

**WYNANTSKILL UNION FREE SCHOOL DISTRICT**  
**Regular Meeting of the Board of Education**  
**April 16, 2015 @ 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 7:02 pm by Mrs. Marsh.

1.1 Record of Attendance

Mrs. Dinan	Present
Ms. Gray	Present
Mr. Lanese	Present
Mrs. Marsh	Present
Mrs. Paone	Present @ 8:05 pm

1.2 Review of Agenda/Additions to Agenda

Mrs. Marsh reviewed the agenda

1.3 Royal Recognition

The Board of Education recognized the following students for Royal Recognition:  
Odyssey of the Mind 1<sup>st</sup> Place in Division/Region

- a. Brody French
- b. Courtney Miller
- c. Rachel Kane
- d. Justin Cioffi
- e. Olivia MacGregor
- f. Christina Parrottino
- g. Brooklyn Darling

Odyssey of the Mind 2<sup>nd</sup> Place in Division/Region

- a. Addie Weatherwax
- b. Alexis Nash
- c. Alex Rockwell
- d. Ben Abbas
- e. Jacob Kelley
- f. Kellan Rokjer
- g. Anthony Lanese

NYSSMA Solo Festival

- a. Anthony Lanese (6<sup>th</sup>) – Snare Drum - Outstanding –Level 1
- b. Brigid Mack (6<sup>th</sup>) – Vocal – Outstanding – Level 3
- c. Emma Geisser (7<sup>th</sup>) – Vocal - Excellent – Level 3
- d. Brody French (8<sup>th</sup>) – Baritone – Outstanding – Level 1
- e. Courtney Miller (8<sup>th</sup>) – Clarinet – Excellent – Level 3

1.4 Approval of Minutes of Previous Meetings

- a. March 19, 2015 Regular Meeting
- b. April 6, 2015 Special Meeting

Mrs. Dinan made a motion to approve the March 19, 2015 regular meeting minutes and the April 6, 2015 special meeting minutes. Mr. Lanese seconded the motion. Motion carried 4/0

- 1.5 Acceptance of Financial Reports
  - a. Internal Claims Auditor's Report March 2015
  - b. Treasurer's Monthly Report with Budget Transfers
  - c. Extra Classroom Quarterly as of 3/31/15

Mr. Lanese made a motion to accept the District Treasurer's Financial Reports  
Mrs. Dinan seconded the motion. Motion carried 4/0

- 1.6 Approval of Building Use Requests  
There are no Building Use requests for April 2015

- 1.7 Communications to the Board of Education

Mrs. Marsh acknowledged the receipt of the following correspondence:  
Thank you letter from Mrs. Swart and Mrs. Cronin

## **2.0 Reports to the Board of Education**

- 2.1 District / School Program Report

- a. Utica National: Mr. Bordick reported that the Wynantskill UFSD was recently awarded the highest level of Safety Excellence Award from Utica National Insurance Group. The award is the Titanium award with honors plus the school was awarded a check for \$500. Neal Benassi represented the district at the awards ceremony in Saratoga.
- b. Transportation Report: Mr. Bordick presented the Transportation Report from Bonnie Cole, Transportation Supervisor
- c. Building and Grounds Report: Mr. Bordick presented the Buildings and Grounds Report from Neal Benassi, Buildings and Grounds Supervisor
- d. Cafeteria Report: Mr. Bordick presented the Cafeteria Report from Lori Audi, Food Service Director
- e. 2015-2016 Budget Presentation: Mr. Bordick presented the 2015-2016 budget presentation

- 2.2 Board of Education Reports & Updates

- a. Edwin Anker, CSArch: Mr. Anker presented the Board of Education with a draft of the Schematic Design report. Mr. Anker will return on May 7, 2015 during the next workshop to answer any questions the Board of Education may have.
- b. Bob Schofield, Attorney: Mr. Schofield discussed the Superintendent contract with the Board of Education and reviewed policies.

- 2.3 Principal's Report: Mrs. Yodis reported that the program "parents for reading partners" was a great success. Mrs. Curran had fun activities for the students including read in's with local authors and book signings. The book fair was a great success 3 full days that raised \$6,700. Thank you to all of our guest readers.

