

**WYNANTSKILL UNION FREE SCHOOL DISTRICT**  
**Regular Meeting of the Board of Education**  
**January 19, 2017**  
**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 7:04 p.m. by Mr. Lanesey.

1.1 Record of Attendance

Mrs. Castle	Present
Mr. Hirokawa	Present
Mr. Lanesey	Present
Mrs. Mack	Present
Mr. Strang	Absent

1.2 Review of Agenda/Additions to Agenda

Dr. Reardon reviewed the agenda.

1.3 Royal Recognition

Discussion: Dr. Reardon and Ms. Mahoney described the criteria of the Royal Recognition program and the excitement behind the 19 Kindergarten students who were recognized. Ms. Mahoney presented a slide show of each of the students reading about their favorite toy.

Ms. Mahoney's Kindergarten Class for exceeding reading and writing expectations for the first half of the 2016-2017 school year.

1. Alex Bebenek	11. Iyana Garcia
2. Allie Hannigan	12. Jack Collins
3. Angelina Crawford	13. Joey Gross
4. Brynn Wood	14. Katie Pakatar
5. Cameron Mahar	15. Liam Dodson
6. Delaney O'Laughlin	16. Logan Shepard
7. Grace Lavigne	17. Logan Wilson
8. Grayson Hurbaneck	18. Madelyn Walsh
9. Hayden Saltus	19. Samuel Ryan
10. Hunter DeLamater	

1.4 Approval of Minutes of Previous Meeting

a. December 15, 2016

Mrs. Castle made a motion to approve the December 15, 2016 regular meeting minutes. Mr. Hirokawa seconded the motion. Motion carried 4/0.

1.5 Acceptance of Financial Reports

- a. Internal Claims Auditor’s Report December 2016
- b. Monthly Treasurer's Report with Budget Transfers
- c. Extra Classroom Quarterly Report

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

1.6 Building use

Group	Time/Dates	Location
NYS PTA	7-9 pm / January 25, 2017	Library
Twin Town Little League	7am -4 pm / March 25, 2017	Gym & Café
Empire Nighthawks	5-9 pm / Mon & Thursday 3/1 to 5/31 12:30-4 pm /January 29, 2017	Gym

Mrs. Castle made a motion to approve the building use requests from NYS PTA, Twin Town Little League and the Empire Nighthawks.  
 Mr. Hirokawa seconded the motion.  
 Motion Carried 4/0.

Discussion:

Karl Yager questioned the 7 – 4 pm time frame.  
 Mrs. Castle clarified the time frame.

1.7 Visitors and Communication

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

Discussion:

Karl Yager asked:

- 1) When the Budget workshops would begin?  
 Dr. Reardon replied in February.
- 2) Status on the marching band.  
 Amanda Rokjer replied that the parade committee has not met as of this date and when they do the subject would be discussed.
- 3) Pre-K how far along is the planning? What is the liability of providing transportation? Will a bus assistant be needed? Why are we providing transportation?  
 Mr. Lanesey replied that the first pre-kindergarten committee meeting will be held on January 26, 2017 from 6:30 to 8 PM.  
 Dr. Reardon clarified the committee goals and process.

**2.0 Reports to the Board of Education**

- 2.1 Board of Education Reports & Updates
- 2.2 District / Superintendent Program Report

Dr. Reardon reported:

- a. Capital Project Update: CSArch reported that we are on schedule with the State Education Department. Bids will go out as soon as we have SED approval and ground breaking is still planned for the spring, 2017.
- b. Budget: The State Aid preliminary numbers have been released. The Wynantskill UFSD foundation aide has been raised approximately 21K. Dr. Reardon explained the content and run from the Governor. In February budget projections for the next school year will be presented with available updated information.

- c. 2 Hour Delay: The district has switched over to a text message notification; families may sign up at [http://www.wynantskillufsd.org/district/text\\_alerts.php](http://www.wynantskillufsd.org/district/text_alerts.php).

