

WYNANTSKILL UNION FREE SCHOOL DISTRICT
Regular Meeting of the Board of Education
January 17, 2019 @ 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	Absent

1.2 Review of Agenda/Additions to Agenda

Dr. Reardon reviewed the agenda.

1.3 Approval of Minutes of Previous Meeting

a. December 20, 2018

Mr. Hirokawa made a motion to approve the December 20, 2018 regular meeting minutes.
Mrs. Castle seconded the motion.
Motion carried 4/0.

1.4 Acceptance of Financial Reports

- a. Internal Claims Auditor's Report (November & December 2018)
- b. Monthly Treasurer's Report with Budget Transfers
- c. Quarterly Extra Classroom Report as of 12/31/18
- d. Quarterly Revenue Report as of 12/31/18

Mr. Hirokawa made a motion to approve the District Treasurer's Financial Reports.
Mrs. Mack seconded the motion.
Motion Carried 4/0.

1.5 Visitors and Communication

a. Communications to the Board of Education

Mr. Lanesey acknowledged the one communication to the Board of Education.

- i. Email from the NYS School Boards Association
- b. Opportunity for the Public to be Heard

2.0 Reports to the Board of Education

2.1 Board of Education Reports & Updates

a. Questar III Budget Vote April 16, 2019

The Board of Education has set a tentative time of 7:00 am to hold the Questar III budget vote.

2.2 District / Superintendent Program Report

Dr. Reardon provided the following information to the BOE:

- a. Preliminary Budget Forecast & Budget Assumptions:
The Governor has released the initial state aid projections. Dr. Reardon provided clarification on what the numbers mean for Wynantskill.
- b. Pre-Kindergarten 2019-20 program: The Pre-K selection process will begin earlier this year. A review of the selection application and important dates were discussed. Applications will be made public on Friday, January 18, 2019.
- c. Vaping: Rensselaer County Department of Health provided an educational program on Vaping to our middle school students. The program went over well and will be provided at a future date to the general public through PTA.
- d. High School Fair: Student were split into small groups so they could ask questions to the counselors.
- e. Career Day: Partnering with Questar III and the Chamber of Commerce, the District will be holding an Unexpected Career Day for the middle school before the February vacation. Currently we have eight participating local businesses.
- f. Music Field Trip: The Exploration in Music class visited I Heart Radio Studios on January 16, 2019.

2.3 Principal's Report

Dr. Yodis provided the following information to the BOE:

- a. Assessments: Each student has been tested and the data is being assessed to make sure each child is benefiting from small group instruction in the classroom. Thank you to Mrs. Herzl-Betz and Mrs. Carbone.
- b. Rensselaer County: The Department of Health provided a program to 3rd graders on emergency situations.
- c. Arts & Ed: Alicia Klepeis met with the 3rd and 6th graders. Mrs. Klepeis brought in food from around the world. Mrs. Klepeis worked with the 7th grade class on writing biographies. Thank you Mrs. Hancock and Mrs. Fecura-Bunk.
- d. Center for Autism and Related Disabilities: The district received a grant for five days of training on interventions. Over 50 schools applied for the grant our district was one of the four chosen. Thank you to Mrs. Carbone and Mrs. Herzl-Betz.
- e. De-escalation Training: Parsons provided training to our entire faculty and training on de-escalation.
- f. Spelling Bee: The District winner of the spelling bee was Penny Comenole, she will be moving on to the state spelling bee which is being held on February 11, 2019 at Proctors' Theatre.

Discussion: Mrs. Castle gave praise for those involved in the grant from the Center for Autism and Related Disabilities. Mrs. Castle asked questions on the testing directly returning from a weeks' vacation. Dr. Yodis and Mrs. Bucher engaged in conversation on the pros and cons of doing the testing the first days after a vacation.

2.4 PTA / SEPTA Update

Mrs. Mack provided the PTA and SEPTA report to the Board of Education.

3.0 Appointments and Authorizations

Consent Agenda 3.1- 3.5

Mrs. Mack made a motion to approve the consent agenda item numbers 3.1-3.5.

Mr. Hirokawa seconded the motion.

Motion carried 4/0.

Discussion: Dr. Reardon provided clarification on item number 3.4

- 3.1 Approve CSE/CPSE Recommendations as per attached.
- 3.2 Appoint Michelle Roy as a substitute Teacher Aide/Non-Certified Teacher @ \$80 a day.
- 3.3 Appoint Kayla Tobin as a substitute Nurse @ \$95 a day.
- 3.4 Appoint Sam Davis, Keith Bateman, Michael Bornt, and Courtney Townsend for the extra-curricular appointment, Baseball/Softball Coach's, for the 2018-19 school year as per the WTA contract.
- 3.5 Accept the resignation of Christopher Phillips (Teacher Aide) effective January 31, 2019.

4.0 Informational

- 4.1 Regular BOE Meeting February 28, 2019 @ 7 p.m.
- 4.2 Opportunity for the Public to be Heard

Mr. Lanese: Reported that Dr. Reardon and himself did attend the January town planning board meeting, the Whiteview Development group was not discussed, they both plan to attend future meetings.

Mrs. Bucher: Announced the 8th grade Pancake breakfast will be held at Applebee's in East Greenbush on Saturday January 26th.

5.0 Request for Executive Session

There was no request for executive session.

6.0 Return to Open Session

7.0 Adjournment

Mrs. Mack made a motion to adjourn at 7:29 p.m.

Mrs. Castle seconded the motion.

Motion carried 4/0.

Respectfully submitted,



Sharon Hillis
Clerk of the Board