

WYNANTSKILL UNION FREE SCHOOL DISTRICT
Regular Meeting of the Board of Education
September 21, 2017
Meeting @ 7:00 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 7:04 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 Review of Agenda/Additions to Agenda

Dr. Reardon reviewed the agenda.

1.3 Approval of Minutes of Previous Meeting

a. August 24, 2017

Mrs. Castle made a motion to approve the August 24, 2017 regular meeting minutes.
Mr. Hirokawa seconded the motion.
Motion carried 5/0.

1.4 Acceptance of Financial Reports

- a. Internal Claims Auditor’s Report August 2017
- b. Monthly Treasurer's Report with Budget Transfers (June July August 2017)
- c. Extra Classroom Quarterly Report

Mrs. Mack made a motion to approve the District Treasurer's Financial Reports
Mr. Hirokawa seconded the motion.
Motion Carried 5/0.

Discussion: Dr. Reardon “Scott Preusser will be joining us for the October 21, 2017 BOE meeting to report on the district finances”.

1.5 Approve Building Use

Group	Day	Time/Area
Boy Scout Troop # 502	Tuesday (School Year)	7-9 Cafe
Girl Scout Troop #1314	1 st & 3 rd Monday (School Year)	6-7 Cafe
Girl Scout Troop # 1511	(1) Wednesday a Month (School Year)	6:30-8 Art Room

Mr. Strang made a motion to approve the building use request from Boy Scout Troop # 502 and Girl Scout Troop #1314 & # 1511.

Mrs. Castle seconded the motion.
Motion Carried 5/0.

- 1.6 Visitors and Communication
 - a. Communications to the Board of Education
 - b. Opportunity for the Public to Comment

Karl Yager: Commented on the cost of educating a child.

2.0 Reports to the Board of Education

- 2.1 Board of Education Board Discussion / Reports
 - a. Dr. Gladys Cruz Questar III
Dr. Cruz, Harry Hadjioannou and Edward Brooks provided the Board of Education with an overview of new Questar III appointments and the services Questar III provides to the Wynantskill UFSD. They concluded with the highlights of Questar III's new program that builds partnerships between local businesses and students.

Discussion: Mrs. Castle shared her thoughts on the business/education partnership experience.

- 2.2 District / Superintendent Program Report
 - a. CSArch – Capital project update: Dr. Reardon provided a construction update including the reporting/meeting schedule. The retaining wall has been completed and the footings are in the process of being poured this week. The new stage components will be delivered on Monday September 25, 2017. Dr. Reardon recapped the completed work.
Updates can be found on twitter <https://twitter.com/GDSuptReardon>
 - b. Kitchen Update: Our new serving line has been installed.
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=QuotJpXfXWc&feature=youtu.be>
 - c. Smart Schools Investment Plan: Dr. Reardon provided a Smart Schools Investment Plan presentation to the Board of Education. The presentation can be found at http://www.wynantskillufsd.org/wp-content/uploads/2017/09/Smart_Schools_Presentation.pdf
 - d. Student enrollment: The Gardner-Dickinson school currently has an enrollment of 387 students.

Shake it Up! Stir it Up! The Year of Pizazz and Sizzle!

- 2.3 Principal's Report
Dr. Yodis provided the following information to the BOE
 - a. Superintendent Conference Days: The school year started out with two conference days. Staff were trained in instructional rounds and worked on identifying a problem of practice at Gardner-Dickinson school.
 - b. Instructional Rounds: Dr. Yodis explained the instructional rounds process, including the districts desire of being a host school and visiting other districts.
 - c. Faculty meeting: We had our first faculty meeting of the school year. The staff continued working on instructional rounds and identified a problem of practice.
 - d. Welcome Back Assembly: Gardner-Dickinson held a welcome back assembly introducing our 38 new students.
 - e. Shake it up Stir it up: Staff members are adjusting to their new assignments and the students are adjusting to being back in school.
 - f. Open House: Had a wonderful turn out with a lot of positive feedback.
 - g. Assessments: Stephanie Carbone has tested all 384 students in ELA & Math. The data of each child is now being reviewed by staff.
 - h. Principals' Chat: Monday September 25, 2017 in the Library @ 5 – 6:30.

2.4 PTA Update

Sue Czubek, Nichole Hurbaneck and Jessica Merola presented the PTA report to the Board of Education.

