

**WYNANTSKILL UNION FREE SCHOOL DISTRICT**  
**Regular Meeting of the Board of Education**  
**September 18, 2014 @ 7:00 PM**  
**Gardner-Dickinson School Media Center**  
**Minutes**

**1.0 Call to Order and Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag**

The meeting of the Board of Education was called to order at 7:44 p.m. by Mrs. Marsh.

1.1 Record of Attendance

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

1.2 Review of Agenda/Additions to Agenda

Mrs. Marsh reviewed the agenda

1.3 Approval of Minutes of Previous Meeting

- a. August 21, 2014
- b. September 3, 2014

Mr. Lanese made a motion to approve the August 21, 2014 & September 3, 2014 meeting minutes  
Mrs. Dinan seconded the motion  
Motion carried 3/0

1.4 Acceptance of Financial Reports

- a. Internal Claims Auditor’s Report July & August 2014
- b. Treasurer’s Monthly Report with budget transfers
- c. Appropriations Status Report at 6/30/14 “After Audit”
- d. External Audit Report Scott Preusser

Mr. Preusser CPA, PC, met with the audit Committee on September 18, 2014. Mr. Preusser presented the 2013-2014 District External Audit Report. Mr. Preusser reported the district is in a strong financial position.

Mr. Lanese made a motion to accept the District Treasurer’s Financial Reports  
Mrs. Dinan seconded the motion  
Motion Carried 3/0

1.5 Approval of Building Use Requests

Mr. Lanese made a motion to approve the following build use requests

Group	Area	Days / Time	Start / End
St Jude CYO	Gym	Mon 5-9, Thurs 5-7, Friday 5-7	10/20/14-3/13/15
Girl Scouts	Room 245	1 <sup>st</sup> & 3 <sup>rd</sup> Tue 5:30-6:30 pm	10/7/14-6/11/15
Classie Lassie	Gym	Tuesday/Thursday 7-9 pm	10/2/14-3/26/15
Averill Park Youth Basketball	Gym	Wednesday 5-9 pm	10/1/14-2/25/15
Capital District Stars	Gym	Friday 7-9 pm	9/26/14-2/27/14
Boy Scout Troop 502	Café	Tuesdays 7-9 pm	9/30/14-5/26/15

Mrs. Dinan seconded the motion  
Motion carried 3/0

- 1.6 Communications to the Board of Education  
Mrs. Marsh acknowledged the receipt of the following correspondence:  
a. Letter from Mary Pascucci

## 2.0 Reports to the Board of Education

### 2.1 District / School Program Report

- a. Enrollment: Mr. Bordick reported we are seeing an increase in student numbers, Mrs. Yodis feels the district is desirable and she is hearing great things from families who are looking to move into the district. Mr. Bordick reported that we will know if this is a trend or a spike when the enrollment study is complete.
- b. Strategic Planning Themes: Mr. Bordick reported that the Strategic Planning Themes was mentioned at the open house and that the plan was well perceived. The open house was well attended. The themes will be kept at the forefront.
1. Increase Academic Achievement for All Students: Mrs. Yodis spoke about how the district is testing the students in ELA and Math. The district this year is using more technology and we were able to test multiple grades at one time. Every child in the building has been tested and we are looking at the baseline data. One thing that is being looked at is summer retention and we will be going over the reports with staff. Parents will receive the results of the testing during the parent's conference day.
  2. Develop Human Capital and Professional Capacity: Mr. Bordick reported that we have started the positive behavior program. Assemblies are being scheduled and staff has been asked to show a slide presentation to the students as a refresher to how the program works.
  3. Ensure Wellness, Safety and a Positive School Climate: Mr. Bordick reported there will be a Health and Wellness Fair on October 30, 2014 from 4 to 7 pm at the school. The Fair is open to the community as a whole.
  4. Strengthen Communication and Community Outreach: Mr. Bordick reported that he will be speaking at the Town of North Greenbush town meeting on Thursday, October 9, 2014 at 7 pm.
  5. Finances: Mr. Bordick reported that the Financial Consultants Mike Shusda & Christine Crowley would be at the Board Workshop on October 2, 2014.

### 2.2 Board of Education Reports & Updates

- a. Ed Anker & Randy Collins (Architects) Mr. Anker spoke about the SEQRA resolution and the importance of the time line. Mr. Anker spoke on the proposed project with the additions and renovations. Mr. Anker spoke about the enrollment projections and how important to the project the enrollment report is. Mr. Anker went over the needs of the district and the time line of the project. Mr. Collins spoke on the resolutions, communication strategy, and the importance of public information meetings. Mr. Collins concluded with a solar project that would reduce our carbon foot print and the savings the solar project would have for the district.
- b. Board goals: Mrs. Marsh reported that the BOE has been working on their board goals at the board workshop meetings. Mrs. Marsh brought up that at the next workshop she would like to have a conversation on publishing the goals of the board so that parents, staff and community can see them.
- c. Open house: Mr. Lanese reported that he did attend both open houses and he felt they went very well.

### 2.3 PTO Update

Sue Czubek presented the PTO report to the Board Of Education  
Mrs. Marsh commented that she really liked to see the PTO flyer with the whole school year of events.