2.3 Principal’s Report

Dr. Yodis reported:

- a. NWEA Math & ELA: All of the G-D 363 students have been tested; Mrs. Carbone will be looking at the growth of each student and meeting with teachers in February. Dr. Yodis provided detail on the testing and how each student is measured. Mrs. Carbone will be reporting to the Board of Education at the February meeting.
- b. Spelling Bee: Ryan Bates a 5<sup>th</sup> grader won the 3<sup>rd</sup> annual school spelling bee. February Ryan will be competing at Proctors. Thank you to Mrs. Swart, Mr. Newmark, Mrs. Murphy, Ms. Sepp, Ms. Gavin and Mrs. Czubek.
- c. Science Club: The Children’s Museum is here every Monday after school until April 1<sup>st</sup>. Thank you to Lisa Sternberg.
- d. Faculty Meeting: Dr. Verwys, a parent of a 5<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> grade students and Professor at RPI presented to the K-8 faculty on differentiated assessment.
- e. Arts and Education: Marina McCoola visited with 8<sup>th</sup> grade students to illustrate their writing. They will continue their projects with Mrs. Delaney and Mrs. Mitchell.
- f. Student Teachers from Sage: The new student teachers have arrived for the semester. Last semester 12 students and their professor were here on Fridays reading books to children in the cafeteria and helping in the K-2 classrooms.
- g. High School Fair: Thank you to Mrs. Murphy for organizing another successful high school fair event.

2.4 PTO Update

A PTO report was not provided for January 2017.

**3.0 Appointments and Authorizations**

Consent agenda 3.1 to 3.4

- 3.1 Approve CSE/CPSE Recommendations as per attached.
- 3.2 RESOLVED, that the Board of Education authorizes and directs the Board President to enter into an Amended Employment Contract with the Superintendent, effective July 1, 2017, in a form substantially similar to the draft provided by the School Attorney, which amends and continues the existing Employment Contract dated June 18, 2015.
- 3.3 Approval of Substitutes

<b>Substitute Non-Certified Teacher/Teachers Aide \$70 / Day</b> Jennifer Perrott, Meredith Gavin, Kendra Gross, Branden Crosier, Nicholas Oropallo
<b>Substitute Certified Teacher \$90 / Day</b> Shannon Wilbur
<b>Substitute Food Service Worker, Recess / Cafe Aide \$9.70/Hour</b> Jennifer Perrott, Meredith Gavin

- 3.4 Accept a \$200.00 donation from Paolo Lombardi’s Ristorante.

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

**4.0 Old Business**

**5.0 New Business**

- a. Questar III Annual Meeting Wednesday, April 5, 2017 @ 5 pm  
Discussion:  
The Board of Education will let the Board Clerk know if they would like to attend the event.

b. Questar III Annual Budget Vote Tuesday, April 25, 2017

Discussion:

Mr. Lanese asked if the BOE had to vote on the 25<sup>th</sup>, or could it be any day.

Dr. Reardon explained the Questar III process. The vote time was set for 7 am on the 25<sup>th</sup>.

c. Staff member's children attending Gardner-Dickinson

Discussion:

Mr. Lanese stated that staff had indicated their desire to bring their own children to GD. The Policy Committee will be reviewing the current policy.

Mrs. Mack stated that other schools do allow staff members to bring their children and felt that staff would be more vested in the school community if we allow their children to attend.

Dr. Reardon added the policy is in nonresident student, the 5000 series of the policy manual.

## **6.0 Informational**

6.1 Regular BOE Meeting February 16, 2017 @ 7 pm

6.2 Opportunity for the Public to be Heard

Discussion:

Karl Yager: Questioned the Superintendent's new contract, specifically what kind of money and time were involved. Feels the community should be involved and notified before the contract is signed. Will staff members have to pay to bring their children to GD?

Mr. Lanese replied to Mr. Yager that the Superintendent's contract is being negotiated and that the Policy Committee will be looking at all possible options regarding staff sending their children to GD.

Mrs. Mack added that the school does receive state aid based on enrollment in NWEA.

Meredith Gavin: Stated that parents should be notified when their child are being tested. Ms. Gavin would like the dates posted, similar to what is done for state tests.

Jean Marie Steffek: Happy New Year. She shared her experience with the children and testing after returning from vacation.

Micheline Geise: The school delay text was awesome. Had questions about whether the 7<sup>th</sup> graders would be able to start looking at their high school choice.

Amanda Rokjer: Suggested that the 7<sup>th</sup> graders join the high school fair.

## **7.0 Request for Executive Session**

There was no request for executive session.

## **8.0 Return to Open Session**

## **9.0 Adjournment**

Mr. Hirokawa made a motion to adjourn at 8:00 p.m.

Mrs. Castle 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.