

WYNANTSKILL UNION FREE SCHOOL DISTRICT
Regular Meeting of the Board of Education
March 19, 2015 @ 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 7:06 pm by Mrs. Marsh.

1.1 Record of Attendance

Mrs. Dinan	Present
Ms. Gray	Present
Mr. Lanese	Present
Mrs. Marsh	Present
Mrs. Paone	Present

1.2 Review of Agenda/Additions to Agenda

Mrs. Marsh reviewed the agenda

1.3 The Board of Education recognized the following student for Royal Recognition:

- a. Shay Kerwin

1.4 Approval of Minutes of Previous Meeting

- a. February 12, 2015 Regular Meeting
- b. February 19, 2015 Special Meeting
- c. February 23, 2015 Special Meeting
- d. March 9, 2015 Special Meeting

Mrs. Paone made a motion to approve the February 12, 2015 regular meeting minutes and the February 19, 2015, February 23, 2015 and March 9, 2015 special meeting minutes. Mr. Lanese seconded the motion. Motion carried 5/0

1.5 Acceptance of Financial Reports

- a. Internal Claims Auditor's Report February 2015
- b. Treasurer's Monthly Report with Budget Transfers
- c. Quarterly Revenue Report

Mrs. Paone made a motion to accept the District Treasurer's Financial Reports
Mr. Lanese seconded the motion. Motion carried 5/0

1.6 Approval of Building Use Requests

Group	Day	Time
Empire Nighthawks	Monday / Wednesday & Thursday	Mon / Wed 6-9 pm Thurs 5-7 pm

Mrs. Dinan made a motion to approve the Building Use Request from the Empire Nighthawks on Mon/Wed 6-9 pm and Thursday's at 5-7 pm from March 23, 2015 to May 28, 2015. Mr. Lanese seconded the motion. Motion Carried 5/0

1.7 Communications to the Board of Education

Mrs. Marsh acknowledged the receipt of the following correspondences:

- a. Email from Amanda Rokjer
- b. Email from Megan Beauchamp

- c. Letter from Caitlin Kelley
- d. Email from Robin Emanatian Questar III

2.0 Reports to the Board of Education

2.1 District / School Program Report

- a. Present the 2015-16 Instructional and Special Education Budget and Anticipated Revenues: Gail Lathrop presented the Instructional and Special Education Budget and Anticipated Revenues to the Board of Education.
- b. Buildings and Grounds Report: Mr. Bordick presented the Buildings and Grounds Report from Neal Benassi, Buildings and Grounds Supervisor
- c. Transportation Report: Mr. Bordick presented the Transportation Report from Bonnie Cole, Transportation Supervisor
- d. Arts Festival: Mr. Bordick reported that the art work and the performances were excellent from the arts festival on March 18, 2015.
- e. Odyssey of the Mind: Mr. Bordick reported that we have two groups that have placed 1st and 2nd place at the regional Odyssey of the Mind program and will be moving on to the state competition on April 2, 2015.

2.2 Board of Education Reports & Updates

- a. Edwin Anker, CSArch: Edwin Anker was absent

2.3 Principal's Report

Mary Yodis reported a very productive Superintendent's day. K-5 worked on the strategic planning goals and worked with the Journey's program. Middle School worked on the grading policy, putting procedures in place for an honor roll program and aligning with the school districts that our students will go to for high school.

Teaching is Core Grant: A core group of staff will be working together on the grant. When the project is completed the groups work will be posted on our website.

Questar III is providing a Data Driven Instruction program that we are excited to attend.

2.4 Special Education/RtI

Jean Marie Steffek reported to the Board of Education the it is annual review time that they special education team is in the process of visiting preschool and that they have kindergarten screening coming up on April 1, 2015. The SEQA report has been received and the data is being reviewed.

