

**WYNANTSKILL UNION FREE SCHOOL DISTRICT**  
**Regular Meeting of the Board of Education**  
**January 21, 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 6:33 pm by Mrs. Dinan.

1.1 Record of Attendance

Mrs. Castle	Present
Mrs. Dinan	Present
Ms. Gray	Present
Mr. Lanese	Present
Mrs. Mack	Present

1.2 Request for Executive Session

Mr. Lanese 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 6:34 p.m.

Mrs. Mack seconded the motion.

Motion carried 5/0.

1.3 Return to Open Session

Mrs. Mack made a motion to return to open session at 7:08 p.m.

Mrs. castle seconded the motion.

Motion carried 5/0.

1.4 Review of Agenda/Additions to Agenda

Dr. Reardon reviewed the agenda.

Dr. Reardon requested an addition to the consent agenda item 3.2

3.2

- a. Name – Elizabeth Bissell  
Tenure Area – Administration Chief Information Officer  
Commencement of Tenure Appointment – 1/22/2016  
Certification Status – Permanent

Mr. Lanese made a motion to add the tenure appointment of Administration Chief Information Officer to consent agenda item 3.2.

Mrs. Mack seconded the motion.

Motion carried 5/0.

1.5 Approval of Minutes of Previous Meeting

- a. December 17, 2015

Mr. Lanese made a motion to approve the December 17, 2015 regular meeting minutes.

Mrs. Castle seconded the motion.

Motion carried 5/0.

1.6 Acceptance of Financial Reports

- a. Internal Claims Auditor's Report December 2015
- b. Treasurer's Monthly Report with Budget Transfers
- c. Extra Classroom Quarterly Report as of 12/31/15

Mrs. Castle made a motion to accept the District Treasurer’s Financial Reports.  
 Mrs. Mack seconded the motion.  
 Motion carried 5/0.

1.7 Building Use

Group	Day/Time	Location
Twin Town Little League	Saturday; April 2, 2016	Cafe / Gym

Mr. Lanesey made a motion to approve the building use request from the Twin Town Little League.  
 Mrs. Castle seconded the motion.  
 Motion Carried 5/0.

1.8 Visitors and Communication

- a. Communications to the Board of Education
  - 1. Email from Kyran Devery
- b. Opportunity for the Public to be Heard
  - 1. Mr. Devery: Veterans Tax Exemption

**2.0 Reports to the Board of Education**

2.1 Board of Education Reports & Updates

- a. Dr. Cruz Questar III (Veterans Tax Exemption)  
 Dr. Cruz, Matthew Sloane, Harry Hadjioannou and Michelle Leavings spoke to the Board of Education about NYSED appointments, an overview of Questar III appointments and services available to the district, the Every Student Succeeds Act and the Veterans Tax Exemptions.

2.2 District / Superintendent Program Report

- a. Governor’s released his preliminary budget. The budget process has begun with our management team; currently we are looking at program and some hard numbers. We will be reporting out when we have some more solid numbers.
- b. Superintendents council meeting will take place at Questar III on Friday 1/22/16.
- c. February 3<sup>rd</sup> Little Red Open House.
- d. NYSBA policy review is on schedule and we should have the first series by the end of January.
- e. APPR 3012-d negotiations, the commissioner did remove the state assessment component and the state waver will be accepted for the entire school year.
- f. Capital Project: Ed Anker was in for a project update meeting. We are on schedule and in the state queue for review. If everything goes as planned we should break ground in March or April of 2017.

2.3 Principal’s Report

- a. Baby Lutz has arrived, Congratulations Matt and Lyndsey.
- b. NWEA: Math and Ela testing is complete. 348 students have been tested including an oral reading and comprehension assessment that is given 1:1 with the classroom teacher.
- c. The 1<sup>st</sup> week of February the data team will be meeting on each child’s progress in the school.
- d. Jean Marie Steffek and Rebecca Delaney presented to the elementary faculty strategies to teach explicit vocabulary. Use of video, hand on lessons and a nice take a way for the staff.
- e. Arts and Education had a home spun dancers. Storytelling, Songs and Dance. We

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offered a free concert at night as well as the students went through the program during the day. Thank you to Laurie Albright for organizing this event.

f. Tuesday was the High School Choice fair. Five High Schools attended. Thank you Amy Murphy for putting this together. This a great experience for the kids to get around seeing all of the schools at one time.

