

WYNANTSKILL UNION FREE SCHOOL DISTRICT
Regular Meeting of the Board of Education
February 16, 2017
Anticipated Executive Session @ 6:30 PM
Regular Meeting @ 7:00 PM
Gardner-Dickinson School Media Center
Minutes

1.0 Call to Order and Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag

The regular meeting of the Board of Education was called to order at 6:41 p.m. by Mr. Lanesey.

1.1 Record of Attendance

Mrs. Castle	Present
Mr. Hirokawa	Present @ 7 p.m.
Mr. Lanesey	Present
Mrs. Mack	Present
Mr. Strang	Absent

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 6:42 p.m. Mrs. Castle seconded the motion.
Motion carried 3/0.

1.3 Return to Open Session

Mr. Lanesey called the meeting back into open session at 7:04 p.m.

1.4 Review of Agenda/Additions to Agenda

Dr. Reardon reviewed the agenda.

1.5 Royal Recognition

The Board of Education and Mrs. Wallace are proud to have recognized Mrs. Wallace's first grade students for their hard work and improvement in their daily writing tasks. They continue to show stamina in writing, increased length of composition, and use of challenging words when writing for a variety of purposes. This is all accomplished with a positive and cheerful attitude from each child!

Anthony Adams
Emilena Akots
Christopher Bayer
Lilianna Boomhower
Elizabeth Czubek
Andrew Davey
Jacob Demarest

Emily Johnson
Evelyn Knights
Jayde Kuhn
Lillian Kuhn
Hunter Lavigne
Sheyanne Law
Rosalie Lettieri

Vincenzo Merola
Sophie Ring
Nicholas Scifo
Ryan Smith
Gage Wagner

The Board of Education observed a moment of silence in remembrance of the late Richard Gilooly.

- 1.6 Approval of Minutes of Previous Meeting
a. January 19, 2017

Mrs. Mack made a motion to approve the January 19, 2017 regular meeting minutes.
Mr. Hirokawa seconded the motion.
Motion carried 4/0.

- 1.7 Acceptance of Financial Reports
a. Internal Claims Auditor's Report January 2017
b. Monthly Treasurer's Report with Budget Transfers
c. Revenue Report as of 12/31/16

Mrs. Mack made a motion to approve the District Treasurer's Financial Reports.
Mrs. Castle seconded the motion.
Motion Carried 4/0.

- 1.8 Building use

Group	Time/Dates	Location
NYS PTA	7-9 pm April 12, 2017	Library
Devil Cats	5-7 pm Tuesday Wednesdays Saturday 9-5 April to December 2017	Field

Mrs. Castle made a motion to approve the building use requests from NYS PTA and the Devil Cats.
Mr. Hirokawa 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

2.0 Reports to the Board of Education

- 2.1 Board of Education Reports & Updates

- a. Mr. Lanese announced that the Board of Education and Dr. Reardon have agreed to extend Dr. Reardon's contract until at least 2022. The contractual paperwork is with the school district attorney for approval, all details will be available after the contract amendment is approved by the Board.

Discussion:

Dr. Reardon stated: "I am looking forward to staying."

Mrs. Castle added: "Dr. Reardon is a wonderful addition to the district."

- b. Stephanie Carbone NWEA January Testing

Mrs. Carbone reported on the assessment results for the testing that took place in January 2017. Mrs. Carbone provided information on how the Data team uses the scores to identify students who may need AIS / RTI services and those who are high achievers to ensure that they are appropriately challenged. Dr. Reardon explained the new skills development approach with the middle school students who need extra help in Math and ELA and its proven effectiveness.

2.2 District / Superintendent Program Report

- a. Preliminary Budget Details: Dr. Reardon presented a preliminary overview of the 2017-18 budget. The presentation is available at:
http://www.wynantskillufsd.org/Budget/documents/2017-18/Budget_Presentation_Feb_16_2017.pdf
- b. Capital Project Update: Dr. Reardon reported that the Capital project has been approved and the advertisement for bids will begin on Saturday, February 18, 2017. The bidding process is expected to be about a month and half. Ground breaking is planned for the Spring of 2017.
- c. Lock Down: Dr. Reardon reported that GD has completed the 3rd required lock down drill of the year. We will have one more required unannounced lock down and a total of 8 fire drills before the end of the school year.
- d. Observations: Dr. Yodis has completed a complete round of observations, now Dr. Reardon has started his round of observations.

Preliminary Budget Details Discussion:

Mrs. Mack stated she was in favor of the proposed potential increase of hours for the Library Media Specialist.

Mrs. Castle has been following Commissioner Elia and her efforts to increase foundation aid for schools.