2.5 PTO Update

Sue Czubek presented the PTO report to the Board of Education

3.0 Appointments and Authorizations

3.1 Approve CSE/CPSE Recommendations as per attached

Ms. Gray made a motion to approve the CSE/CPSE Recommendations, Mr. Lanese seconded the motion. Motion carried 5/0

3.2 1st Reading of BOE Policies

- a. Expense Reimbursement #6830
- b. Expense Reimbursement Regulation #6830-R
- c. School Boards Conferences, Conventions, Workshops #2521
- d. Child Abuse, Maltreatment or Neglect in a Domestic Setting #5460

e. Child Abuse, Maltreatment or Neglect in a Domestic Setting Regulation #5460-R

3.3 Second Reading of BOE Policies

- a. Student Harassment and Bullying Prevention and Intervention (New) #0115
- b. Student Harassment and Bullying Prevention and Intervention Regulation (New) #0115-R
- c. Student Harassment and Bullying Prevention and Intervention Exhibit (New) # 0115-E

3.4 Adoption of Board Policies

- a. Student Harassment and Bullying Prevention and Intervention (New) #0115
- b. Student Harassment and Bullying Prevention and Intervention Regulation (New) #0115-R
- c. Student Harassment and Bullying Prevention and Intervention Exhibit (New) # 0115-E

Mrs. Dinan made a motion to table resolution number 3.4 Adoption of Board Policies # 0115, #0115-R, and #01165-E Mr. Lanese seconded the motion. Motion carried 5/0.

3.5 Approval of Substitutes

Name	Position
Samuel Davis	Substitute Non-Certified Teacher @ \$70 day Substitute Teacher's Aide @ \$65.63 day
Kathy Monroe	Substitute Food Service Helper @ \$9.00 hr
Nancy Ruffinen	Substitute Food Service Helper @ \$9.00 hr
Elizabeth Livingston	Substitute Food Service Helper @ \$9.00 hr
Samantha Welter	Substitute Certified Teacher \$90 day
Alexandria Casey	Substitute Non-Certified Teacher @ \$70 day
Ann Singleman	Substitute Certified Teacher \$90 day
Deborah Peterson	Substitute Non-Certified Teacher @ \$70 day Substitute Teacher's Aide @ \$65.63 day
Mark Gavin	Substitute Custodian @ \$12.50 hr
Lindsay Becker	Substitute Teacher's Aide @ \$65.63 day

Mrs. Paone made a motion to approve Samuel Davis, Kathy Monroe, Nancy Ruffinen, Elizabeth Livingston, Samantha Welter, Alexandria Casey, Ann Singleman, Deborah Peterson, Mark Gavin and Lindsay Becker as school substitutes. Mr. Lanese seconded the motion. Motion carried 5/0

3.6 Approval of Volunteers

Name	Class	Day(s)
B. Jean Hirokawa	Mrs. Mahoney	Monday's

Mr. Lanese made a motion to approve B. Jean Hirokawa as a Kindergarten classroom volunteer. Mrs. Dinan seconded the motion. Motion carried 5/0

3.7 Approval of Additional Non-Public Transportation Requests

There are no Additional Non-Public Transportation requests for March 2015

3.8 Accept the Resignation of Kathy Meyer, Teacher Assistant, for the purpose of retirement effective June 30, 2015.

Mrs. Dinan made a motion to accept the Resignation of Kathy Meyer, Teacher Assistant, for the purpose of retirement effective June 30, 2015, Mr. Lanese seconded the motion. Motion carried 5/0

3.9 Accept the Resignation of Cindy Dodge, Teacher Aide, effective March 6, 2015.

Mr. Lanese made a motion to accept the Resignation of Cindy Dodge, Teacher Aide, effective March 6, 2015, Mrs. Paone seconded the motion. Motion carried 5/0

3.10 Accept the Resignation of Tricia Pendergast, Teacher Aide, effective March 12, 2015.

Mr. Lanese made a motion to accept the Resignation of Tricia Pendergast, Teacher Aide, effective March 12, 2015, Ms. Gray seconded the motion. Motion carried 5/0

- 3.11 Approve Erin Pytell for a permanent Teacher's Aide position @ \$12.54 Hr. effective March 2, 2015.

Mr. Lanese made a motion to approve Erin Pytell for a permanent Teacher's Aide position @ \$12.54 Hr. effective March 2, 2015, Ms. Gray seconded the motion. Motion carried 5/0

- 3.12 Approve Lisa Suders as six month probationary Teacher Aide effective 3/16/15 @ \$12.54/hour.

Ms. Gray made a motion to approve Lisa Suders as six month probationary Teacher Aide effective 3/16/15 @ \$12.54/hour, Mr. Lanese seconded the motion. Motion carried 5/0

- 3.13 Approve Courtney Reed as a probationary Teacher Aide effective 3/20/15 @ \$12.54/hour.

Mr. Lanese made a motion to approve Courtney Reed as a probationary Teacher Aide effective 3/20/15 @ \$12.54/hour, Ms. Gray seconded the motion. Motion carried 5/0

- 3.14 Approve the 2015-2016 District School Calendar.

