

**WYNANTSKILL UNION FREE SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF EDUCATION
March 17, 2011
GARDNER-DICKINSON SCHOOL
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 7:35 p.m. by Mrs. Paone

1.1 Recording of Attendance

The District Clerk called the roll:

Mrs. Casale- present
Mrs. Curran- present
Mr. Lanese- present
Mrs. Marsh - present
Mrs. Paone- present

Others Present: Ms. Christine Hamill, Superintendent
: Mr. Jack Lynskey, Principal

1.2 Review of Agenda/Additions

Ms. Hamill reviewed the Agenda.

1.3 Approval of Minutes of Previous Meeting(s)

Mr. Lanese made a motion to approve the minutes from the February 17, 2011 Meeting of the Board of Education.

Mrs. Curran seconded.
Motion carried: 5-0

1.4 Acceptance of District Treasurer's Report

Mrs. Marsh made a motion to accept the District Treasurer's Report

Mrs. Casale seconded.
Motion carried: 5-0

1.5 Approval of Building Use Requests

Mr. Lanese made a motion to approve the Building Use Request as presented (attached)

Mrs. Curran seconded.
Motion carried: 5-0

1.6 Communications to the Board of Education:

Mrs. Paone acknowledged receipt of a letter from Lisa Parrantino, Parent.
Mrs. Marsh commented on the current procedure regarding high school choice visitation schedules –vs- choice deadline. Ms. Hamill will investigate current policy and report back to the board at a future meeting.

1.7 Royal Recognition

The board recognized the 2010 Boys and Girls Basketball Teams

2.0 Reports to the Board of Education

2.1 Principal's Report

Mr. Lynskey congratulated our 3 Odyssey of the Mind Teams for placing 1st in Division I, 1st in Division II and 2nd in Division III out of 71 teams. Our 1st place finishers will now compete at the state level this weekend.

Wynantskill also received a National Recognition Certificate as a High Honors Music School

2.2 Building and Grounds Report

Mrs. Paone reviewed the Buildings and Grounds Report from Neal Benassi, Buildings and Grounds Supervisor (see attached)

2.3 Transportation Report

None

2.4 Board of Education Report – Ad Hoc Committee Report, Mr. Dave Sicko and Ms. Diane Albano, Facilitators

The committee presented its final presentation to the Board. The presentation can be found on the school web page.

2.5 PTO Report

Mrs. Paone reviewed the PTO Report from Michelle Lavoy, PTO President (see attached)

CHANGE IN AGENDA

The Board will now move to Public Comment. Mrs. Paone read a statement to the audience advising that no names were to be used, to be respectful and to keep all comments under 5 minutes. She also advised the audience that the board will only discuss personnel issues in Executive Session.

Lisa Hancock, WTA Union President. Mrs. Hancock advised the Board that Employee A will now be represented by WTA Union Council for a personnel issue.

The following speakers voiced their support for their child's classroom teacher. They also expressed their disappointment with the district for not informing the affected students' parents of the situation.

Susan Czubek, Parent

Christine Sano, Parent

Tina Therrien, Parent

Matt Hug, Parent

Phil Ryan, Parent

Kelly Hug, parent

Phyllis Razano, Grandparent

Mary Zacara, Parent

Amanda Killian, Parent

Ron Cremisio, Grandparent. Mr Cremisio complimented the Educational Program his grandchild has received at Gardner Dickinson and questioned the status of the district's self contained classroom for future disabled children.

Eric Strang, Parent. Mr. Strang commented that the public needs to contact their politicians to get support for the school districts. The community needs to come together in these trying times.

3.0 Appointments and Authorizations

3.1 Approval of recommendations of CSE/CPSE

Mr. Lanese made a motion to approve the recommendations of CSE/CPSE

Mrs. Curran seconded
Motion carried: 5-0

3.2 Adoption of Board Policies

Mrs. Casale made a motion to revise the following Board Policies:

0100	Equal Opportunity and Nondiscrimination	(orig. adoption date 03/16/2006)
5020.3	Students with Disabilities under Section 504	(orig. adoption date 11/1997)
5151	Homeless Children	(orig. adoption date 03/16/2006)

Mr. Lanese seconded
Motion carried: 5-0

3.3 First Reading of Board Policies/Plans

A first reading was presented on the following Board Policies:

1741	Home Schooled Students
5550	Student Privacy

3.4 Approval of Substitutes

Mrs. Marsh made a motion to approve the following individual(s) as Substitute Teachers for 2010-2011 school year

Mr. Lanese seconded.

