

WYNANTSKILL UNION FREE SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF EDUCATION-EXECUTIVE MEETING
June 13, 2013
GARDNER-DICKINSON SCHOOL
District Office

1.0 Request for Executive Session

Mrs. Marsh made a motion to enter Executive Session for Personnel and contract negotiations at 8:20 p.m.
Mr. Lanese seconded.
Motion carried: 4-0

1.1 Recording of Attendance

Mrs. Curran- absent
Mr. Hug- present
Mr. Lanesey-present
Mrs. Marsh – present
Mrs. Paone- present

1.2 Appoint Acting Board Clerk

Mrs. Marsh made a motion to appoint Dr. Henkel, Acting Board Clerk
Mr. Lanesey seconded
Motion carried: 4-0

2.0 The Wynantskill Board of Education reviewed and agreed that probable cause exist to bring charges against an employee

Mr. Lanesey made the motion
Mrs. Marsh seconded
Motion carried: 4-0

Note: Mr. Hug left Executive Session at 8:51 p.m.

3.0 Board returned to open session at 10:00p.m.

Mr. Lanesey made a motion to return to open session at 10:00 p.m.
Mrs. Marsh seconded.
Motion carried: 3-0

4.0 Adjournment

Mrs. Marsh made a motion to adjourn at 10:01 p.m.
Mr. Lanesey seconded
Motion carried: 3-0

Respectfully submitted,

Dr. Lisa Henkel
Acting Board Clerk

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MEDIA CENTER**

1.0 Call to Order and Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag

The meeting of the Board of Education was called to order at 7:05 p.m. by Mrs. Paone

1.1 Recording of Attendance

The District Clerk called the roll:

Mrs. Curran- absent
Mr. Hug- present
Mr. Lanesey- present
Mrs. Marsh – present
Mrs. Paone- present

Others Present: Dr. Lisa Henkel, Superintendent/Principal

1.2 Review of Agenda/Additions

Mrs. Paone reviewed the Agenda.

1.3 Approval of Minutes of Previous Meeting(s)

Mrs. Marsh made a motion to approve the following minutes of the Board of Education:

May 16, 2013 Regular Meeting

Mr. Lanesey seconded.
Motion carried: 4-0

1.4 Acceptance of District Treasurer's Report

Mr. Lanesey made a motion to accept the District Treasurer's Report for:

Month ending April 30, 2013
Month ending May 31, 2013

Mrs. Marsh seconded.
Motion carried: 4-0

1.5 Approval of Building Use Requests

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

<u>Group Name</u>	<u>day of week</u>	<u>dates</u>	<u>area</u>	<u>time</u>
YMCA Y-Time	Mon-Fri	2013-2014	Café	2:15-5:30

Mr. Lanesey seconded
Motion carried: 4-0

1.6 Communications to the Board of Education:

No communications were received

2.0 Reports to the Board of Education

2.1 District / School Program Report

Field Day will be on Tuesday, June 18 with a rain date of Wednesday, June 19. A special thank you to the Gardner Dickinson PTO for their continued support for not only field day but all the other events, programs, field trips and more.

The school library will be sponsoring a summer reading program. Information will be going home next week.

Our kindergarten and first grade classes went on a field trip to the North Greenbush Library to get library cards.

Mrs. McKenna will be retiring at the end of this school year. Thank you for all the years of dedication to the school.

The Sage Reading Program has had an enormous response and participation.

The district has applied and is still in the running for a science grant. If awarded, the district will be using the grant to upgrade the GD community garden. Thank you Mr. Mesh and Mrs. Ryan for all your hard work.

The district has been in communication with the third grade parents with updates on additional classroom support.

A Teacher Assistant position has been included in the 13-14 school budget and will be in place for the beginning of the school year for kindergarten and fourth grade classroom support.

Common Core and APPR standards have been implemented. Our faculty has been working very hard to meet all the mandated standards. Mrs. Hancock has been meeting with students every morning prior to first period to make sure all the students are on track at the end of the school year.

Many teachers state wide attended a rally over the June 8 weekend at the capital regarding APPR concerns.

On June 19 we will graduate 32 kindergartners, our drama club will present the Wizard of Oz on

Wednesday evening and our 8th grade class will graduate on Thursday, June 19.

Comments: Mr. Hug applauded the Sage Reading Program. His children love attending.

Mrs. Paone asked where the 8th grade students were going for high school?

Mrs. Murphy responded: Tech Valley HS-4 Brittonkill – 1 East Greenbush – 1 Averill Park - 16 and Troy - 15

2.2 Board of Education Reports and Updates

None

2.3 PTO Report

Mrs. Czubek reported the Mother/Son event will be Friday, June 14. There are currently 2 open PTO board positions available, the Valley Cats day is in two weeks and they are looking into a catered parent/teacher event next year.