Mr. Lanese made a motion to approve the 2015-2016 District School Calendar, Ms. Gray seconded the motion. Motion carried 5/0

- 3.15 Approve the 5th grade field trip to New York City on June 1, 2015.

Mr. Lanese made a motion to approve the 5th grade field trip to New York City on June 1, 2015, Mrs. Paone seconded the motion. Motion carried 5/0

- 3.16 Approve the 6th grade field trip to The Bronx Zoo on May 8, 2015.

Mr. Lanese made a motion to approve the 6th grade field trip to The Bronx Zoo on May 8, 2015, Mrs. Paone seconded the motion. Motion carried 5/0

- 3.17 Approve Samantha Welter as a temporary Remedial Reading Teacher @ Step 1 effective 4/21/15 to on or around 6/2/15; to fill in for a Remedial Reading teacher on medical leave.

Mrs. Dinan made a motion to approve Samantha Welter as a temporary Remedial Reading Teacher @ Step 1 effective 4/21/15 to on or around 6/2/15; to fill in for a Remedial Reading teacher on medical leave, Mrs. Paone seconded the motion. Motion carried 5/0

- 3.18 Approve Christina Hanks as a temporary School Psychologist @ Step 1 effective on or around 5/9/15 to 6/24/15.

Mr. Lanese made a motion to approve Christina Hanks as a temporary School Psychologist @ Step 1 effective on or around 5/9/15 to 6/24/15, Mrs. Paone seconded the motion. Motion carried 5/0

- 3.19 This Fund Surplus Resolution Agreement And Release ("Agreement") is by and between the Wynantskill Union Free School District ("District"), 25 East Avenue, Troy, NY 12180, and the Board of Cooperative Educational Services Rensselaer- Columbia - Greene Counties ("Questar III", which shall be defined to include Questar III's Board members, administrators, officers, employees, attorneys, agents, representatives, successors and assigns), 10 Empire State Boulevard, Castleton, NY 12033. The District and Questar III may be referred to collectively herein as the "Parties."

WHEREAS, Questar III retained D'Arcangelo & Co, LLP ("D'Arcangelo") to conduct an independent audit of the funds that Questar III has accrued for purposes of satisfying future liabilities

for post-retirement and other post-employment benefits ("OPEB"); and

WHEREAS, D'Arcangelo issued an Agreed-Upon Procedures Report on July 21, 2014 (the "Report") which, among other things, confirmed the total balance of funds accrued by Questar III for OPEB purposes as of June 30, 2013 and, of that balance, amounts that could be returned to the component and non-component school districts who participated in the relevant programs conducted by Questar III (the "Accrual Amount"); and

WHEREAS, the Questar III Board has adopted a plan by which the OPEB Accrual Amount will be returned to such component and non-component school districts (the "Plan"), utilizing the basis for return set forth in the Report, and

WHEREAS, the Plan has received approval from the State Education Department; and

WHEREAS, the Parties hereto wish to memorialize the terms by which the District will participate in the Plan;

NOW, THEREFORE, THE PARTIES HEREBY AGREED AS FOLLOWS:

133. Questar III will return to the District a total of \$152,496.99 (the "Payment Amount"), which by this Agreement shall be deemed to constitute the District's full and complete entitlement to its share of the OPEB Accrual Amount. The Payment Amount shall be returned over a period not to exceed five years as follows:

District: Wynantskill UFSD

Year ending June 30,	OPEB Accruals Return to be Credited to Administrative Levy	% of Total Return to District
2016	\$38,124.25	25
2017	\$36,599.28	24
2018	\$30,499.40	20
2019	\$24,399.52	16
2020	\$22,874.55	15
Total Return of OPEB Accruals to District	\$152,496.99	100

The Payment Amount as set forth above shall be returned in the form of a credit against the amount that the District otherwise is required to contribute to Questar III for component district administrative charges in each of the school years set forth in the Payment Schedule above. If the portion of the Payment Amount to be returned in any school year exceeds the amount that the District must otherwise remit to Questar III, the excess balance shall be added to the portion of the Payment Amount to be returned in the next subsequent school year pursuant to the above Payment Schedule. If any such excess balance remains after the final year of the Payment Schedule, the excess balance shall be credited against the District's required contribution to Questar III in the next subsequent school year, and any additional school years as may be necessary to fully return the Payment Amount to the District. In no case shall Questar III be required to return any portion of the Payment Amount in the form of a cash payment to the District, or in any other manner except as set forth herein.