### 3.0 Appointments and Authorizations

#### 3.1 Approve CSE/CPSE Recommendations as per attached

Mr. Lanesey made a motion to approve, Mrs. Dinan seconded the motion.  
Motion carried 3/0

#### 3.2 Adoption of Board Policies

There are no Adoptions of Board Policies for September 2014

#### 3.3 First Reading of BOE Policies

There are no First Readings of BOE Policies for September 2014

#### 3.4 Approval of Substitutes

Name	Position
Courtney Reed	Certified Substitute Teacher & Substitute Teacher's Aide
Ashleigh Nelson	Certified Substitute Teacher & Substitute Teacher's Aide
Carey Bielawa Foley	Certified Substitute Teacher
Christopher Phillips	Non Certified Substitute Teacher & Substitute Teacher's Aide
Maura Ludlow	Certified Substitute Teacher
Amy Webnau	Non Certified Substitute Teacher & Substitute Teacher's Aide
Dan McHale	Certified Substitute Teacher

Mr. Lanesey made a motion to approve, Mrs. Dinan seconded the motion.  
Motion carried 3/0

#### 3.5 Approval of Volunteers

Volunteer	Teacher
Lynne Denny	Mrs. Moak
Katherine Mercado	Mrs. Moak

Mr. Lanesey made a motion to approve, Mrs. Dinan seconded the motion.  
Motion carried 3/0

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

There are no Additional Non-Public Transportation requests for September 2014

#### 3.7 Approve Elizabeth Bissell for Extra-Curricular appointment (Reading Coordinator) for 2014-2015 school year as per WTA Contract

Mr. Lanesey made a motion to approve, Mrs. Dinan seconded the motion.  
Motion carried 3/0

#### 3.8 Approve Jessica Hubbard as a temporary part time teacher's aide (3 hours a day @ \$12.54 hr) effective 9/4/14

Mr. Lanesey made a motion to approve, Mrs. Dinan seconded the motion.  
Motion carried 3/0

#### 3.9 Accept the resignation of Daniel Hubbard Bus Driver effective 9/3/2014

Mr. Lanesey made a motion to table resolution number 3.9, Mrs. Dinan seconded the motion.  
Motion carried 3/0

#### 3.10 Accept the resignation of Chelsea Zantay temporary teacher's aide effective 9/16/2014

Mr. Lanesey made a motion to approve, Mrs. Dinan seconded the motion.  
Motion carried 3/0

- 3.11 Approve Judy Dutton for a temporary leave of absence as a Remedial Reading Teacher effective 10/2/14 to 11/14/14

Mr. Lanesey made a motion to approve, Mrs. Dinan seconded the motion.  
Motion carried 3/0

- 3.12 Approve Ashley Robinson as a student teacher with Stephanie Carbone Speech/Language 9/22/14 to 12/23/14

Mr. Lanesey made a motion to approve, Mrs. Dinan seconded the motion.  
Motion carried 3/0

- 3.13 Accept the 2013-2014 External Auditors' Report

Mr. Lanesey made a motion to approve, Mrs. Dinan seconded the motion.  
Motion carried 3/0

- 3.14 Approve the Board Workshop Schedule for October, November & December 2014

Mr. Lanesey made a motion to approve, Mrs. Dinan seconded the motion.  
Motion carried 3/0

- 3.15 Accept a donation from Wynantskill PTO for \$2,000 for student agenda hand books

Mr. Lanesey made a motion to approve, Mrs. Dinan seconded the motion.  
Motion carried 3/0

- 3.16 Accept a donation from Wynantskill PTO for \$2,500 for arts and education

Mr. Lanesey made a motion to approve, Mrs. Dinan seconded the motion.  
Motion carried 3/0

- 3.17 Accept a donation from Rensselaer County Fair Grounds for \$40 for Health Education Classes

Mr. Lanesey made a motion to approve, Mrs. Dinan seconded the motion.  
Motion carried 3/0

#### **4.0 Old Business**

#### **5.0 New Business**

#### **6.0 Informational**

- 6.1 Board Workshop October 2, 2014 at 7:00 pm
- 6.2 Regular BOE Meeting October 16, 2014 at 7:00 pm
- 6.3 Public Comment

JM Steffek: (1) JMS spoke on the assessment process. A thank you was given to all of the staff, Mrs. Yodis and Mr. Bordick for the hard work with assessments. (2) A year ago we were working with Mike Marcelle and he had made a comment about State Education quality assurance reports. We should be hearing about on those reports, as soon as we do the board will be given the information.

S Czubek: (1) Question on building use, if a group has an ongoing rental how does that work if a school

or PTO event is happening. Mrs. Marsh stated that school and PTO events take priority.

M Geise: (1) MG thanked the BOE for the welcome back to school letter. (2) MG wanted the BOE to know how awesome the open house was this year.

**7.0 Request for Executive Session**

Mrs. Dinan made a motion to enter onto executive session for contracts and personnel at 8:47 p.m.  
Mr. Lanese seconded the motion  
Motion carried 3/0

**8.0 Return to Open Session**

Mr. Lanese made a motion to return to open session at 8:55 p.m.  
Mrs. Dinan seconded the motion  
Motion carried 3/0

**3.9 Accept the resignation of Daniel Hubbard Bus Driver effective 9/3/2014**

Mrs. Dinan made a motion to approve, Mr. Lanese seconded the motion.  
Motion carried 3/0

**9.0 Request for Executive Session**

Mrs. Dinan made a motion to enter onto executive session for contracts and personnel at 8:57 p.m.  
Mr. Lanese seconded the motion  
Motion carried 3/0

**10.0 Return to Open Session**

Mrs. Dinan made a motion to return to open session at 9:47 p.m.  
Mr. Lanese seconded the motion  
Motion carried 3/0

**11.0 Adjournment**

Mrs. Dinan made a motion to adjourn at 9:47 p.m.  
Mr. Lanese seconded the motion  
Motion carried 3/0

**Respectfully submitted,**



**Sharon Hillis**

**Clerk of the Board**