

**WYNANTSKILL UNION FREE SCHOOL DISTRICT  
BOARD OF EDUCATION  
March 18, 2009  
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 xx p.m. by Mrs. Paone

**1.1 Recording of Attendance**

The District Clerk called the roll:

Mrs. Casale-present  
Mrs. Curran-present  
Mrs. Hoffman-present  
Mrs. Marsh –present  
Mrs. Paone-present

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

Public: 30

**1.2 Review of Agenda/Additions**

Ms. Hamill reviewed the Agenda.

**1.3 Approval of Minutes of Previous Meeting(s)**

Mrs. Curran made a motion to approve the minutes from the February 18, 2010 Meeting of the Board of Education.

\*Mrs. Hoffman and Mrs. Casale abstained from voting because they were not at the February 18, 2010 Meeting

Mrs. Marsh seconded.  
Motion carried: 3-0-2\*

**1.4 Acceptance of District Treasurer's Report**

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

Mrs. Hoffman seconded.  
Motion carried 5-0

**1.5 Approval of Building Use Requests**

Mrs. Curran made a motion to approve the Building Use Request (attached) as presented.

Mrs. Casale seconded  
Motion carried 5-0

## **1.6 Communications to the Board of Education**

The Board received a thank you note from the Odyssey of the Mind Teams thanking them for their support.

## **1.7 Royal Recognition**

The Board recognized the 2009-2010 Boys and Girls Basketball Teams.

## **2.0 Reports to the Board of Education**

### **2.1 Principal's Report**

Odyssey of the Mind had 2 teams participate in the local competition. Group 1, made up of 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> graders finished 4<sup>th</sup> overall out of 12 teams. Group 2, made up of 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> graders finished in 1<sup>st</sup> place and will now go to the State competition on March 26 at Binghamton University.

### **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**

Mrs. Paone reviewed the Transportation Report from Bonnie Cole, Interim Transportation Supervisor (see attached)

### **2.4 Board of Education Report**

Presentation by Mr. Craig Hansen, Director of Health & Safety Services, Questar III.

Mr. Hansen gave a brief overview of the level of services provided by Questar III to the district. They provide a comprehensive safety plan along with annual and bi-annual safety inspections, provide training to staff, and keep the district informed and up to date on all state mandated regulations. By streamlining and consolidation of these services thru Questar III, the district has been able to show cost savings.

Board President Paone and Superintendent Hamill attended a second seminar on March 6, 2010 on Strategies for Surviving and Thriving in a Financial Crisis presented by Mr. James Baldwin, District Superintendent of School, Questar III.

The second Board Retreat was held on March 5, 2010. The major topic being the 2010-2011 budget. Ideas were discussed on ways to keep the community involved in the 2010-2011 Budget process.

### **2.5 PTO Report**

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

## **3.0 Appointments and Authorizations**

### **3.1 Approval of recommendations of CSE/CPSE**

Mrs. Casale made a motion to approve the recommendations of CSE/CPSE

Mrs. Curran seconded  
Motion carried 5-0

### **3.2 Adoption of Board Policies**

No Board Policies were presented for Adoption

### **3.3 First Reading of Board Policies/Plans**

The Board reviewed first readings on the following Board policies:

- 4321.1 Provision of Special Education Services in the Least Restrictive Environment
- 4321.2 School-wide Pre-referral Approaches and Interventions
- 4321.8 Impartial hearing Officer Appointment and Compensation (formally 4321.4)
- 4321.11 Public Report on Revisions to District Policies, Practices and Procedures upon a Finding of Significant Disproportionality
- 4321.12 Use of Time Out Rooms, Physical Restraints and Aversives
- 5300.50 Discipline of Students with Disabilities

### **3.4 Approval of Substitutes**

No additional substitutes were presented to the Board

### **3.5 Approval of Volunteers**

No additional volunteers were presented to the Board

### **3.6 Approval of Additional Non-Public Transportation Requests**

No additional Non-Public Transportation Requests were presented to the Board

### **3.7 Approval of Construction Change Order(s)**

Mrs. Marsh made a motion to approve a Construction Change Order in the amount of \$4,517.00 for the installation of horizontal blinds on the upper portion of all south side windows.