2.3 Principal's Report

Dr. Yodis reported:

- a. NWEA Testing: Stephanie Carbone has finished testing all 362 students. Kudos to Stephanie Carbone and Kim Herzl-Betz for all of their hard work. Two days we spent reviewing all of the data on each student with each teacher.
- b. Faculty Meeting: Stephanie Carbone ran a very successful faculty meeting yesterday. Stephanie reviewed some in-depth reports that can be completed to get more data on students. 10 teachers went to the aquarium in Schenectady on a field trip. This could be a great field trip to enhance our Science program.
- c. Safety Drill: We had a lock down drill on Wednesday.
- d. Start with Hello: Program brought to our students from Sandy Hook, we were 1 of 3,000 schools to participate. The *Start with Hello* program focuses on getting rid of social isolation. We completed a number of activities with grades 2 - 8. We will continue monthly activities throughout the school year.
- e. Swag Celebration: 50 middle school students went over to HVCC for ice skating to recognize their hard work.
- f. Jump Rope for Heart: About 60 students participated in the program tonight.

Start with Hello Discussion:

Mr. Lanese, Mrs. Castle and Mrs. Mack asked questions of Dr. Yodis on the timing of the program as well as the age group. Dr. Yodis went in depth with the successes of the program and idea for them to improve its implementation.

2.4 PTO Update

Sue Czubek presented the PTO report to the Board of Education.

Discussion: Mrs. Castle asked if PTO has decided where they were going to spend their excess funds. Sue Czubek explained PTO would like to add to the outdoor equipment, with more information to follow.

Mrs. Mack described the details of the SEPTA program to the Board of Education.

3.0 Appointments and Authorizations

Consent agenda 3.1 to 3.4

- 3.1 Approve CSE/CPSE Recommendations as per attached.
- 3.2 Approve Amanda Rich for a permanent Teacher's Aide position @ \$13.31 Hr. effective March 3, 2017 (Ending the 6th month probationary period).
- 3.3 Approve Lance Maxon for a permanent Bus Driver position @ \$16.39 Hr. effective March 9, 2017. (Ending the 6th month probationary period).
- 3.4 Approval of Substitutes

Substitute Non-Certified Teacher/Teacher's Aide \$70 / Day Ashley Phillips
Substitute Certified Teacher \$90 / Day Kimberly Macica

Mrs. Mack made a motion to approve the consent agenda item numbers 3.1 to 3.4.
Mrs. Castle seconded the motion.
Motion carried 4/0.

3.5 First Readings

- a. Removal of Policy # 4000 Student Learning Objectives & District Instructional Goals
- b. Removal of Policy # 4200 Curriculum Management
- c. Policy # 4311.1 Display of the Flag
- d. Regulation # 4311.1 Display of the Flag
- e. Notice Not Required 4315.1 AIDS Instruction
- f. Policy # 4321 Programs for Students with Disabilities
- g. Policy # 4321.1 Provision of Special Education Services in the Least Restrictive Environment
- h. Policy # 4321.2 School-Wide Pre-Referral Approaches and Interventions
- i. Regulation # 4321.2 School-Wide Pre-Referral Approaches and Interventions
- j. Policy # 4321.3 Allocation of Space for Special Education
- k. Policy # 4321.4 Independent Educational Evaluations
- l. Policy # 4321.5 Confidentiality and Access to Individualized Education Programs, Individualized Education Services Programs and Service Plans
- m. Policy # 4321.6 Availability of Alternative Format Instructional Materials For Students With Disabilities
- n. Policy # 4321.7 Districtwide and Statewide Assessments of Students with Disabilities
- o. Policy # 4321.8 Impartial Hearing Officer Appointment and Compensation
- p. Policy # 4321.9 Declassification of Students with Disabilities
- q. Policy # 4321.10 Programs and Services for Parentally-Placed Nonpublic School Students with Disabilities
- r. Policy # 4321.11 Public Report on Revisions to District Policies, Practices and Procedures Upon a Finding of Significant Disproportionality
- s. Policy # 4321.12 Use of Time Out Rooms, Physical Restraints and Aversives
- t. Policy # 4321.13 Pre-School Special Education
- u. Policy # 4321.14 Special Education Personnel
- v. Removal of Policy # 4322 Programs for the Gifted and Talented

- w. Removal of Policy # 4325 Academic Intervention Services
- x. Policy # 4326 Limited English Proficiency Instruction
- y. Exhibit # 4326-E.1 Programs for English Language Learners
- z. Exhibit # 4326-E.2 Programs for English Language Learners
- aa. Policy # 4327 Homebound Instruction
- bb. Policy #4511 Textbook Selection and Adoption

Discussion: Mr. Lanese asked why there were so many removal of policy's. Dr. Reardon explained the process the Policy Committee used to make removal recommendations.

4.0 Old Business

5.0 New Business

6.0 Informational

6.1 Regular BOE Meeting March 16, 2017 @ 7 pm

6.2 Opportunity for the Public to be Heard

7.0 Request for Executive Session

There was no request for executive session.

8.0 Return to Open Session

9.0 Adjournment

Mrs. Castle made a motion to adjourn at 8:44 p.m.

Mr. Hirokawa 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.