

WYNANTSKILL UNION FREE SCHOOL DISTRICT
Regular Meeting of the Board of Education
February 24, 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 7:12 p.m. by Mrs. Paone.

1.1 Recording of Attendance

The District Clerk called the roll:

Mr. Hug:	Absent
Mr. Lanese	Present
Mrs. Marsh	Present
Mrs. Paone	Present
Mrs. Dinan	Present

1.2 Review of Agenda/Additions to Agenda

Mrs. Paone reviewed the agenda

1.3 Approval of Minutes of Previous Meetings

- a. Approve January 15, 2014 Special Meeting Minutes
- b. Approve January 16, 2014 Regular Meeting Minutes

Mr. Lanese made a motion to approve the January 15, 2014 and the January 16, 2014 Meeting Minutes
Mrs. Marsh seconded the motion

Motion carried 4/0

1.4 Acceptance of District Treasurer's Report

- a. January 2014 Internal Audit Report
- b. Treasures Monthly Report Ending January 31, 2014
- c. Quarterly Revenue Report

Mrs. Marsh made a motion to accept the District Treasurer's reports
Mr. Lanese seconded the motion

Motion Carried 4/0

1.5 Approval of Building Use Requests

Mrs. Marsh made a motion to approve the following build use request

Twin Town Little League	Saturday March 15, 2014	\$40 an Hour
Cafeteria and Gym	7:30 am to 3:30 pm	

Mr. Lanese seconded the motion

Motion carried 4/0

1.6 Communications to the Board of Education

Mrs. Paone acknowledged the receipt of the following correspondences:

Email from Robin Emanatian, Email from Matt Wade, Letter from Averill Park High School

2.0 Reports to the Board of Education

2.1 District / School Program Report

- a. **Food Service Evaluation** Mr. Bordick shared a letter to the Board of Education from The State Education Department on the review of our food service program. There were no findings in the States review, the records were organized, free and reduced price applications are administered accurately, and the cafeteria atmosphere is pleasant and inviting.
- b. **Strategic Planning Committee Update** Mr. Bordick reported that the group had their 3rd meeting. They are starting to look at where we are as a school district and where we want to be. The next meeting they will be looking at all the information gathered and making more strategic goals. J Steffek added the group is doing really good work; it's alive with ideas and very productive. M. Lutz added he felt they were moving in the right direction. A Marsh added it was a great group of hard working people. There are a lot of good opinions. M Yodis said it was great to have everybody together working for a common goal. Mr. Bordick concluded with a draft of the groups work and findings would be presented to the BOE in the near future.
- c. **PBIS Program** Mrs. Yodis presented a power point presentation about the PBIS program which can be found at the following link
http://www.wynantskillufsd.org/district/documents/2013-14/Bee_Program_PowerPoint_Presentation.pdf
- d. **Little Red Open House** 2/25/14 at 7 pm
- e. **ELA Committee** Mr. Bordick reported that a group of teachers are evaluating programs that enhance the current programs we are using at the school. The teachers involved are looking at what other local schools are using for programs and they will be reporting back in the next couple of weeks with their findings.
- f. **Regents Adjust Common Core Implementation** Mr. Bordick reported that on February 11th the Board of Regents voted to adjust the implementation of the new common core.
- g. **Parents as Reading Partners** Mrs. Curran leads the program, every student will have the opportunity to read with his or her parent or guardian. Guest readers will come to the school as well as there will be a celebrity week.
- h. **Jump Rope for Heart Rally** 2/28/14 at 6 to 8 pm
- i. **District Wide Safety Meeting** Mr. Bordick reported that our internal key people, St. Judes, our local Fire & Sheriff's departments, and Questar health and safety staff gather quarterly to talk about response issues, lock downs procedures, fire evacuation practices. This past meeting they participated in a table top exercise of an apparent threat and how we would respond to it.
- j. **Budget Presentation** Mr. Bordick presented a first draft of the 2014-2015 school budget the power point presentation can be found at the following link
http://www.wynantskillufsd.org/Budget/2014-15/Budget_Presentation_Feb_24_2014.pdf
- k. **Radon Testing** Mr. Bordick reported that radon testing would begin on February 25, 2014. Canisters the size of shoe polish would be placed in the classrooms and administrative areas. The results will be made public as soon as we have them.
- l. **Revised 2013-2014 School Calendar** Mr. Bordick reported that due to emergency closing days we would have to revise the current school calendar. April 14th and April 15th school would be in session to make up the 2 days.

2.2 Board of Education Reports & Updates

- a. **Veteran Tax Exemption** Mr. Bordick reported that recently the State Legislative has a tax exemption for veterans; school districts will have to formally adopt the plan. We will have to do more research on the program. Mr. Bordick supports the program and thinks it's a very noble thing to do. Mrs. Dinan would like to have the origin of the tax break researched. Mrs. Paone agreed that more research needed to be done on the exemption. We will need to evaluate and

project next year during the budget process.

2.3 **PTO Update**

Mrs. Paone read the PTO update. Mr. Bordick added he is very appreciative for the PTO and all that they do for our school.