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 Lisa Hancock, Keith Bateman, Courtney Townsend, and Mary Therese Bucher for the Extra Curricular appointment (Homework Center) for the 2017-18 school year as per the WTA Contract.

Mrs. Mack made a motion to approve Lisa Hancock, Keith Bateman, Courtney Townsend, and Mary Therese Bucher for the Extra Curricular appointment (Homework Center) for the 2017-18 school year as per the WTA Contract.

Mrs. Castle seconded the motion.

Motion carried 5/0.

3.3 Accept the Resignation of Alfred A. Deguire III from the position of Custodial Worker (Cleaner) effective 9/29/17.

Mr. Strang made a motion to accept the Resignation of Alfred A. Deguire III from the position of Custodial Worker (Cleaner) effective 9/29/17.

Mrs. Mack seconded the motion.

Motion carried 5/0.

3.4 Appoint Alfred A. Deguire III to the position of Working Supervisor (as approved through Rensselaer County Civil Service), effective 9/30/17 at a salary of \$55,600 prorated.

Mr. Strang made a motion to appoint Alfred A. Deguire III to the position of Working Supervisor (as approved through Rensselaer County Civil Service), effective 9/30/17 at a salary of \$55,600 prorated.

Mr. Hirokawa seconded the motion.

Motion carried 5/0.

3.5 Appoint John Oathout to the six-month probationary position of Custodial Worker (as approved through Rensselaer County Civil Service), effective 9/22/17 at \$16.50 an hour.

Mr. Hirokawa made a motion to appoint John Oathout to the six-month probationary position of Custodial Worker (as approved through Rensselaer County Civil Service), effective 9/22/17 at \$16.50 an hour.

Mr. Strang seconded the motion.

Motion carried 5/0.

3.6 Appoint Jeffery Palmer to the six-month probationary position of Building Maintenance Worker (as approved through Rensselaer County Civil Service), effective 10/2/17 at \$18.28 an hour (plus training days prior to 10/2/17).

Mr. Strang made a motion to appoint Jeffery Palmer to the six-month probationary position of Building Maintenance Worker (as approved through Rensselaer County Civil Service), effective 10/2/17 at \$18.28 an hour (plus training days prior to 10/2/17).

Mrs. Castle seconded the motion.
Motion carried 5/0.

- 3.7 Discussion: Dr. Reardon introduced & congratulated Mr. Deguire, Mr. Oathout and Mr. Palmer.
Approve the attached agreement between the North Greenbush Common School District and the Wynantskill UFSD for grades 2-8 tuition rates and K-12 transportation rates for the 2018-19, 2019-20 and 2020-21 school years.

Mr. Strang made a motion to approve the attached agreement between the North Greenbush Common School District and the Wynantskill UFSD for grades 2-8 tuition rates and K-12 transportation rates for the 2018-19, 2019-20 and 2020-21 school years.
Mr. Hirokawa seconded the motion.
Motion carried 5/0.

Discussion: Dr. Reardon clarified how tuition rates are negotiated.

- 3.8 Approve Neal Benassi as a six-month probationary Bus Driver @ \$16.88 an hour effective 10/2/17.

Mrs. Mack made a motion to approve Neal Benassi as a six-month probationary Bus Driver @ \$16.88 an hour effective 10/2/17.
Mr. Hirokawa seconded the motion.
Motion carried 5/0.

- 3.9 Adopt the Wynantskill Union Free School District 2017-18 District Targets and Superintendent Personal Goals.

Mr. Strang made a motion to adopt the Wynantskill Union Free School District 2017-18 District Targets and Superintendent Personal Goals.
Mrs. Mack seconded the motion.
Motion carried 5/0.

Discussion: Mr. Lanese read aloud the district target and Dr. Reardon's personal goals.

- 3.10 **WHEREAS**, The Smart Schools Bond Act (the "Act") was passed as part of the 2014-15 enacted state budget and was approved by voter referendum during the 2014 general election; and

WHEREAS, the Act authorizes New York State to issue \$2 billion in general obligation bonds to finance improved educational technology and infrastructure projects for public schools; and

WHEREAS, the District was allocated \$237,182 to finance improved educational technology and infrastructure projects in the District; and

WHEREAS, the monies allocated are paid out as refunds to the District upon expenditure of funds under an approved Smart Schools Investment Plan ("SSIP"); and

WHEREAS, the District, pursuant to its allocation of funds through the Act, has developed a preliminary SSIP to expend \$119,744 for an upgrade to the video security system and classroom communication, and \$75,722 to upgrade the computer network infrastructure.