2.4 PTO Update

Kyle Belokopitsky provided the PTO report.

**3.0 Appointments and Authorizations**

3.1 Approve CSE/CPSE Recommendations as per attached.

Mrs. Castle made a motion to approve CSE/CPSE recommendations.  
Mr. Lanese seconded the motion.  
Motion carried 5/0.

3.2 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 – Elizabeth Bissell  
Tenure Area – Elementary Education  
Commencement of Tenure Appointment – 1/22/2016  
Certification Status – Permanent

Mr. Lanese made a motion to approve Elizabeth Bissell tenure area appointment in elementary education as of 1/22/2016.  
Mrs. Castle seconded the motion.  
Motion carried 5/0

a. 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 – Elizabeth Bissell  
Tenure Area – Administration Chief Information Officer  
Commencement of Tenure Appointment – 1/22/2016  
Certification Status – Permanent

Mr. Lanese made a motion to approve Elizabeth Bissell’s tenure area appointment in Administration Chief Information Officer as of 1/22/2016.  
Mrs. Castle seconded the motion.  
Motion carried 5/0.

3.3 Approval of Substitutes

<b>Substitute Bus Aide / Custodian \$12 Hour</b>
James Donald McAuliffe

Mr. Lanese made a motion to approve the above listed substitute.  
Ms. Gray seconded the motion.  
Motion carried 5/0.

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- 3.4 Accept the resignation of Mary Alice Newell for Extra-Curricular appointment (All County Chorus Chaperone) effective 12/23/2015.

Mr. Lanese made a motion to accept resignation of Mary Alice Newell for Extra-Curricular appointment (All County Chorus Chaperone) effective 12/23/2015.

Mrs. Castle seconded the motion.

Motion carried 5/0.

- 3.5 Approve Sam Swart for Extra-Curricular appointment (All County Chorus Chaperone) for the 2015-2016 school year as per the WTA contract.

Mr. Lanese made a motion to approve the Sam Swart for Extra-Curricular appointment (All County Chorus Chaperone) for the 2015-2016 school year as per the WTA contract.

Ms. Gray seconded the motion.

Motion carried 5/0.

- 3.6 Approve Robert Cushing as a probationary Bus Driver @ \$15.91/Hr. effective January 22, 2016.

Ms. Gray made a motion to approve Robert Cushing as a probationary Bus Driver @ \$15.91/Hr. effective January 22, 2016.

Mr. Lanese seconded the motion.

Motion carried 5/0.

- 3.7 Approval of Additional Non-Public Transportation Requests

a. 1 Student to LaSalle Institute.

Mr. Lanese made a motion to approve transportation for 1 student to LaSalle Institute.

Mrs. Mack seconded the motion.

Motion carried 5/0.

- 3.8 Approve Jenna Easton (St. Rose student) as a student teacher with Stephanie Carbone (Speech) beginning 1/25/16 to 5/18/16.

Mrs. Castle made a motion to approve Jenna Easton (St. Rose student) as a student teacher with Stephanie Carbone (Speech) beginning 1/25/16 to 5/18/16.

Mr. Lanese seconded the motion.

Motion carried 5/0.

- 3.9 Approval of 2016-2017 Wynantskill Union Free School District Budget Calendar.

Mr. Lanese made a motion to approve the 2016-2017 Wynantskill Union Free School District Budget Calendar.

Ms. Gray seconded the motion.

Motion carried 5/0.

#### **4.0 Old Business**

#### **5.0 New Business**

#### **6.0 Informational**

6.1 Regular BOE Meeting February 11, 2016 @ 7 pm

6.2 Opportunity for the Public to be Heard

K Belokopitsky: Voiced concerns with the current size of the 1<sup>st</sup> grade class. Mrs. Belokopitsky

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requested that the Board of Education members reach out to our Legislators for services.

M Geise: The Christmas concert was the best ever.

#### **7.0 Request for Executive Session**

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Mrs. Castle seconded the motion.

Motion carried 5/0.

#### **8.0 Return to Open Session**

Mrs. Castle made a motion to return to open session at 10:20 p.m.

Mr. Lanesey seconded the motion.

Motion carried 5/0.

#### **9.0 Adjournment**

Mrs. Mack made a motion to adjourn at 10:23 p.m.

Mr. Lanesey seconded the motion.

Motion carried 5/0.

**Respectfully submitted,**



**Sharon Hillis  
Clerk of the Board**