3.0 Appointments and Authorizations

3.1 Review Recommendations and Approve Resource Allocation to CSE/CPSE

Mrs. Dinan made a motion to approve, Mr. Lanese seconded the motion.
Motion carried 4/0

3.2 Adoption of Board Policies

There are no Adoptions of Board Policies for February 2014

3.3 First Reading of BOE Policies

There are no First Readings of BOE Policies for February 2014

3.4 Approval of Substitutes

There are no Substitute Requests for February 2014

3.5 Approval of Volunteers

Michele French Athletic Department Volunteer & Mrs. Moak's Classroom

Mr. Lanese made a motion to approve, Mrs. Marsh seconded the motion.
Motion carried 4/0

3.6 Approval of Additional Non-Public Transportation Requests

There are no Additional Non-Public Transportation Requests for February 2014

3.7 Approve Christine Baumeister as a Student Teacher for Art Program with Jeanine Mitchell

Mrs. Marsh made a motion to approve, Mr. Lanese seconded the motion.
Motion carried 4/0

3.8 Approve Sharon Hillis for a permanent Superintendents Secretary Position effective February 28, 2014 @ \$39,000 prorated.

Mrs. Marsh made a motion to approve, Mr. Lanese seconded the motion.
Motion carried 4/0

3.9 Approve Elizabeth Jamison for a permanent Teacher's Aide Position \$12.17 Hr. Effective March 3, 2014

Mr. Lanese made a motion to approve, Mrs. Marsh seconded the motion.
Motion carried 4/0

3.10 Approve Cindy Dodge for a permanent Teacher's Aide Position \$12.17 Hr. Effective March 3, 2014

Mrs. Marsh made a motion to approve, Mr. Lanese seconded the motion.
Motion carried 4/0

3.11 Approve Tricia Pendergast for a permanent Teacher's Aide Position \$12.17 Hr. Effective March 3, 2014

Mr. Lanesey made a motion to approve, Mrs. Dinan seconded the motion.
Motion carried 4/0

3.12 Approve Emergency Transportation Request, One Student to Wildwood School 2995 Curry Road Schenectady NY

Mrs. Marsh made a motion to approve, Mr. Lanesey seconded the motion.
Motion carried 4/0

3.13 RESOLVED, By the Board of Education at Wynantskill Union Free School District that Records Retention and Disposition Schedule ED-1, issued pursuant to Article 57-A of the Arts and Cultural Affairs Law, and containing legal minimum retention periods for local government records, is hereby adopted for use by all officers in legally disposing of valueless records listed therein.

FURTHER RESOLVED, that in accordance with Article 57-A:

(a) Only those records will be disposed of that are described in Records Retention and Disposition Schedule ED-1 after they have met the minimum retention periods described therein;

(b) Only those records will be disposed of that do not have sufficient administrative, fiscal, legal, or historical value to merit retention beyond established legal minimum periods.

Mrs. Dinan made a motion to approve, Mr. Lanesey seconded the motion.
Motion carried 4/0

3.14 Approve Catherine Spooner for an unpaid leave of absence for maternity leave, starting on or around May 23, 2014.

Mrs. Marsh made a motion to approve, Mr. Lanesey seconded the motion.
Motion carried 4/0

3.15 Be It Resolved that pursuant to the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the following be appointed to tenure to the position to which they have served the required probationary period as specified below:

Name – Jennifer Kelleher
Tenure Area – Elementary Education
Commencement of Tenure Appointment – 9/1/14
Certification Status – Professional

Mr. Lanesey made a motion to approve, Mrs. Dinan seconded the motion.
Motion carried 4/0

3.16 Be It Resolved that pursuant to the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the following be appointed to tenure to the position to which they have served the required probationary period as specified below:

Name – Lauren Curran
Tenure Area – Elementary Education

Commencement of Tenure Appointment – 9/1/14
Certification Status – Professional

Mr. Lanesev made a motion to approve, Mrs. Marsh seconded the motion.
Motion carried 4/0

3.17 Approve the Revised 2013-2014 School Calendar

Mr. Lanesev made a motion to approve, Mrs. Marsh seconded the motion.
Motion carried 4/0

4.0 Old Business

5.0 New Business

6.0 Informational

- 6.1 Strategic Planning Committee Meeting March 6, 2014 at 7:00 p.m.
- 6.2 Special BOE Meeting March 13, 2014 at 7:00pm
- 6.3 Regular BOE Meeting March 20, 2014 at 7:00 pm
- 6.4 Special BOE Meeting March 27, 2014 at 7:00pm
- 6.5 Public Comment

M. Gavin raised concerns on the class size and the number of classes each grade would have. Meredith wanted to know what the plan is for larger class sizes and support for children without their parents having to fight for it. Mrs. Paone replied that we will be analyzing and working through the budget process before we know if teachers and aides will be added for the upcoming school year. Mr. Bordick added we will be looking at all of our resources to make it all work and the kids will benefit. Meredith just asked that there be communication to those parents whose kids will be affected.

7.0 Request for Executive Session for contracts and personnel

Mrs. Marsh made a motion to enter onto executive session for contracts and personnel at 8:37 p.m.
Mr. Lanesev seconded the motion
Motion carried 4/0

8.0 Return to Open Session

Mrs. Dinan made a motion to return to open session at 9:36 p.m.
Mr. Lanesev seconded the motion
Motion carried 4/0

9.0 Adjournment

Mr. Lanesev made a motion to adjourn at 9:37 p.m.
Mrs. Marsh seconded the motion
Motion carried 4/0

Respectfully submitted,



Sharon Hillis
Clerk of the Board