April 1<sup>st</sup> we had 35 students register for Kindergarten. All of the students were screened. PTO provided snacks and displays for the parents.

- 2.4 Special Education/RtI: Jean Marie Steffek reported that they are in the middle of the annual review process, outplacement students have been completed.

- 2.5 PTO Update: Sue Czubek presented the PTO report to the Board of Education

## **3.0 Appointments and Authorizations**

- 3.1 Approve CSE/CPSE Recommendations as per attached

Mrs. Dinan made a motion to approve the CSE/CPSE Recommendations, Ms. Gray seconded the motion. Motion carried 5/0

- 3.2 1<sup>st</sup> Reading of BOE Policies
  - a. Family and Medical Leave Act #9520.2
  - b. Family and Medical Leave Act Regulation (New) #9520.2-R
  - c. School Admissions (New) #5150
  
- 3.3 Second Reading of BOE Policies
  - a. Expense Reimbursement #6830
  - b. Expense Reimbursement Regulation #6830-R
  - c. Child Abuse, Maltreatment or Neglect in a Domestic Setting #5460
  - d. Child Abuse, Maltreatment or Neglect in a Domestic Setting Regulation #5460-R
  - e. School Boards Conferences, Conventions, Workshops #2521
  - f. Student Harassment and Bullying Prevention and Intervention (New) #0115
  - g. Student Harassment and Bullying Prevention and Intervention Regulation (New) #0115-R
  - h. Student Harassment and Bullying Prevention and Intervention Exhibit (New) # 0115-E
  
- 3.4 Adoption of Board Policies
  - a. Expense Reimbursement #6830
  - b. Expense Reimbursement Regulation #6830-R
  - c. Child Abuse, Maltreatment or Neglect in a Domestic Setting #5460
  - d. Child Abuse, Maltreatment or Neglect in a Domestic Setting Regulation #5460-R
  - e. School Boards Conferences, Conventions, Workshops #2521
  - f. Student Harassment and Bullying Prevention and Intervention (New) #0115
  - g. Student Harassment and Bullying Prevention and Intervention Regulation (New) #0115-R
  - h. Student Harassment and Bullying Prevention and Intervention Exhibit (New) # 0115-E

Mr. Lanese made a motion to table Policies # 0115, #0115-R, and #0115-E. Mrs. Paone seconded the motion. Motion carried 5/0. Adoption of Board Policy numbers #6830 and #6830-R Motion carried 4/1 (Mrs. Dinan) Adoption of Board Policy numbers # 5460, #5460-R and #2521 Motion Carried 5/0.

3.5 Approval of Substitutes

Katherine Willis	Substitute Teacher Aide \$65.63 day
Emily Miller	Substitute Teacher Aide \$65.63 day

Mrs. Paone made a motion to approve Katherine Willis and Emily Miller as Substitute Teacher Aides @ \$65.63 a day. Mr. Lanese seconded the motion. Motion carried 5/0

3.6 Approval of Volunteers

There are no Volunteer requests for April 2015

3.7 Approval of Additional Non-Public Transportation Requests

There are no Additional Non-Public Transportation requests for April 2015

3.8 Approve Courtney Reed for a permanent Teacher's Aide position @ \$12.54 Hr. effective April 21, 2015.

Mr. Lanese made a motion to approve Courtney Reed for a permanent Teacher's Aide position @ \$12.54 Hr. effective April 21, 2015. Ms. Gray seconded the motion. Motion carried 5/0

3.9 Approve Debbie Ann Hayes permanent Bus Driver position @ \$15.45 Hr. effective April 23, 2015.

Mr. Lanese made a motion to approve Debbie Ann Hayes permanent Bus Driver position @ \$15.45 Hr. effective April 23, 2015. Ms. Gray seconded the motion. Motion carried 5/0

3.10 Approve the sale of Bus number 52, a 2001 GMC Van with mileage of 125,510.

Mr. Lanesev made a motion to approve the sale of Bus number 52, a 2001 GMC Van with mileage of 125,510. Mrs. Paone seconded the motion. Motion carried 5/0

