P testing along with their report card grades.
 3. The 3rd grade class visited the Troy Saving Bank Music Hall to listen to the Riverstone quartet. It was a one hour concert and the students could bring their lunch. Two more concerts are coming up, the 6th grade class and the 6th-8th grade chorus will be going. The program is free of charge.
 4. Wynantskill School District provided an open house for the Little Red Families. 4 to 5 families came to hear about our 2nd grade programs. Thank you to PTO for providing refreshments.
 5. The WTA hosted their 2nd parent's night out; about 30 students came for a free movie and popcorn.
 6. Jean Marie Steffek presented the universal design for learning at the elementary staff meeting.

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. Lanesev made a motion to approve CSE/CPSE recommendations.
Mrs. Castle seconded the motion.
Motion carried 4/0.

3.2 Approve the building level safety plan as per attached.

Mr. Lanesev made a motion to approve the building level safety plan.
Mrs. Castle seconded the motion.
Motion carried 4/0.

3.3 Approval of Substitutes

Substitute Clerical \$15 Hour
Stefanie Ryan

Mr. Lanesev made a motion to approve Stefanie Ryan as a clerical substitute @ \$15/hour.
Mrs. Mack seconded the motion.
Motion carried 4/0.

3.4 Approve Catherine Spooner for an unpaid leave of absence for maternity leave, starting on or around April 21, 2016.

Mr. Lanesev made a motion to approve Catherine Spooner for an unpaid leave of absence

for maternity leave, starting on or around April 21, 2016.

Mrs. Mack seconded the motion.

Motion carried 4/0.

- 3.5 Approve Matthew Lutz for an unpaid leave of absence for paternity leave, starting on or around May 15, 2016.

Mr. Lanesev made a motion to table motion 3.5 to approve Matthew Lutz for an unpaid leave of absence for paternity leave, starting on or around May 15, 2016.

Mrs. Mack seconded the motion.

Motion carried 4/0.

- 3.6 Approve Dan DiSotto & Sam Davis for Extra-Curricular appointment (Modified Boys Baseball Coach) as per the WTA contract.

Mr. Lanesev made a motion to approve Dan DiSotto & Sam Davis for Extra-Curricular appointment (Modified Boys Baseball Coach) as per the WTA contract.

Mrs. Mack seconded the motion.

Motion carried 4/0.

- 3.7 Approve Michele French & Amanda Rich for Extra-Curricular appointment (Modified Girls Softball Coach) as per the WTA contract.

Mrs. Castle made a motion to approve Michele French & Amanda Rich for Extra-Curricular appointment (Modified Girls Softball Coach) as per the WTA contract.

Mr. Lanesev seconded the motion.

Motion carried 4/0.

- 3.8 Approve Sam Davis for a permanent Teacher's Aide Position \$12.92 Hr. Effective March 1, 2016.

Mr. Lanesev made a motion to approve Sam Davis for a permanent Teacher's Aide Position \$12.92 Hr. Effective March 1, 2016.

Mrs. Mack seconded the motion.

Motion carried 4/0.

- 3.9 Approve Amanda Zareski for a permanent Teacher's Aide Position \$12.92 Hr. Effective March 1, 2016.

Mr. Lanesev made a motion to approve Amanda Zareski for a permanent Teacher's Aide Position \$12.92 Hr. Effective March 1, 2016.

Mrs. Castle seconded the motion.

Motion carried 4/0.

- 3.10 Approve Christopher Phillips for a permanent Teacher's Aide Position \$12.92 Hr. Effective March 18, 2016.

Mr. Lanesev made a motion to approve Christopher Phillips for a permanent Teacher's Aide Position \$12.92 Hr. Effective March 18, 2016.

Mrs. Mack seconded the motion.
Motion carried 4/0.

- 3.11 Approve the 5th grade field trip to New York City on June 6, 2016.

Mr. Lanesev made a motion to approve the 5th grade field trip to New York City on June 6, 2016. Mrs. Mack seconded the motion.
Motion carried 4/0.

- 3.12 Accept a donation of \$35.00 from Albany Devils for athletic materials and supplies.

Mr. Lanesev made a motion to accept a donation of \$35.00 from Albany Devils for athletic materials and supplies.
Mrs. Castle seconded the motion.
Motion carried 4/0.

- 3.13 Approval of Additional Non-Public Transportation Requests
a. 1 Student to Oakwood Christian School.

Mr. Lanesev made a motion to approve an additional non-public transportation request for one student to be transported to the Oakwood Christian School.
Mrs. Mack seconded the motion.
Motion carried 4/0.

- 4.0 Old Business

- 5.1 New Business

The John O'Bomsawin Citizenship Award:

Sally Lauletta presented a proposal for the John O'Bomsawin Citizenship Award.

This award is given in memory of John O'Bomsawin for his many years of service to his community as a member of the Wynantskill Fire Department and the Wynantskill Union Free School District. John served on the school board for nine years as a member, vice-president, and president. He volunteered for over 22 years with the Wynantskill Fire Department, serving as chief for 7 years. John's service to the Wynantskill community will never be forgotten.

This award is given to the 8th grade student who exemplifies service and dedication to the school and community. This award goes to _____

Award Amount: \$100.00

- 5.2 Accept the John O'Bomsawin Citizenship Award, Scholarship Sponsored by: Sally Lauletta in the amount of \$100.00. This award is given to the 8th grade student who exemplifies service and dedication to the school and community.

Mrs. Mack made a motion to accept the John O'Bomsawin Citizenship Award, Scholarship Sponsored by: Sally Lauletta in the amount of \$100.00. This award is given to the 8th grade student who exemplifies service and dedication to the school and community.
Mrs. Castle seconded the motion.

Motion carried 4/0.

- 6.1 Informational
- 6.2 Budget Workshop March 10, 2016 @ 7 pm
- 6.3 Regular BOE Meeting March 17, 2016 @ 7 pm
- 6.4 Opportunity for the Public to be Heard

7.0 Request for Executive Session

Mr. Lanesev made a motion to enter into executive session for the purposes of discussing the medical, financial credit, or employment history of a particular person or corporation, or matters leading to the appointment, employment, promotion, demotion, discipline, suspension, dismissal, or removal of a particular person or corporation at 9:23 p.m.

Mrs. Mack seconded the motion.

Motion carried 4/0.

8.0 Return to Open Session

Mrs. Castle made a motion to return to open session at 10:33 p.m.

Mrs. Mack seconded the motion.

Motion carried 4/0.

8.1 Authorize the Superintendent to enter into negotiations with neighboring school districts to establish tuition rates.

Mrs. Mack made a motion to authorize the Superintendent to enter into negotiations with neighboring school districts to establish tuition rates.

Mr. Lanesev seconded the motion.

Motion carried 4/0.

9.0 Adjournment

Mrs. Castle made a motion to adjourn at 10:34 p.m.

Mr. Lanesev seconded the motion.

Motion carried 4/0.

Respectfully submitted,



Sharon Hillis
Clerk of the Board

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. As a small, suburban school district, rich with pride, we believe that by working together we can: create a dynamic program based on character, tolerance and diversity; provide opportunities for all to reach their fullest potential; empower all to achieve personal excellence and encourage a life-long love of learning.