<u>Name</u>	<u>Certification</u>
Andrew Lefebvre	Childhood Ed. 1-6 Special Education

Motion carried: 5-0

3.5 Approval of Volunteers

No applicants were presented for approval

3.6 Approval of External Audit Services

Mrs. Marsh made a motion to approve Mr. Scott Preusser, CPA, PC, as External Auditor for 3 years (2010-2013) at a rate of \$13,200 per year.

Mr. Lanese seconded
Motion carried: 5-0

3.7 Approval of Baseball and Softball Coaches for 2010-2011 Season

Mrs. Curran made a motion to approve the following coaches:

Softball	Kate Cronin & Keith Akots
Baseball	Bob DeBenedetti

Mrs. Curran seconded
Motion carried: 5-0

3.8 Approve Removal of In-Active Substitutes

Mrs. Marsh made a motion to approve the removal of in-active substitutes from the 2010-2011 list

Carey Foley	Certified Teacher	LOA position elsewhere
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Mrs. Casale seconded.
Motion carried: 5-0

3.9 Approve Addition of Snow Date to District Calendar

Mrs. Curran made a motion to approve adding June 24, 2011 as the make up date if an additional snow day is necessary during the 2010-2011 school year.

Mr. Lanese seconded.
Motion carried: 4 – 1 (Mrs. Marsh voted against)

3.10 Approval of Overnight Trip for Odyssey of the Mind Teams

Mrs. Curran made a motion to approve the overnight trip to Binghamton University March 25-26, 2011 for the State Competition of Odyssey of the Mind

Mr. Lanese seconded.
Motion carried: 5-0

4.0 Old Business

4.1 Update on 2011-2012 Budget Development Process

The first budget workshop was held March 9, 2011. The next workshop will be March 30, 2011 at 7:00 pm in the Library/media Center.

All workshop / budget information can be found on the district web page

5.0 New Business

5.1 Board Presentation: Response to Intervention Update.
Kristin Morrow, Coordinator of Curriculum
Jean Marie Steffek, CSE/CPSE Chair
Stephanie Carbone, Speech and Language
Judy Dutton, Reading Coordinator

5.2 Set time for BOCES Budget Vote / Board Member Elections April 26, 2011 for 8:15 AM in the District Office

5.3 Review of proposed 2011-2012 District Calendar

6.0 Informational

- 6.1 Board Budget Workshop March 30, 2011 @ 7:00 pm in the Library/Media Center**
- 6.2 BOCES Annual Dinner Meeting April 6, 2011 @ 5:45 pm**
- 6.3 Next Regular Meeting of the Board of Education: April 14, 2011 at 7:30 pm in the Library / Media Center**
- 6.4 BOCES Budget Vote / Board Elections April 26, 2011**

7.0 Request for Executive Session – Personnel

Mrs. Curran made a motion to enter Executive Session at 10:05 pm
Mrs. Marsh seconded.
Motion carried: 5-0

8.0 Board returned from Executive Session at 12:08 am March 18, 2011

Mr. Lanese made a motion to return to open session at 12:08 am March 18, 2011
Mrs. Curran seconded.
Motion carried: 5- 0

8.1 Board Resolution

Mrs. Curran made a motion to approve the following Resolution:

Whereas, The Board of Education of the Wynantskill Union Free School District, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, requires that Employee A submit to an examination under New York State Education Law § 913.

NOW, IT IS THEREFORE, RESOLVED:

1. That in accordance with Section 913 of the Education Law, Employee A is hereby required and directed to submit and to appear for a full and complete psychological examination at Union Street Counseling Service to determine the employee's capacity to perform the duties required of such employee.

Mrs. Casale seconded
Motion carried: 5-0

9.0 Adjournment

Mrs. Marsh made a motion to adjourn at 12:11 am March 18, 2011
Mr. Lanese seconded
Motion carried: 5-0

Respectfully submitted,

Kathryn Fazioli
Clerk of the Board