

**WYNANTSKILL UNION FREE SCHOOL DISTRICT**  
**Regular Meeting of the Board of Education**  
**January 15, 2015 @ 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 7:09 pm 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. December 18, 2014 Regular Meeting

Mr. Lanese made a motion to approve the December 18, 2014 regular meeting minutes. Mrs. Paone seconded the motion. Motion carried 5/0

1.4 Acceptance of Financial Reports

- a. Internal Claims Auditor's Report December 2014
- b. Treasurer's Monthly Report with Budget Transfers
- c. Extra Classroom Activity Fund at 12/31/14
- d. Appropriations Status Report at 12/31/14

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

1.5 Approval of Building Use Requests

Group	Area	Days / Time
Empire Nighthawks	Gym	Saturday; February 7, 2015 @ 8 am – 11 am

Mr. Lanese made a motion to accept the Building Use Request from the Empire Nighthawks for 2/7/15 8 to 11 am. Ms. Gray seconded the motion. Motion Carried 5/0

1.6 Communications to the Board of Education

Mrs. Marsh acknowledged the receipt of the following correspondences:

- a. Email from D. Johnson
- b. Email from M. Gavin

**2.0 Reports to the Board of Education**

2.1 District / School Program Report

- a. 5<sup>th</sup> Grade NY City Field Trip: Mr. Bordick reported that the 5<sup>th</sup> grade class would like to go on a field trip to New York City on June 1<sup>st</sup>. They would be visiting Ellis Island, incorporating the Statue of Liberty and Immigration in to their lesson plans. The trip will cost around \$20 a student;

PTO has been very supportive financially. Parents will be chaperoning the trip and be responsible for their own expenses. The final details of the trip along with the cost are being worked on. Before the formal Board of Education approval the 5<sup>th</sup> grade class will be providing the safety precautions being taken, cost of the trip and agenda for the day.

- b. 7<sup>th</sup> Grade Boston Field Trip: Mr. Bordick reported that the 7<sup>th</sup> grade class would like to take a field trip to Boston. They would be going to the Science Museum and having some time to take in some of the historical sites of the Freedom trail. This trip is also in the planning stages.
- c. High School Fair: Tuesday, January 15<sup>th</sup> was our 2<sup>nd</sup> annual high school fair. The fair was very well organized, the students went to each school's display asking questions and gathering information.
- d. Strategic Planning Meeting: January 28<sup>th</sup> @ 6:30. If anybody would like to join us this will be an open meeting.

## 2.2 Board of Education Reports & Updates

Field Testing: The BOE spoke on their experiences and thoughts on field testing. Some of the discussion subjects were: that the BOE wants the best test for our children, getting more involved in the testing process, finding ways to validate the testing process, finding out how the field testing benefits the commercial business more or less than the state, finding a subject expert and the data on the testing. The BOE will be discussing field testing in more depth at a future workshop.

Mrs. Marsh reported at the February 5<sup>th</sup> workshop the board would compile a list of goals that the board has accomplished this school year.

## 2.3 Principal's Report

Mary Yodis reported with the upcoming field trips the staff is planning projects for before, during and after the field trips. Mr. Lutz will be helping the 5<sup>th</sup> grade team with educational support materials.

NWEA and F&P testing: The students have begun to take test in their classrooms using the laptops. Beth is able to generate test results right away. Meetings with teachers are taking place to drill down on the data to see the growth of each student and to see what areas need to be worked on. Mrs. Yodis reported that she is getting great data and positive results.

Wellness program kicked off the annual Staff Chunk-A-Thon. 14 staff members are competing in a 12 week weight loss program. Blue Shield assists with exercise programs, diet tips and prizes.

Jump Rope for Heart is February 27, 2015

Talent Show participants have been practicing and the kids are having a lot of fun.

Spelling Bee is January 26th @ 9:30 am. Meredith Gavin had an after school club to help the kids with spelling.

## 2.4 Special Education/RtI

Jean Marie Steffek reported on the RtI prevention plan. The Special Education team is looking at how students are doing at the ½ way point for the school year, annual reviews will begin in March. The school has seen fewer referrals this school year, because of RtI program.

