

WYNANTSKILL UNION FREE SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF EDUCATION
May 16, 2013
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 7:05 p.m. by Mrs. Paone

1.1 Recording of Attendance

The District Clerk called the roll:

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

Mr. Lanesey made a motion to approve the following minutes of the Board of Education:

April 18, 2013 Regular Meeting

Mrs. Curran seconded.

Motion carried: 4-0

1.4 Acceptance of District Treasurer's Report

Mrs. Curran made a motion to accept the District Treasurer's Report Month Ending March 31, 2013

Mr. Lanesey seconded.

Motion carried:4-0

1.5 Approval of Building Use Requests

No requests for building use were presented

Note: Mrs. Marsh arrived at 7:10 p.m.

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: Dr. Lisa Henkel

Congratulations to our modified boy's baseball team for winning The Big 10 Championship! Our girl's softball team also had a winning season with a 9-2 record.

Mrs. Curran is now on maternity leave. Please welcome Ms. Kelly Landers as her leave of absence substitute.

Mrs. Yodis has arranged a partnership with The Sage College Master Degree Literacy students to be here two days a week from 4-6pm to work with our students. Twenty Grad Students working with the 36

students currently enrolled.

Field day is June 18. All K-8 students will participate. Little Red students have once again been invited to attend the festivities.

Drama Club will be presenting the Wizard of Oz on June 17.

We were experiencing technical difficulties with our school web page. Questar Boces has been working on the problem.

Mrs. Yodis, Mrs. Murphy and Mrs. Herzl-Betz attended a workshop on Anti Bullying.

End of year field trips are in full swing. May 14 we had 24 families attend kindergarten screening.

Chief Durivage of the North Greenbush Police has implemented a new Neighborhood School Watch Program. They will have increased presence during the school hours by driving around the entire school campus and even stopping in at the main office to "check in".

Questar Boces received an award on the National level from the Association of Marketing and Communications Specialist for their design of Wynantskill's new webpage!

Please remember Tuesday, May 21 is our budget vote, Board of Education elections. We are also having our 8th Grade BBQ and Gr 1-5 Spring Concert. Please come to vote, stay for dinner and a show.

2.2 Board of Education Reports and Updates

None

2.5 PTO Report

None

3.0 Appointments and Authorizations

3.1 Review Recommendations and Approve Resource Allocations to CSE/CPSE

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

Mrs. Curran seconded

Motion carried: 5-0

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 Approval of Substitutes

Mrs. Marsh made a motion to approve the following substitutes for 2012-2013 school year:

Retired Certified \$90.00/day
Margaret McCarthy

Certified \$75.00/day
Melanie Reilly
Kaelyn Kinley

Non-Certified/TA \$60.00/day
Amanda Fremgen
Evens Domond
Rebecca Mabee

Teacher Aide \$50.00/day
Katherine Burkart

Mr. Lanesey seconded

Motion carried: 5-0

3.5 Approval of Volunteers

Mrs. Marsh made a motion to approve the following volunteers for 2012-2013 school year:

<u>Grade</u>	<u>Teacher</u>	<u>Days/Week</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Volunteer</u>
K	Moak	Mon/Thurs/Fri as needed	as needed	Gail Van Vorst Sara Walsh

Mr. Lanese seconded

Motion carried: 5-0

3.6 Approval of Additional Non-Public Transportation Requests

Mr. Lanese made a motion to approve Additional 2013-2014 Non-Public Transportation Requests as presented

Mrs. Curran seconded

Motion carried: 5-0

3.7 Approve Kelly Landers to fill Grade 6 Leave of Absence Position at step 1 effective 05/13/13-06/20/13

Mr. Lanese made a motion to approve Ms. Kelly Landers to fill the Grade 6 Leave of Absence position effective May 13, 2013-June 20, 2013 at step 1

Mrs. Marsh seconded.

Motion carried: 5-0

3.8 Approve 2013-2014 Non Resident Tuition Rates

Mrs. Marsh made a motion to approve the 2013-2014 Non-Resident Tuition Rates as presented

Mr. Lanese seconded.