134. The District hereby accepts the return of the Payment Amount, as set forth herein, as full and complete satisfaction of any claim or entitlement the District would otherwise have, by law, contract, equity or otherwise, to return of any portion of the Accrual Amount.

135. In consideration for the return of the Payment Amount as set forth herein, the District hereby releases and discharges Questar III from any and all obligations, claims or liabilities, of any nature, that relate to the Accrual Amount and/or Questar III's OPEB accruals up to the date of execution of this Agreement, and the District hereby agrees that it will not commence, maintain or cooperate with

any action, proceeding or claim in law or equity, of any nature or in any forum, against Questar III in relation to the Accrual Amount and/or Questar III's OPEB accruals up to the date of execution of this Agreement, which shall include but not be limited to any action, proceeding or claim in law or equity, seeking to recover (a) any portion of the Accrual Amount beyond that which is set forth in this Agreement, or (b) any other payment or relief that relates in any way to the Accrual Amount and/or Questar III's OPEB accruals up to the date of execution of this Agreement.

136. The District agrees that presentation of this Agreement shall serve as the District's unqualified and irrevocable consent to discontinue with prejudice any action, proceeding or claim in law or equity, commenced or maintained by or on behalf of the District and/or its officers in violation of the terms of this Agreement.

137. The Parties affirm that this Agreement fully and completely sets forth the agreed upon resolution of any rights, entitlements or claims that the District may have in relation to the Accrual Amount, and that no other promises or agreements have been made or would be effective in relation to the Accrual Amount.

138. The District and Questar III hereby each respectively affirm that the execution of this Agreement has been authorized by action of its Board of Education.

Mrs. Paone made a motion to affirm that the execution of this Agreement between the Wynantskill Union Free School District and Questar III has been authorized by action of its Board of Education, Mr. Lanese seconded the motion. Motion carried 5/0

3.20 Accept a donation of \$250.00 from Capital Communications for Athletic Equipment.

Mrs. Dinan made a motion to accept a donation of \$250.00 from Capital Communications for Athletic Equipment, Mr. Lanese seconded the motion. Motion carried 5/0

3.21 Approve one unpaid day (March 13, 2015) for Tammy Miller.

Mr. Lanese made a motion to approve one unpaid day (March 13, 2015) for Tammy Miller, Mrs. Paone seconded the motion. Motion carried 5/0

3.22 Approve Jean Marie Steffek for Extra-Curricular appointment (mentor to Jacquelyn M. Glaz) for 2014-2015 school year as per WTA contract.

Mrs. Dinan made a motion to approve Jean Marie Steffek for Extra-Curricular appointment (mentor to Jacquelyn M. Glaz) for 2014-2015 school year as per WTA contract, Ms. Gray seconded the motion. Motion carried 5/0

4.0 Old Business

5.0 New Business

6.0 Informational

6.1 Gr. 3-5 Builder's Club Fun Festival March 20, 2015 @ 6 pm

6.2 NYSSMA Solo Festival March 21, 2015 @ Hackett Middle School

6.3 Kindergarten Screening April 1, 2015

6.4 Board of Education Workshop April 2, 2015 @ 7 pm

6.5 Absentee Ballots Available April 6, 2015

6.6 Odyssey of Mind State Tournament in Binghamton April 11, 2015

6.7 Regular BOE Meeting April 16, 2015 @ 7 pm

6.8 Candidate Petitions for Membership on the BOE due by 3 pm April 20, 2015

6.9 Drawing by lot for position on the voting machine will take place in Superintendent's Office @ 9 am on April 21, 2015

6.10 Public Comment

M Geise: #1 Discussion on school guidance counselor #2 Asked if Dr. Henkel was still on the school payroll

S Czubek: Would like to see the school reports from Mr. Marcelle and the Strategic Plan Committee work be presented to Mr. Christmann.

7.0 Request for Executive Session

Mrs. Paone made a motion to enter into executive session for personnel matters at 9:30 p.m.
Mr. Lanese seconded the motion
Motion carried 5/0

8.0 Return to Open Session

Mrs. Paone made a motion to return to open session at 10:39 p.m.
Mr. Lanese seconded the motion
Motion carried 5/0

9.0 Adjournment

Mrs. Dinan made a motion to adjourn at 10:40 p.m.
Ms. Gray seconded the motion
Motion carried 5/0

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.