## 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

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

3.2 1<sup>st</sup> Reading of BOE Policies

- a. Free and Reduced Price Meal Services # 8520
- b. Meal Charging Policy # 8505
- c. School Admissions # 5150

3.3 Second Reading of BOE Policies

- a. Charging Meals Exhibit # 8505-E
- b. Purchasing # 6700 & 6700-R
- c. Student Wellness # 5405
- d. Computer Use In Instruction # 4526 & 4526-R
- e. Board Member Qualifications # 2121
- f. Community Relations Goals # 1000

3.4 Adoption of Board Policies

- a. Purchasing # 6700 & 6700-R
- b. Student Wellness # 5405
- c. Computer Use In Instruction # 4526 & 4526-R
- d. Board Member Qualifications # 2121
- e. Community Relations Goals # 1000

Mr. Lanese made a motion for the adoption of Board Policy numbers 6700, 6700-R, 5405, 4526, 4526-R, 2121 and 1000. Ms. Gray seconded the motion. Motion carried 5/0

3.5 Approval of Substitutes

Name	Position
Joann Harnden	Non Certified Substitute Teacher
Kimberly Cestaro	Teacher's Aide
Amanda Rich	Non Certified Substitute Teacher
Jay Carpinello	Building and Grounds Custodian (Pending finger print clearance)

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

3.6 Approval of Volunteers

Name	Grade
Keith Hirkawo	Ms. Kinley 3 <sup>rd</sup> Grade Mrs. Mahoney Kindergarten

Mr. Lanese made a motion to approve Mr. Hirkawo as a Kindergarten and 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade classroom volunteer. Ms. Gray seconded the motion. Motion carried 5/0

3.7 Approval of Additional Non-Public Transportation Requests

There are no Additional Non-Public Transportation requests for January 2015

- 3.8 Approve an increase of daily rate of pay for the position of Substitute Teachers Aide to \$65.63 effective 1/1/15

Mr. Lanesey made a motion to approve an increase of daily rate of pay for the position of Substitute Teachers Aide to \$65.63 effective 1/1/15, Ms. Gray seconded the motion. Motion carried 5/0

**Minimum Wage Increase Posting Information:**

The minimum wage in New York State increased to \$8.75 on 12/31/14. Please also note that the rate will increase to \$9.00 on 12/31/15.

The New York State Department of Labor has information on the new minimum wage. Available on the website is information on required postings. The website is <http://labor.ny.gov/workerprotection/laborstandards/workprot/minwage.shtm>

- 3.9 Approve Zachary Fahrenkopf as a student teacher with Matt Lutz Social Studies 1/26/15 to 3/13/15

Mr. Lanesey made a motion to approve Zachary Fahrenkopf as a student teacher with Matt Lutz (Social Studies) 1/26/15 to 3/13/15, Mrs. Paone seconded the motion. Motion carried 5/0

- 3.10 Approval of the Principal's job description

Mrs. Dinan made a motion to approve the Principal's job description, Ms. Gray seconded the motion. Motion carried 5/0

- 3.11 Approve Tammy Miller for an unpaid leave of absence as a Teacher's Aide effective 2/5/15 returning the week of 2/23/15 pending physician approval

Mr. Lanesey made a motion to approve Tammy Miller for an unpaid leave of absence as a Teacher's Aide effective 2/5/15 returning the week of 2/23/15 pending physician approval, Mrs. Paone seconded the motion. Motion carried 5/0

- 3.12 Accept the resignation of Lee A. Bordick, Superintendent effective June 30, 2015

Mr. Lanesey made a motion to accept the resignation of Lee A. Bordick, Superintendent effective June 30, 2015, with regrets. Mrs. Paone seconded the motion. Motion carried 5/0

**4.0 Old Business**

**5.0 New Business**

**6.0 Informational**

- 6.1 Boy & Girls Home Basketball Games 1/21, 1/29, 2/3, 2/4, 2/5
- 6.2 GD has talent January 23, 2015 @ 6:30 pm
- 6.3 Strategic Planning Meeting January 28, 2015 @ 6:30
- 6.3 All County Music Festival @ Troy CSD 1/29 & 1/31
- 6.4 Board of Education Workshop February 5, 2015 @ 7pm
- 6.5 Builders Club Valentines Dance February 6, 2015 @ 7 pm
- 6.6 Regular BOE Meeting February 12, 2015 @ 7 pm
- 6.7 Public Comment

M Gavin: (1) M. Gavin was pleased there was conversation about the field testing, even though she did not agree with the BOE. (2) Mr. Bordick will be missed.

**7.0 Request for Executive Session**

Mrs. Paone made a motion to enter into executive session for personnel matters at 9:06 p.m.  
Mr. Lanese seconded the motion  
Motion carried 5/0

**8.0 Return to Open Session**

Mrs. Paone made a motion to return to open session at 10:02 p.m.  
Mrs. Dinan seconded the motion  
Motion carried 5/0

**9.0 Adjournment**

Mr. Lanese made a motion to adjourn at 10:03 p.m.  
Mrs. Dinan seconded the motion  
Motion carried 5/0

**Respectfully submitted,**



**Sharon Hillis**

**Clerk of the Board**