WHEREAS, the Board of Education has reviewed the preliminary SSIP and determined that approval of the preliminary SSIP is in the best interest of the District.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the proposed preliminary SSIP to expend \$119,744 for an upgrade to the video security monitoring system and classroom communication, and \$75,722 to upgrade the computer network infrastructure be approved.

Mrs. Castle made a motion to resolve, that the proposed preliminary SSIP to expend \$119,744 for an upgrade to the video security monitoring system and classroom communication, and \$75,722 to upgrade the computer network infrastructure be approved.

Mrs. Mack seconded the motion.

Motion carried 5/0.

3.11 Policy Second Readings
Consent agenda reading 3.11 & 3.13

Number	Title
5020.3	Rights of Students with Disabilities Under Section 504
5030	Student Complaints
5100	Student Attendance
5150	School Admissions
5151	Homeless Children
5151-R	Homeless Children Regulation
5162	Student Dismissal Precautions
5162-R	Student Dismissal Precautions Regulation
5210	Student Organizations
5220	School-Sponsored Student Expression
5225	Student Personal Expression
5252	Student Activities Fund Management
5252-R	Student Activities Fund Management Regulation
5280	Athletics
5300	Code of Conduct
5405	Student Wellness
5410	Concussion Management
5410-R	Concussion Guidelines and Procedures
5420	Student Health Services
5420-R	Student Health Services Regulation
5420.2	Request For Religious Exemption From Immunization
5420.2-R	Request For Religious Exemption From Immunization Regulation
5425	Automated External Defibrillators
5450.1	Notification of Sex offenders
5460	Child Abuse, Maltreatment or Neglect In A Domestic Setting
5460-R.1	Child Abuse, Maltreatment or Neglect In A Domestic Setting Regulation
5460-R.2	Educational Neglect Regulation
5460-E	Educational Neglect Exhibit
5500	Student Records
5500-R	Student Records Regulation
5500-E.1	Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA) Notice Regarding Access To Student Records And Student Information
5500-E.2	Notification Of Directory Information Designations
5500-E.3	Student Records Exhibit – release of Directory Information
5500-E.4	Parents’ Bill Of Rights For Student Data Privacy And Security
5550	Student Privacy
5695	Students and Personal Electronic Devices
5710	Violent And Disruptive Incident Reporting
4526.2	Webpage Design & Maintenance

3.12 Second Readings Removal of Policies

Consent agenda reading 3.12 & 3.14

Number	Title
5020	Equal Educational Opportunities
5020.1	Sexual Harassment of Students
5020.1-R	Sexual Harassment of Students Regulation
5020.2	Racial Harassment of Students
5020.2-R	Racial Harassment of Students Regulation
5160	Student Absences and Excuses
5511	Reserve Funds

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Mrs. Castle made a motion to approve the adoption of policy/regulation numbers 5020.3, 5030, 5100, 5150, 5151, 5151-R, 5162, 5162-R, 5210, 5220, 5225, 5252, 5252-R, 5280, 5300, 5405, 5410, 5410-R, 5420, 5420-R, 5420.2, 5420.2-R, 5425, 5450.1, 5460, 5460-R.1, 5460-R.2, 5460-E, 5500, 5500-R, 5500-E.1, 5500-E.2, 5500-E.3, 5500-E.4, 5550, 5695, 5710, and 4526.2.
 Mr. Hirokawa seconded the motion.
 Motion carried 5/0.

3.14 Approval of Removal of Policies

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5020.2-R	Racial Harassment of Students Regulation
5160	Student Absences and Excuses
5511	Reserve Funds

Mr. Strang made a motion to approve the removal of policy/regulation numbers 5020, 5020.1, 5020.1-R, 5020.2, 5020.2-R, 5160, and 5511.
 Mr. Hirokawa seconded the motion.
 Motion carried 5/0.

Discussion:

Mr. Lanese questioned the removal of policies.

Dr. Reardon clarified that all the removed policies were absorbed by other policies that have already been approved by the Board of Education are no longer required by law.

4.0 Informational

4.1 Regular BOE Meeting October 19, 2017 @ 7 pm

4.2 Opportunity for the Public to Comment

Karl Yager:

- a. Commented on tuition rate for Little Red students.
- b. Commented on policy #5020.1 Sexual Harassment of Students.
- c. Commented on staff dress code.

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 8:35 p.m. by Mr. Lanese.

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.