Motion carried: 5-0

4.0 Old Business

None

5.0 New Business

5.1 Discuss date and time for 2013-2014 Annual Organizational Meeting in July 2013

5.2 Review 2013-2014 Draft Board of Education Meeting Schedule

6.0 Informational

6.1 2013-2014 Budget Vote / Board of Education Elections, Tuesday, May 21 12:00p-9:00p

6.2 Regular BOE Meeting June 13, 2013 at 7:00pm

6.3 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 had requested a private meeting with the Board of Education that was denied. She stated NYSED Law allows her to speak in open forum. She stated her requests for additional help for her child have not been granted. She expressed dissatisfaction with children being retested in reading and does not agree with the results. She asked for a private education company to complete new testing at the expense of the district.

2. L. Hancock, WTA President. Mrs. Hancock wished Mrs. Curran well on her maternity leave and welcomed Ms. Landers.
3. L. Horacek, Faculty. Mrs. Horacek chose not to comment.
4. M. Geise, Parent. Mrs. Geise thanked Dr. Henkel for responding to her email. She asked 2 questions:
 - (A) Did the district change their mailing address because they are considering a merger with Troy?
(ans) Absolutely not, Gardner Dickinson's physical address happens to be in the Troy 12180 zip code. The district changed the address from a post office box to alleviate the need to pick up daily mail.
 - (B) On page 4 of the budget, why is there \$0.00 amount under the Assistant Principal Salary?
(ans) Mrs. Yodis was not employed at that time.Mrs. Geise expressed a need for third grade parents to be more informed.
5. P. Darling, Parent. Mrs. Darling expressed concern with the third grade classroom atmosphere.
6. L. Wormuth, Parent. Mrs. Wormuth asked for an explanation for the delay in receiving the third grade report cards.
(ans) President Paone responded because it is a personnel issue, by law it cannot be discussed in open forum. She stated Dr. Henkel could only report what was allowed by law. The report cards were delayed in order to verify the accuracy of the original grades given.
7. L. DeGiorgio, Parent. Stated her child was tested for reading levels by a private firm with very different results the districts scores.
8. M. Gavin. Glad to hear about the Sage Literacy Program. Expressed dissatisfaction that it is now May and these "personnel" problems with the district need to stop for the sake of the children.
9. C. Tedesco, Parent. Mrs. Tedesco would like to see more academic reports during the Board Meetings giving more information regarding data and curriculum. She asked if the School Psychologist position would continue to be at the rate of hours for the 2013-2014 school year or be decreased. (ans) The School Psychologist will increase from 4 days to 5 in 2013-2014.
10. A. Dressel, Parent. Mrs. Dressel expressed her dissatisfaction with the districts handling and lack of explanation when the third grade report cards were delayed and not being notified of her child being re-tested in reading during the NYS Testing week. She requested the district keep all third grad parents informed over the summer regarding the class size issue for fourth grade.
11. P. Mesh, Faculty. Mr. Mesh reported the school garden is growing. The district is in the running for a grant to upgrade the area. Mr. Mesh also expressed his interest in the teacher contract being resolved.
12. J. Flannery, Parent. Mrs. Flannery asked that the district keep an open mind regarding the placement of the current third grade class for next year. She asked the BOE to strongly consider splitting this class in 2013-2014.
13. S. Czubek, PTO. Mrs. Czubek reported the Gardner Dickinson community in conjunction with the PTO raised over \$700.00 within three days of one of our families experiencing a house fire. The PTO added \$300.00 to the donations to present the family with a \$1000.00 Target gift card.

7.0 Request for Executive Session

Mrs. Marsh made a motion to enter in Executive Session for contract and personnel at 7:55 p.m.
Mr. Lanese seconded
Motion carried: 5-0

9.0 Adjournment

Mrs. Marsh made a motion to adjourn at 9:52 p.m.
Mr. Lanese seconded
Motion carried: 5-0

Respectfully submitted,

Kathryn Fazioli

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Clerk of the Board