3.0 Appointments and Authorizations

3.1 Review Recommendations and Approve Resource Allocations to CSE/CPSE

Mr. Lanese made a motion to approve the Resource Allocations to CSE/CPSE

Mrs. Marsh seconded

Motion carried: 4-0

3.2 Adoption of Board Policies

No policies were presented for adoption

3.3 First Reading of Board Policies/Plans

No policies were presented for first reading

3.4 Certification of Budget Vote, Bus Proposition and Board Election Results

Mrs. Marsh made a motion to accept the certification of the 2013-2014 Budget Vote, Bus Proposition and Board of Education Election results.

Mr. Lanese seconded
Motion carried: 4-0

3.5 Approve Snow Removal Service Contract to High Tech Lawn & Snow Services for 2013-2014 School year

Mr. Lanese made a motion to approve the snow removal service contract to High Tech Lawn & Snow Services for the 2013-2014 school year

Mrs. Marsh seconded
Motion carried: 3-0-1 Mr. Hug abstained

3.6 Approve Trash Removal Service Contract to Waste Management for 2013-2014 School year

Mr. Lanese made a motion to approve the trash removal service contract to Waste Management for the 2013-2014 school year

Mrs. Marsh seconded.
Motion carried: 4-0

3.7 Approve Transportation Maintenance, Storage of Vehicles & Vehicle Service Contract to Mulsons Garage for 2013-2014 School Year

Mr. Lanese made a motion to approve the Transportation Maintenance, Storage of Vehicle and Vehicle Service Contract to Mulsons Garage for the 2013-2014 School year

Mrs. Marsh seconded.
Motion carried: 4-0

3.8 Approve 2013-2014 Transportation Contract with North Greenbush Common School District

Mr. Lanese made a motion to approve the 2013-2014 Transportation Contract with the North Greenbush Common School District

Mrs. Marsh seconded.
Motion carried: 4-0

3.9 Approve Transportation Supervisor for 2013-2014 School Year

Mrs. Marsh made a motion to approve Barbara Cole as Transportation Supervisor effective 07/01/2013-06/30-2014 @ \$25.00/hour not to exceed \$18,000.00

Mr. Lanese seconded.
Motion carried: 4-0

3.10 Approve Business Official Consultant for 2013-2014 School year

Mr. Lanese made a motion to approve Gail Lathrop as Business Official Consultant effective 07/01/2013-06/30-2014 @ \$55.00/hour not to exceed \$40,000.00

Mrs. Marsh seconded.
Motion carried: 4-0

3.11 Personnel

Mrs. Paone stated this agenda item would not be addressed at this time.

3.12 Approve 2013-2014 Board of Education Meeting Calendar

Mr. Lanesey made a motion to approve the 2013-2014 Board of Education meeting schedule as presented

Mrs. Marsh seconded.
Motion carried: 4-0

3.13 Accept gift card from CapCom

Mr. Lanesey made a motion to accept a gift card in the amount of \$500.00 from CapCom for athletic equipment

Mrs. Marsh seconded.
Motion carried: 4-0

3.14 Approve funding of District Reserves using excess Fund Balance

Mr. Lanesey made a motion to fund the District Reserves using excess fund balance

Mrs. Marsh seconded.
Motion carried: 4-0

3.15 Approve summer bus drivers for July 1-Aug 9, 2013 summer school transportation

Mr. Lanesey made a motion to approve the summer bus drivers from July 01-Aug 09, 2013 for summer school transportation.

Mrs. Marsh seconded
Motion carried: 4-0

3.16 Approve the 2013-2014 Student Attendance Calendar

Mr. Lanesey made a motion to approve the 2013-2014 Student Attendance Calendar

Mrs. Marsh seconded.
Motion carried: 4-0

3.17 Accept the resignation for the purpose of retirement for Nancy McKenna effective June 20, 2013

Mr. Lanesey made with regret, a motion to accept the resignation of Mrs. Nancy McKenna effective June 20, 2013

Mrs. Marsh seconded.
Motion carried: 4-0

4.0 Old Business

4.1 Board Summer Retreat. The summer retreat for the Board of Education has been set for Friday, July 26 from 8:00 am-4:00 pm at BOCES Questar III Conference Room.

5.0 New Business

Mr. Lanesey recognized the fourth grade class for the great experience on their field trip to the State Capital and for the wonderful job on the wax museum.

