

WYNANTSKILL UNION FREE SCHOOL DISTRICT
Regular Meeting of the Board of Education
September 17, 2015
7:00 pm Regular Meeting
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 7:01 pm by Ms. Gray.

1.1 Record of Attendance

Mrs. Castle	Present
Mrs. Dinan	Present @ 7:42 pm
Ms. Gray	Present
Mr. Lanese	Present
Mrs. Mack	Present

1.2 Review of Agenda/Additions to Agenda

Dr. Reardon reviewed the agenda.

1.3 Approval of Minutes of Previous Meeting

a. August 27, 2015

Mrs. Castle made a motion to approve the August 27, 2015 regular meeting minutes.

Mr. Lanese seconded the motion.

Motion carried 4/0.

1.4 Acceptance of Financial Reports

- a. Internal Claims Auditor's Report August 2015
- b. Treasurer's Monthly Report with Budget Transfers July/August 2015
- c. Revenue Report Ending June 30, 2015

Mrs. Mack made a motion to accept the District Treasurer's Financial Reports.

Mr. Lanese seconded the motion.

Motion carried 4/0.

1.5 Building Use

Group	Day/Time	Location
Girl Scouts	1 st 3 rd Friday School Year 5:30-6:30	Cafe / Art Room

Mr. Lanese made a motion to approve the Building Use Request from the Girl Scouts.

Mrs. Castle seconded the motion.

Motion Carried 4/0.

1.6 Visitors and Communication

- a. Communications to the Board of Education
- b. Opportunity for the Public to be Heard

2.0 Reports to the Board of Education

2.1 District / Superintendent Program Report

- a. Superintendent's Conference Days: Dr. Reardon reported on the accomplishments of the staff during their 2 days of conferences held on September 1st and 2nd.
- b. Opening Day of School: Dr. Reardon reported that the first day of school went

awesome. The school district has held two open houses, one for K-5 and 6-8, both were well attended.

2.2 Board of Education Reports & Updates

a. Ed Anker- Capital Project Update: Mr. Anker reported on the process of getting construction documents approved with New York State and the project time line. Completion of the Capital project is estimated at the fall of 2018.

2.3 Principal’s Report: Mrs. Yodis reported on the Superintendent’s Conference days and the review process of the data from last year’s testing. The Questar III Math and ELA team were on hand. The State of New York released 50% of the test questions so we were able to see where the students did well and what weaknesses we need to work on. Beth Bissell is leading the charge of testing 300 plus students hopefully by September 18, 2015 she should have almost all of our students tested.

Open houses were extremely well attended for K-5 and 6-8.

September 18, 2015 will be our first Character Ed positive assembly. It will also be our first spirit day. The Board of Education was invited to attend at 1:45 pm. We will also be having a Dr. Reardon trivia game.

We will be holding a reading night with Questar III. Questar has purchased a lending library for parents from the CORE grant, so they will have resources and games available here at the school.

We will be holding a Math night later in October. Last year it was held on two nights and this year we are going to try to make it all in one night.

2.4 PTO Update

Sue Czubek presented the PTO report to the Board of Education

3.0 Appointments and Authorizations

3.1 Approval of Substitutes

Substitute Teacher Certified \$90 Day		
Joann Harnden	*Barbara Cox	
Teacher’s Aide \$70 Day		
Joann Harnden		
Clerical \$15 Hour		
*Barbara Cox		
Recess Aide \$9.50 Hour		
Nancy Ruffinen		

* New Applicants for the 2015-2016 School Year

Mr. Lanesey made a motion to approve the above listed substitutes.

Mrs. Mack seconded the motion.

Motion carried 5/0.

3.2 Approve Christopher Phillips as six month probationary full time Teachers Aide effective September 18, 2015 @ \$12.92 an hour.

Mr. Lanesey made a motion to approve Christopher Phillips as six month probationary full time Teachers Aide effective September 18, 2015 @ \$12.92 an hour.

Ms. Gray seconded the motion.

Motion carried 5/0.

- 3.3 Approve 4 additional summer days worked (7.5 hrs. a day) for 2015-2016 school year for Amy Murphy @ Step 14 as per the WTA contract.

Mr. Lanesey made a motion to approve 4 additional summer days worked (7.5 hrs. a day) for 2015-2016 school year for Amy Murphy @ Step 14 as per the WTA contract.

Mrs. Mack seconded the motion.

Motion carried 5/0.

- 3.4 Approve the Athletic Handbook for the 2015-2016 school year.

Mr. Lanesey made a motion to approve the Athletic Handbook for the 2015-2016 school year.

Mrs. Mack seconded the motion.

Motion carried 5/0.

- 3.5 First Reading of Board of Education Policies

- a. Interscholastic Athletes Policy Number 5280
- b. Concussion Management Policy Number 5410
- c. Concussion Management Regulation Number 5410-R

4.0 Old Business

- a. NYSSBA follow up: Dr. Reardon gave the background of the NYSSBA policy service and where we are on the research of other services that may be offered in the area. Erie County Boces does offer the service and we are waiting for a return call from them. The Board had discussion of the E-policy service and a policy committee.
- b. Board of Education Evaluation & Superintendent Evaluation: Mrs. Dinan spoke about the NYSSBA tools that are available to evaluate the Board of Education and the Superintendent.
- c. Board of Education Professional Development: Mrs. Dinan reviewed the training options available from NYSSBA to the new Board of Education members.

5.0 New Business

6.0 Informational

- 6.1 BOE Workshop September 28, 2015 @ 7 pm
- 6.2 Regular BOE Meeting October 15, 2015 @ 7 pm
- 6.3 Opportunity for the Public to be Heard

JM Steffek: Thank you for the positive kick off of the school year. It was the most positive start to any year. There was excitement in the staff and children.

M Geise: Thank you for the positive start to the school year, parents, staff and students are all very happy.

M Gavin: Spoke on the educators evaluations and students test scores, asking for the schools plan. Dr. Reardon replied with the negotiation process.

S Czubek: Kindergarten supply drop off day was amazing.

7.0 Request for Executive Session

There was no request for executive session.

8.0 Return to Open Session

9.0 Adjournment

Mrs. Mack made a motion to adjourn at 8:45 p.m.
Mrs. Castle 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.