3.11 Approve 2015-2016 Board of Education Meeting Calendar.

Mrs. Dinan made a motion to approve 2015-2016 Board of Education Meeting Calendar.  
Mr. Lanesev seconded the motion. Motion carried 5/0

3.12 WHEREAS, the Board of Education of Wynantskill Union Free School District, Rensselaer County, New York, has called an Annual School Board Election and Budget Vote of the qualified voters of said School District to be held on the 19th day of May, 2015 and WHEREAS, it is now desired to provide for the appointment of inspectors for said Annual School Board Election and Budget Vote; NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Education of Wynantskill Union Free School District, Rensselaer County, New York, as follows:

Section 1. Mary Ellen Angrisano, a duly qualified voter of said School District is hereby appointed as the Permanent Chairman of the Annual School Board Election and Budget Vote referred to in the preambles hereof.

Section 2. The following named qualified voters of said School District are hereby appointed to act as Inspectors of Election of said Annual School Board Election and Budget Vote, so that there shall be at least two Inspectors for each voting machine to be used thereat:

Section 3. Mary Rose Ryan is hereby designated as Chief Election Inspector.

Section 4. The following named qualified voters of said School District are hereby appointed as Assistant Clerks of said Annual School Board Election and Budget Vote: Dot McGan; Elizabeth Livingston; William Keegan

Section 5. Each Inspector of Election and Assistant Clerk appointed for said Annual School Board Election and Budget Vote, as herein provided, shall be entitled to compensation at the rate of Chief Election Inspector \$10.50 Hr. / Assistant Clerk \$9.50 Hr. for each day actually and necessarily spent on the duties of his office. The Clerk of said School District is hereby authorized and directed to give written notice of appointment to the persons herein respectively appointed as Permanent Chairman, Inspectors of Election and Assistant Clerks for said Special District Meeting.

Section 6. This resolution shall take effect immediately.

Mrs. Dinan made a motion to approve the appointment of the Permanent Chairman, Chief Election Inspector and Assistant Clerks for said Annual School Board Election and Budget Vote, Mr. Lanesev seconded the motion. Motion carried 5/0

3.13 Approve Stephanie Ryan as a Door Monitor Noon to 6 pm @ \$9.50 Hr. for the Annual School Board Election and Budget Vote on May 19, 2015.

Mr. Lanesev made a motion to approve Stephanie Ryan as a Door Monitor Noon to 6 pm @ \$9.50 Hr. for the Annual School Board Election and Budget Vote on May 19, 2015. Mrs. Dinan seconded the motion. Motion carried 5/0

3.14 Approve the appointment of Kevin O'Malley and Joseph Mele to serve as Election Machine Administrators for the Annual School Board Election and Budget Vote scheduled for May 19, 2015. Compensation shall be at the rate of \$200 each for all services provided relative to the election process.

Mr. Lanesey made a motion to approve the appointment of Kevin O'Malley and Joseph Mele to serve as Election Machine Administrators for the Annual School Board Election and Budget Vote scheduled for May 19, 2015. Compensation shall be at the rate of \$200 each for all services provided relative to the election process. Mrs. Dinan seconded the motion. Motion carried 5/0

- 3.15 Approve 2015-2016 Annual School Board Election and Budget Vote Time & Place
- a. Election date May 19, 2015
  - b. Election time from 12:00 pm – 9:00 pm
  - c. Election location Gardner-Dickinson School Classroom Number 244

Mr. Lanesey made a motion to approve 2015-2016 Annual School Board Election and Budget Vote Time & Place. Ms. Gray seconded the motion. Motion carried 5/0

- 3.16 Consideration for approval  
To adopt for presentation to the voters of the district, as PROPOSITION #1, the 2015-2016 Budget as recommended by Administration as follows:  
Shall the Board of Education of the Wynantskill Union Free School District, Rensselaer County, New York be authorized to expend the total amount of \$8,863,296 during the school year 2015-2016 and to levy the necessary tax therefore.

