

WYNANTSKILL UNION FREE SCHOOL DISTRICT
Regular Meeting of the Board of Education
June 15, 2017
Regular Meeting @ 7:00 PM
Anticipated Executive Session @ 6:30 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 6:37 p.m. by Mr. Lanesey.

1.1 Record of Attendance

Mrs. Castle	Present
Mr. Hirokawa	Present
Mr. Lanesey	Present
Mrs. Mack	Present
Mr. Strang	Present

1.2 Request for Executive Session

Mrs. Castle made a motion to enter into executive session for the purposes of the medical, financial, credit, or employment history of a particular person or corporation, or matters leading to the appointment, employment, promotion, demotion, discipline, suspension, dismissal, or removal of a particular person or corporation. at 6:39 p.m.

Mr. Hirokawa seconded the motion.

Motion carried 5/0.

1.3 Return to Open Session

Mr. Lanesey called the meeting back into open session at 7:15 p.m.

1.4 Review of Agenda/Additions to Agenda

Mr. Lanesey noted that the Consent agenda 3.1 to 3.13 will be removed, and each agenda item will be voted on separately.

1.5 Approval of Minutes of Previous Meeting

a. May 18, 2017

Mrs. Castle made a motion to approve the May 18, 2017 regular meeting minutes.

Mr. Hirokawa seconded the motion.

Motion carried 5/0.

1.6 Acceptance of Financial Reports

a. Internal Claims Auditor's Report May 2017

b. Monthly Treasurer's Report with Budget Transfers

Mr. Hirokawa made a motion to approve the District Treasurer's Financial Reports.

Mr. Strang seconded the motion.

Motion Carried 5/0.

1.7 Building use

Group	Dates/Time	Location
Make STEAM	8/7/17 to 8/18/17 8 am – 5 pm	Library
St Jude	10/23/17 to 3/12/18 Tues 5-7 Wed 5-9 Thurs 5-7	Gym
Averill Park Youth Basketball	10 /2017 to 2/2018 Mondays 5-9	Gym
Classie Lassie	School Year Tuesday / Thursday 7-9	Gym
East Greenbush Girls Basketball	3/1/18 to 5/31/18 Monday / Wednesday 5-7	Gym

Mrs. Castle made a motion to approve the building use request from Make STEAM.
Mrs. Mack seconded the motion.
Motion Carried 4/0/1. (Mr. Strang abstained)

Discussion: Dr. Reardon described the Make STEAM program and clarified the building use request.

Mrs. Mack made a motion to approve the building use request from St. Jude.
Mr. Hirokawa seconded the motion.
Motion Carried 4/0/1. (Mr. Strang abstained)

Mrs. Mack made a motion to approve the building use request from Averill Park Youth Basketball.
Mrs. Castle seconded the motion.
Motion Carried 5/0.

Mrs. Mack made a motion to approve the building use request from Classie Lassie.
Mrs. Castle seconded the motion.
Motion Carried 4/0/1. (Mr. Strang abstained)

Mrs. Castle made a motion to approve the building use request from the East Greenbush Girls Basketball.
Mr. Hirokawa seconded the motion.
Motion Carried 5/0.

1.8 Visitors and Communication

Mr. Lanese reviewed the two communications to the Board of Education.

- a. Communications to the Board of Education
 - i. Email from Ellen Kramek (NYSSBA)
 - ii. Email from parent with a special education concern
- b. Opportunity for the Public to be Heard

2.0 Reports to the Board of Education

2.1 Board of Education Reports & Updates

a. CSArch – Capital project update: Brandon Carey and Ed Anker provided a project update to the Board of Education. The district had their first OACM meeting with CSArch and the contractors. These meetings will be held bi-weekly. The Board of Education made decisions on the following project line items: A27 & P7 Upgrade of the main office toilet room and move door, V/E A2 Storefront door 211 for gym corridor to exit, V/E A4 Five skylight tubes, V/E M1 Pre-K radiant heated floors, A 12 Wood Doors into library / media room, V/E A3 Basketball backstop motors, S1 Tennis / basketball court, S1 Fitness trail, A8 Gymnasium locker replacement, M3 Provide DDC control for rooms 246-250, and line item M5 Upgrade / replace Gymnasium ventilation system.

Discussion: Mrs. Castle shared her experience of attending the OACM meeting.

b. 8th Grade Washington D.C. Trip Presentation: Anthony Lanese and Julie Zakarka presented a PowerPoint to the Board of Education on their experience in Washington D.C. this past April 5-7th.

2.2 District / Superintendent Program Report

Dr. Reardon reported:

- a. We have started looking at the 2017-18 school year, including a number of roster / grade level changes, for the positive.
- b. Scheduling for the 2017-18 school year has begun
- c. We held our final pre-k meeting of the school year. The committee will resume in September.
- d. A lot of great opportunities for our students as we end the year, field trips, field day and graduation.

