

**WYNANTSKILL UNION FREE SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF EDUCATION
November 15, 2012
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- absent
Mr. Hug-absent
Mr. Lanese- present
Mrs. Marsh – present
Mrs. Paone-present

Others Present: Dr. Lisa Henkel, Superintendent/Principal

1.2 Review of Agenda/Additions

Dr. Henkel 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:

October 18, 2012 Regular Meeting
October 26, 2012 Special Meeting
October 31, 2012 Special Meeting

Mr. Lanese seconded.

Motion carried: 3-0

1.4 Acceptance of District Treasurer's Report

Mr. Lanese made a motion to accept the District Treasurer's Report and the Internal Auditor Report

Mrs. Marsh seconded.

The Districts Treasurer Report was tabled until December 13, 2012 BOE meeting for the board members to have time to review.

Motion carried to approve the Internal Audit Report: 3-0

1.5 Approval of Building Use Requests

<u>Group Name</u>	<u>day of week</u>	<u>dates</u>	<u>area</u>	<u>time</u>
Classie Lassie Team 2	Saturday	11/10, 12/08	Gym	10:00a-12:00p

Mr. Lanese made a motion to approve Classie Lassie Team 2 additional time on Saturday Nov. 10 and Dec. 08, 2012 with a fee of \$40.00/hour.

Mrs. Marsh seconded

Motion carried: 3-0

1.6 Communications to the Board of Education:

Mrs. Paone acknowledged receipt of a letter from Mrs. Davey, parent, regarding a problem on November 09 during the Emergency Early Release Drill. There was an error in the schools computer system regarding the emergency address. The Transportation Supervisor did contact Mrs. Davey apologizing for the mistake and that the child was never let off the bus at the wrong location. The Transportation Supervisor made a follow-up call to the Daveys as did the Superintendent.

2.0 Reports to the Board of Education

2.1 District / School Program Report, Dr. Lisa Henkel

Dr. Henkel welcomed Mr. Greg Sulz, our new 5th grade teacher. Mr. Sulz attended the parent/teacher conferences on Nov. 6 and was able to meet the parents. A Veteran Wall of Stars was created in the main office lobby area. Stars were included on the back page of Octobers Backpack Express for everyone to design their own star to honor a special Veteran in their family. Students have been participating in NWEA testing as part of the RTI program. Mrs. Morrow and Mrs. McCormick have worked very hard to schedule and proctor all the testing sessions. The staff now has an in-service workshop calendar. Some of the workshops include Technology, Reading and Special Ed. Each workshop will be held after school for our staff to attend. Mrs. Yodis has created a Friday Fun Club for everyone to get together and enjoy a little down time together. Cheryl Dozier Professional Development workshops have begun. Each workshop targets ELA in specific grade areas. Mrs. Murphy has begun dignity for all lessons in the classrooms as part of the Dignity Act enacted by NYSED. Mrs. Yodis has taken over the Wellness Committee. Builders Club will have a coin drive to help hurricane sandy victims and the school may adopt a school from the devastated area.

2.2 Board of Education Reports and Updates

No Board of Education reports or updates

2.3 Board Committee Reports

No Board of Education Committee reports or updates

2.2 Building and Grounds Report

Mrs. Paone reviewed the Buildings and Grounds Report from Neal Benassi, Buildings and Grounds Supervisor.

2.3 Transportation Report

Mrs. Paone reviewed the Transportation Report from Bonnie Cole, Transportation Supervisor.

2.5 PTO Report

No PTO Report was available.