Mrs. Curran seconded.  
Motion carried: 5-0

### **3.8 Approval of Permanent Bus Driver / Custodian**

Mrs. Hoffman made a motion to approve Sharon Moreau as Permanent Bus Driver / Custodian (6 hrs/day) effective March 8, 2010.

Mrs. Marsh seconded.  
Motion carried: 5-0

### **3.9 Approval of Odyssey of the Mind Overnight Trip to the State Competition at Binghamton University March 26, 2010**

Mrs. Curran made a motion to approve the Overnight Trip to the State Competition at Binghamton University March 26, 2010.

Mrs. Marsh seconded  
Motion carried: 5-0

### **3.10 Approval of MOA (Retirement Incentive) with the WTA**

Mrs. Casale made a motion to approve the MOA (Retirement Incentive) with the WTA

Mrs. Hoffman seconded  
Motion carried: 5-0

### **3.11 Approval of Donation**

Mrs. Curran made a motion to approve the donation of a Flute to the Instrumental Music Program from Mr. and Mrs. Chris Marsh.

Mrs. Casale seconded  
Motion carried: 5-0

### **3.12 Approval of Modifies Baseball and Softball Coaches**

Mrs. Hoffman made a motion to approve the 2009-2010 Modified Baseball and Softball Coaches as per WTA Contract.

The Modified Baseball Co-Coaches will be: Mr. Matt Lutz and Mr. Paul Moore.  
The Modified Softball Co-Coaches will be: Mr. Paul Van Leuven and Mr. Keith Akots.

Mrs. Casale seconded  
Motion carried: 5-0

### **3.13 Rescind 3.8 Decision from February 18, 2010 Board of Education Meeting**

Mrs. Curran made a motion to rescind 3.8 Decision from the February 18, 2010 Board of Education Meeting

Mrs. Marsh seconded  
Motion carried: 5-0

## **4.0 Old Business**

### **4.1 Update on Capital Renovation project (Final Phase)**

Phase III (final phase) has been approved by SED. Bid requests are out. Opening of the Bids will be April 13, 2010. Some highlights of phase III will include the Cafeteria, including the kitchen area, upgrade to lighting and electrical work in various classrooms not covered during phase I and II, the loading dock area along with outside field work. CS Arch will begin attending Board Meetings in April to keep everyone informed of the project.

## **5.0 New Business**

### **5.1 Review of Proposed 2010-2011 District Calendar**

### **5.2 Update on 2010-2011 Budget Development Process**

### **5.3 Board Presentation: Health and Physical Education Program at Gardner Dickinson**

**By: Mr. Keith Akots and Ms. Laurie Albright**

## **6.0 Informational**

### **6.1 Budget Workshop, March 31, 2010 @ 7:00 pm in the Library/Media Center**

### **6.2 Annual Dinner / Meeting of the Board of Cooperative Educational Services, April 14, 2010 @ 5:45 p.m.**

### **6.3 Regular Board of Education meeting April 22, 2010 @ 7:30 p.m. in the Library / Media Center**

### **6.4 Questar III Annual Budget Vote / Board member Elections, April 27, 2010**

### **6.5 Public Comment**

### **7.0 Request for Executive Session to discuss Employment of Specific Personnel**

Mrs. Marsh made a motion to enter Executive Session to discuss Employment of Specific Personnel at 9:10 p.m.

Mrs. Hoffman seconded.

Motion carried: 5-0

### **8.0 Board returned from Executive Session**

Mrs. Marsh made a motion to return to open session at 10:40 p.m.

Mrs. Casale seconded.

Motion carried: 5-0

### **9.0 Adjournment**

Mrs. Hoffman made a motion to adjourn at 10:40 p.m.

Mrs. Curran seconded

Motion carried: 5-0

Respectfully submitted,

Kathryn Fazioli  
Clerk of the Board