2.3 Principal's Report

Dr. Yodis reported "We are having a lot of fun but working hard":

- a. Testing: Reading, Math, NWEA for all 360+ students have been completed. Data Team will start looking at each child to make sure they had the best year possible.
- b. State testing is complete. When New York State releases the questions the district will receive 75% of the questions back.
- c. Field day is on Tuesday the 20th.
- d. Staffing changes: we are making sure there is support / professional development as needed, so that all are prepared and comfortable with their new positions.
- e. Staff Development: Social Studies professional development has been provided by Questar III as well as Jane King has joined us for professional development with the new science standards. Professional Development in Math will be provided to those teachers who are going to a new grade level.
- f. Sage Literacy Clinic: Tuesday is the last day; 20 hours of free reading tutoring was provided to 40 students.
- g. Staff Appreciation: The PTA provided a wonderful lunch to the entire staff. Thank you to all of the parents who provided snacks and treats.
- h. Field Trip: Statue of Liberty for the 5th grade, it was a great experience.
- i. Kindergarten graduation will be held on Friday the 16th.
- j. Field Day will be on Tuesday, June 20th.
- k. Graduation on Thursday June 22nd.

2.4 PTO Update

A PTO report was not provided for June 2017.

3.0 Appointments and Authorizations

3.1 Approve CSE/CPSE Recommendations as per attached.

Mrs. Castle made a motion to approve the CSE/CPSE Recommendations.
Mr. Hirokawa seconded the motion.
Motion carried 5/0.

- 3.2 Approve summer school bus drivers July 3 to Aug 15, 2017.
a. Ralph Roberts b. Thomas Schmidt c. Robert Cushing d. Lance Maxon

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Mr. Hirokawa seconded the motion.
Motion carried 5/0.

Discussion: Mr. Lanese asked if all the summer drivers were current drivers of the district.

- 3.3 Appoint Stephanie Carbone as a part-time (.4 fte) plus a maximum of 5 compensated summer days as Instructional Data Support Teacher for the 2017-18 school year as per the WTA contract.

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Mr. Hirokawa seconded the motion.
Motion carried 5/0.

Discussion: Dr. Reardon clarified the position as part of his restructure of the administration positions.

- 3.4 Approve the following Extra Curricular appointments for the 2017-18 school year as per the WTA Contract.
a. Kim Herzl-Betz (CSE/CPSE Chair)
b. Matthew Lutz (Technology Coordinator)
c. Andrew Newmark (Reading Coordinator)
d. Dan DiSotto (Athletic Coordinator)

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c. Andrew Newmark (Reading Coordinator)
d. Dan DiSotto (Athletic Coordinator)
Mr. Hirokawa seconded the motion.
Motion carried 5/0.

Discussion: Mr. Lanese asked if Dr. Reardon posted the jobs and interviewed all the candidates who applied for these positions. Dr. Reardon replied yes.

- 3.5 Appoint Linda Fecura-Bunk as PT (.8 fte) Library Media Specialist beginning 8/30/17-6/30/18 @ Step 11 prorated.

Mr. Hirokawa made a motion to appoint Linda Fecura-Bunk as PT (.8 fte) Library Media Specialist beginning 8/30/17-6/30/18 @ Step 11 prorated.
Mrs. Mack seconded the motion.
Motion carried 5/0.

- 3.6 Appoint Keith Bateman as PT (0.67 fte) Physical Education / Health Teacher beginning 8/30/17-6/30/18 @ Step 2 prorated.

Mr. Hirokawa made a motion to Appoint Keith Bateman as PT (0.67 fte) Physical Education / Health Teacher beginning 8/30/17- 6/30/18 @ Step 2 prorated.

Mrs. Castle seconded the motion.

Motion carried 5/0.

Discussion: Dr. Reardon introduced Mr. Bateman to the Board of Education.

- 3.7 Approve Sarah Lant for a permanent Teacher's Aide position @ \$13.31 Hr. effective June 16, 2017.

Mr. Strang made a motion to approve Sarah Lant for a permanent Teacher's Aide position @ \$13.31 Hr. effective June 16, 2017.

Mrs. Castle seconded the motion.

Motion carried 5/0.

Discussion: Mr. Lanese asked if Ms. Lant was a current Teacher's Assistant ending her probationary period. Dr. Reardon replied yes.

- 3.8 Approve for the 2017-2018 school year (July 1, 2017 to June 30, 2018), Dr. Mary Yodis, Principal of the Gardner-Dickinson School, will be compensated with an annual salary of \$100,043. This represents a 3 % increase from her 2016-2017 salary of \$97,129. The District reserves the right to renegotiate future raises and subsequent conditions of Dr. Yodis' current contract on file upon the completion of the 2017-2018 school year.

Mr. Strang made a motion to approve for the 2017-2018 school year (July 1, 2017 to June 30, 2018), Dr. Mary Yodis, Principal of the Gardner-Dickinson School, will be compensated with an annual salary of \$100,043. This represents a 3 % increase from her 2016-2017 salary of \$97,129. The District reserves the right to renegotiate future raises and subsequent conditions of Dr. Yodis' current contract on file upon the completion of the 2017-2018 school year.