Ms. Gray made a motion to approve the adoption for presentation to the voters of the district, as PROPOSITION #1, the 2015-2016 Budget as recommended by Administration as follows: Shall the Board of Education of the Wynantskill Union Free School District, Rensselaer County, New York be authorized to expend the total amount of \$8,863,296 during the school year 2015-2016 and to levy the necessary tax therefore. Mrs. Dinan seconded the motion. Motion carried 5/0

- 3.17 Consideration for approval  
To adopt for presentation to the voters of the district, as PROPOSITION #2, the 2015-2016 Bus Proposal as recommended by Administration as follows:  
Shall the Board of Education of the Wynantskill Union Free School District, Rensselaer County, New York be authorized to (1) acquire **two (2) SCHOOL BUSES**, at a maximum aggregate cost of \$105,000; (2) expend such sum, or so much thereof as shall be necessary; and (3) shall be paid from the current appropriation.

Mr. Lanesey made a motion approve the adoption for presentation to the voters of the district, as PROPOSITION #2, the 2015-2016 Bus Proposal as recommended by Administration as follows: Shall the Board of Education of the Wynantskill Union Free School District, Rensselaer County, New York be authorized to (1) acquire **two (2) SCHOOL BUSES**, at a maximum aggregate cost of \$105,000; (2) expend such sum, or so much thereof as shall be necessary; and (3) shall be paid from the current appropriation. Ms. Gray seconded the motion. Motion carried 5/0

#### **4.0 Old Business**

#### **5.0 New Business**

- a. Date for executive session to review candidate pool  
May 7, 2015
- b. Date for executive session to review top 3 candidates  
Saturday or Tuesday the 19th
- c. Date for BOE to have a site visit with top candidate  
June 12<sup>th</sup>

#### **6.0 Informational**

- 6.1 Home Baseball Games April 18, 25, 30 May 7, 12, & 14 2015
- 6.2 Home Softball Games Classie Lassie Field April 14, 27, 29 May 4, 6, 11, 18, & 19 2015

- 6.3 Candidate Petitions for Membership on the BOE due by 3 pm April 20, 2015
- 6.4 Boces Budget Vote & Election April 21, 2015 @ 6 pm Media Center
- 6.5 Board of Education Workshop May 7, 2015 @ 7 pm
- 6.6 Budget Hearing May 12, 2015 @ 7 pm
- 6.7 Meet the Candidates May 12, 2015 @ 7 pm
- 6.8 Spring Concert 5-8 May 13, 2015 @ 7 pm
- 6.9 Spring Fling Dance May 15, 2015 @ 7 pm
- 6.10 Spring Concert 1-5 May 18, 2015 @ 7 pm
- 6.11 Annual School Board Election and Budget Vote May 19, 2015 Noon to 9 pm
- 6.12 Regular BOE Meeting May 21, 2015 @ 7 pm
- 6.13 Troy Senior Award Night May 20, 2015 @ 7 pm Troy Veterans Memorial Auditorium
- 6.14 Brittonkill Senior Award Night June 3, 2015 @ 6 pm
- 6.15 Sports Award Night June 10, 2015 @ 6 pm
- 6.16 Averill Park Senior Award Night June 11, 2015 @ 7 pm Algonquin Middle School
- 6.17 Public Comment

S Czubek: (1) Thanked Mr. Bordick for his donation to the book fair. (2) Testing concerns and the pros and cons of taking the state test

M Gavin: (1) Concerns with testing (2) Praise for teachers for having meaningful work available for the children

M Geise (1) Concerns with testing (2) Superintendents contract (3) Thank you for making the testing accommodations

#### **7.0 Request for Executive Session**

Mrs. Dinan made a motion to enter into executive session for personal matters at 10:15 p.m.  
 Mr. Lanese seconded the motion  
 Motion carried 5/0  
 Mrs. Dinan requested that Mary Ellen Angrisano be present for the session

#### **8.0 Return to Open Session**

Mrs. Dinan made a motion to return to open session at 10:56 p.m.  
 Mr. Lanese seconded the motion  
 Motion carried 5/0

#### **9.0 Adjournment**

Mrs. Dinan made a motion to adjourn at 10:56 p.m.  
 Mrs. Paone seconded the motion  
 Motion carried 5/0

**Respectfully submitted,**



**Sharon Hillis**

**Clerk of the Board**