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: 3-0

3.2 Adoption of Board Policies

No policies were presented for adoption

3.3 First Reading of Board Policies/Plans

The following policies were presented to the Board for review:

4526 – Computer Use in Instruction
4526-R - Computer Use in Instruction Regulation
4526.1 – Internet Safety
4526.1-R Internet Safety Regulation

3.4 Approval of Substitutes

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

JoAnne Marcario	Non Certified Teacher/TA: (\$60.00/day)
Carrie Reo	Aide (\$50.00/day)
Jennifer Gumlaw	Aide (\$50.00/day)

Mrs. Marsh seconded
Motion carried: 3-0

3.5 Approval of Volunteers

No Volunteer applications were presented for approval

3.6 Approval of Additional Non-Public Transportation Requests

No additional transportation request were received

3.7 Approval of Extra Curricular Coaches and Advisors

Mrs. Marsh made a motion to approve the following coaches and advisors for 2012-2013 school year as per WTA contract:

Odyssey of the Mind	Laura Horacek Michelle French Ellen Schirmer
Drama Club	Mary Alice Newell (replacing Peter Mesh)
Boys Basketball	Jim Kahler

Girls Basketball (Team 2 if needed) TBD

Mr. Lanesey seconded.
Motion carried: 3-0

3.8 Approve amendment of item 2.1 from October 31, 2012 Special Meeting

Mr. Lanesey made a motion to approve the amendment of agenda item 2.1 of the October 31, 2012 special meeting amending Mr. Greg Sulz from Step 1 prorated to Step 2 prorated after confirming past experience at grade 5 level.

Mrs. Marsh seconded.
Motion carried: 3-0

3.9 Approve the District Response to External Audit Management Recommendations

Mr. Lanese made a motion to accept the District's response to the External Auditors Management recommendations.

Mrs. Marsh seconded.

Motion carried: 3-0

4.0 Old Business

None

5.0 New Business

5.1 Board Presentation: 2012-2013 APPR Plan Overview, Superintendent Henkel

5.2 Review 2013-2014 District Budget Calendar

5.3 2012-2013 School Tax Collection Report

6.0 Informational

6.1 Next Regular Meeting of the Board of Education: December 13, 2012 at 7:00 pm in the Library/Media Center

6.2 Public Comment

1. Mrs. Jean Marie Steffek, CSE Chair: Pass, No comment

2. Meredith Gavin, Amanda Dressell and Michaline Geise, Parents: Mrs. Gavin had questions regarding class size, specifically to the third grade class. The parents feel the class size in third grade has hurt the students, specifically the students who fall in the middle of the learning curve. They asked for additional support, an Aide, in the classroom. It was explained that a math and reading teacher presently push into the classroom to work with students under the RTI program. This support alleviates and reduces the number of students that the classroom teacher works with. Also, Classroom Aides are not allowed or qualified to teach. The Superintendent explained that the administration is closely monitoring the class and will continue to add any additional resources as needed. It is recommended not to split that room at this time. The Board recommended to the parents if they feel their child is struggling in any area, to speak directly to the classroom teacher about their concerns so that the teacher can specifically address their needs.

3. Laura Horacek, Teacher: Pass, No comment

4. Lisa Hancock, WTA President: Mrs. Hancock asked for clarification of : agenda item 3.8 regarding the increase from step 1 to step 2. It was explained the increase was due to teaching experience that was overlooked.

Agenda item 2.1 regarding the coin drive by builders club. In the past there was a coin drive for hurricane Katrina victims and there was confusion if the donations actually went directly to the chosen source. Mrs. Murphy added she was involved in that drive and after many phone calls to the American Red Cross, who stated was not accepting anymore donations; the funds collected went to another charity.

2013-2014 Budget: Please do not wait until June to advise staff of layoffs. It makes for a very stressful environment.

Negotiation update: the WTA and the District conducted one impasse meeting. They will hold the second impasse on Friday, Nov. 16 and hope to settle.

5. Greg Sulz, Teacher: Mr. Sulz was not present during public comment

6. Mary Alice Newell, Music Teacher: Mrs. Newell reported the RCSMA All County Music Festival was held Nov. 1-2. Seven of our students participated and did very well.

7.0 Request for Executive Session

Mrs. Marsh made a motion to enter in Executive Session for contracts at 8:35 pm
Mr. Lanese seconded
Motion carried: 3-0

9.0 Adjournment

Mr. Lanese made a motion to adjourn at 9:44 pm
Mrs. Marsh seconded
Motion carried:

Respectfully submitted,

Kathryn Fazioli

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Clerk of the Board