6.0 Informational

6.1 Board of Education Annual Reorganization meeting will be Thursday, July 11 at 7:00 pm in the school library with the Regular Meeting of the Board of Education to immediately follow

6.2 Public Comment

Prior to the public comment section of the agenda, Board President Paone requested due to the number of individuals requesting to speak, that each speaker keep their comments under 3 minutes, be respectful and not to speak of personnel issues. The Board is aware many parents are here to address a specific class. The Board would like to state they are all here to provide a safe educational environment for the children. However, specific concerns regarding personnel or specific student concerns cannot be discussed in open forum. Because specifics cannot be discussed, a comment form will be passed out to the public and will be reviewed in Executive Session. Dr. Henkel will be available to discuss all concerns in private.

1. D. Nardacci, Parent. Mrs. Nardacci read from a prepared statement expressing her concerns with third grade classroom support. A copy was given to the Board Clerk.

2. S. Czubek, Parent. Mrs. Czubek asked a question regarding the recall eligibility for faculty laid off due to enrollment.

3. S. Ryan, Parent. Mrs. Ryan asked a question regarding the Teacher Assistant being hired and if a classroom aide would still be in the same room.

(ans) Now that the kindergarten assessments are complete, an Aide will be in the kindergarten classroom full time. The Teacher Assistant will split time between the kindergarten class and fourth grade class.

She also asked what the boy –vs- girl ratio was going to be for the incoming kindergarten.

(ans) The exact ratio information was not available.

4. M. Gavin, Parent. Ms. Gavin stated she attended the rally over the weekend at the Capital. She expressed her concerns with the situation of the current third grade classroom and requested the current third grade class be split into two classrooms for 2013-2014 school year.

5. M. Geise, Parent. Mrs. Geise thanked Mrs. Yodis for bringing the Sage Reading Program to Gardner Dickinson. She questioned why it took so long for additional support to be added in Math and ELA if the district knew the number of students below level back in December 2012. She also expressed concern for her child's low moral and unhappiness with school.

*Because she was speaking about her child personally, Ms. Geise was asked by Mrs. Paone to contact Dr. Henkel for a private meeting.

6. A. Dressel, Parent. Mrs. Dressel thanked Mrs. Yodis for bringing the Sage Reading Program to Gardner Dickinson and asked if it could be brought back in September. She also asked to be notified if field day was going to be moved to Wednesday because of planned activities for the kindergarten graduation that day. She also thanked the kindergarten teachers for the fun field trip to the North Greenbush Library. Ms. Dressel also asked questions regarding the schedule of the Teacher Assistant being hired for 2013-2014 school year.

7. D. Alcombright, Resident. Ms. Alcombright is a Grand Mother to students attending Gardner Dickinson. She expressed concern with the class size of the fourth grade class next year.

8. P. Mesh, Faculty Member. Mr. Mesh commented on the return of Mrs. Audi to the café. He thanked Mrs. Albert and Ms. Hubbard for doing a great job in the café during her absence. He thanked Mrs. Yodis for bringing the Sage Reading Program to Gardner Dickinson and commented how much his students love attending. Mr. Mesh asked if the Board would be returning to open session after Executive Session. He also attended the Teacher rally on the State Capital and learned of a return to learning after experiencing a concussion policy as well as a return to sports policy. He asked a few questions regarding the impending new Teacher Assistant for next year. On a final note, Mr. Mesh stated he enjoyed working with Mr. Sulz this year and if there is a way to keep the current faculty family in tact for 2013-2014 please do so.

9. F. Geise, Non Resident. Mr. Geise is a Grandfather to students attending Gardner Dickinson. He expressed concern with the class size of the fourth grade class next year.

10. Mrs. Bucher, Faculty Member. Mrs. Bucher asked if the Board received her letter. Mrs. Paone acknowledged receiving the letter but that it was addressed to her and not the entire board which is why it was not acknowledged during the communication to the board section of the agenda.

11. Mrs. Steffek, Faculty Member. Mrs. Steffek thanked the board for listening to everyone tonight. To the faculty, even without a contract, thank you for all your support with the students and she commended the parents for their passion and support for their children.

12. J. Flannery, Parent. Mrs. Flannery asked for an explanation with the situation of the current third grade classroom and requested the current third grade class be split into two classrooms for 2013-2014 school year. Mrs. Flannery also had questions regarding the certification of the proposed Teaching Assistant.

7.0 Request for Executive Session for Contract and Personnel at 8:20 pm

Mrs. Marsh made a motion to enter into Executive Session at 8:20 pm for personnel matters.

Mr. Lanese seconded.

Motion carried: 4-0

Note: Mr. Hug left Executive Session at 8:51 pm

8.0 Return to Open Session

The board returned to open session at 10:00 pm

9.0 Adjournment

Mrs. Marsh made a motion to adjourn at 10:01 pm

Mr. Lanese seconded

Motion carried: 3-0

Respectfully submitted,

Kathryn Fazioli

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Clerk of the Board