Mr. Hirokawa seconded the motion.

Motion carried 5/0.

Discussion: Mr. Lanese congratulated Dr. Yodis. Dr. Yodis gave thanks to the Board of Education.

- 3.9 RESOLVED, that the Board of Education reappoints Dr. Thomas Reardon as Superintendent of Schools for a five (5) year term, commencing on July 1, 2017 and ending on June 30, 2022, pursuant to the terms of the attached Employment Contract, negotiated by the President of the Board and approved by the school attorney, and the President of the Board is authorized and directed to execute an agreement in substantially the same form as the attached Employment Contract.

Mrs. Mack made a motion to reappoints Dr. Thomas Reardon as Superintendent of Schools for a five (5) year term, commencing on July 1, 2017 and ending on June 30, 2022, pursuant to the terms of the attached Employment Contract, negotiated by the President of the Board and approved by the school attorney, and the President of the Board is authorized and directed to execute an agreement in substantially the same form as the attached Employment Contract.

Mrs. Castle seconded the motion.

Motion carried 5/0.

Discussion: Mr. Lanese clarified the process of the contract.

- 3.10 Approve Tricia Gibbs (School Nurse) for a maximum of three summer days for transfer of health records from paper to electronic format, as per WTA Contract.

Mr. Strang made a motion to approve Tricia Gibbs (School Nurse) for a maximum of three summer days for transfer of health records from paper to electronic format, as per WTA Contract.

Mrs. Mack seconded the motion.

Motion carried 5/0.

Discussion: Dr. Reardon clarified the efficiency this will provide to the district when complete.

Mrs. Castle asked if three days was enough to complete the task. Dr. Reardon replied yes.

- 3.11 Accept of MOA between the Wynantskill UFSD and the CSEA Local 1000 Wynantskill UFSD Unit #8271-00.

Mrs. Castle made a motion to accept of MOA between the Wynantskill UFSD and the CSEA Local 1000 Wynantskill UFSD Unit #8271-00.

Mr. Hirokawa seconded the motion.

Motion carried 5/0.

Discussion: Dr. Reardon felt this was a very fair contract.

- 3.12 Approval of the disposal of 722 titles from the Gardner-Dickinson Library Collection, effective June 1, 2017.

Mr. Hirokawa made a motion to approve of the disposal of 722 titles from the Gardner-Dickinson Library Collection, effective June 1, 2017.

Mr. Strang seconded the motion.

Motion carried 5/0.

Discussion: Mr. Lanese had questions on the condition of the books and how they were disposed of. Dr. Reardon and Dr. Yodis explained the process and letting the board know each child should go home with about 10 books for the summer.

- 3.13 Approve the establishment of the Extra-Classroom Activity Club fund for the Gardner-Dickinson Athletic Booster Club.

Mrs. Castle made a motion to approve the establishment of the Extra-Classroom Activity Club fund for the Gardner-Dickinson Athletic Booster Club.

Mr. Strang seconded the motion.

Motion carried 5/0.

Discussion: Mrs. Mack had questions about the booster club. Mr. Lanese had questions about the management of funds. Dr. Reardon explained how the booster club will work.

- 3.14 First Readings
#5152 Admission of Non-Resident Students

Discussion: Dr. Reardon explained the changes made to the Admission of Non-Resident Students Policy. The Board of Education had discussion on the cost of tuition, state aide and the benefits of having staff have their children go to school at Gardner-Dickinson. The board of education preliminary have decided that there will be no charge of tuition to district employees. The policy will go to the second reading stage for the July 6, 2017 meeting.

4.0 Informational

- 4.1 Organizational Meeting July 6, 2017 @ 7 pm
- 4.2 BOE Retreat August 4, 2017 @ 9 am
- 4.3 Opportunity for the Public to be Heard

Eric Denny:

- a. Gave thanks to Dr. Yodis and Dr. Reardon.
- b. Shared his positive experiences with CS Arch.
- c. Stated he did not receive the budget packet that is mailed to tax payers.

Karl Yager:

- a. Items number 3.8 & 3.9 wanted to know why Dr. Yodis' salary was printed and Dr. Reardon's salary increases were not listed.
- b. Item number 3.12 wanted to know what the 722 titles were. The district clerk provided him a printed list of the 722 titles.
- c. Expressed his feelings about nonresidents families paying full priced tuition.
- d. Expressed his feelings on why we don't have a marching band in the local parade.
- e. Had questions on what bathroom was provided for LBGT students.
- f. Requested that the Pledge of Allegiance be after executive session so the community could participate.
- g. Expressed his opinion on Little Red Tuition.

Mary Zakarka: Read a letter of gratitude for all that Dr. Yodis and Dr. Reardon have done for her children and the district.

5.0 Request for Executive Session

There was no request for executive session.

6.0 Return to Open Session

7.0 Adjournment

The regular meeting of the Board of Education was adjourned at 8:57 p.m. by Mr. Lanesey.

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.