

WYNANTSKILL UNION FREE SCHOOL DISTRICT
Regular Meeting of the Board of Education
December 17, 2015
6:30 pm Anticipated Executive Session
7:00 pm Regular Meeting
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 6:33 pm by Mrs. Dinan.

- 1.1 Record of Attendance
 - Mrs. Castle Present
 - Mrs. Dinan Present
 - Ms. Gray Present
 - Mr. Lanesey Present
 - Mrs. Mack Present

1.2 Request for Executive Session

Mr. Lanesey made a motion to enter into executive session for the purposes of discussing 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 6:34 p.m.

Ms. Gray seconded the motion.

Motion carried 5/0.

1.3 Return to Open Session

Mr. Lanesey made a motion to return to open session at 7:40 p.m.

Mrs. Mack seconded the motion.

Motion carried 5/0.

1.4 Review of Agenda/Additions to Agenda

Dr. Reardon reviewed the agenda.

1.5 Approval of Minutes of Previous Meeting

a. November 19, 2015

Mrs. Mack made a motion to approve the November 19, 2015 regular meeting minutes.

Mr. Lanesey seconded the motion.

Motion carried 5/0.

1.6 Acceptance of Financial Reports

- a. Internal Claims Auditor's Report November 2015
- b. Treasurer's Monthly Report with Budget Transfers

Mr. Lanesey made a motion to accept the District Treasurer's Financial Reports.

Mrs. Mack seconded the motion.

Motion carried 5/0.

1.7 Visitors and Communication

- a. Communications to the Board of Education
 - i. Email from Kathleen Cronin
 - ii. Email from Kyran Devery

- b. Opportunity for the Public to be Heard

Mr. Devery: Presented a petition requesting a Veteran's exemption from the Wynantskill Union free School District.

M Geise: Great job on the musical concerts.

2.0 Reports to the Board of Education

2.1 District / Superintendent Program Report

- a. Discussion of the budget calendar and budget development procedures:

- Dr. Reardon reviewed the proposed budget calendar; changes have been noted and the revised calendar will be presented for BOE approval in January.
- NYSSBA will provide the first series of policies for review by the end of January.
- Dr. Reardon provided an update on the Little Red School House district and their school selection process. 11 students are in the Little Red 1st grade this year.

2.2 Board of Education Reports & Updates

- Mrs. Dinan announced the Questar III annual meeting on April 6th.

2.3 Principal's Report

- Mrs. Yodis reported that the 2nd annual spelling bee took place, 8th grader Caitlin Kelley won for the second year in a row. Around February 1st Caitlin will compete in the Capital District Spelling Bee at Proctors Theater in Albany.
- The WTA provided a Parents Night Out with a large turnout. The children enjoyed the movies and popcorn.
- The middle school snow flake dance had over a 100 students attend.
- There were two musical concerts, elementary and middle school that were well attended. Both were amazing displays of student talent, and the hard work of the music teachers.
- PTO provided a holiday gift shop and \$3,000 worth of goods were sold.
- Gardner-Dickinson is in 10th place for the Colonie Center Bucks program.
- Thank you to Neal Benassi and his custodial staff for all extra hard work this month.
- Professional development is being presented at faculty meetings. Make and Take ideas will be the theme for the year.
- 1st round of teachers observations have been completed; 33 in total.

2.4 PTO Update

- Mary Yodis presented the PTO report to the Board of Education on behalf of Sue Czubek.

3.0 Appointments and Authorizations

3.1 Approve CSE/CPSE Recommendations as per attached.

Ms. Gray made a motion to approve CSE/CPSE recommendations.

Mr. Lanese seconded the motion.

Motion carried 5/0.

3.2 Approve Tim Flannery for Extra-Curricular appointment (Chaperone) for the 2015-2016 school year as per the WTA contract.

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Mrs. Mack seconded the motion.

Motion carried 5/0.

3.3 Accept the resignation of Leo Daigneault, Bus driver effective December 7, 2015.

Mr. Lanesey made a motion to accept the resignation of Leo Daigneault, Bus driver effective December 7, 2015.

Mrs. Castle seconded the motion.

Motion carried 5/0.

3.4 Accept the resignation of Joseph Cioffi, Bus driver effective December 24, 2015.

Mr. Lanesey made a motion to accept the resignation of Joseph Cioffi, Bus driver effective December 24, 2015.

Mrs. Mack seconded the motion.

Motion carried 5/0.

3.5 Approve Debbie Ann Hayes as a probationary Bus Driver @ \$15.91/Hr. effective December 7, 2015.

Mrs. Castle made a motion to approve Debbie Ann Hayes as a probationary Bus Driver @ \$15.91/Hr. effective December 7, 2015.

Mr. Lanesey seconded the motion.

Motion carried 5/0.

3.6 Approval of Substitutes

Substitute Teacher Non Certified \$70 Day		
Sarah Hendley	William Boland	
Teacher's Aide \$70 Day		
Melody Gibbins*		
Nurse \$75 Day		
Melody Gibbins*		

*pending fingerprint clearance

Mr. Lanesey made a motion to approve the above listed substitutes.

Mrs. Mack seconded the motion.

Motion carried 5/0.

4.0 Old Business

5.0 New Business

6.0 Informational

6.1 Regular BOE Meeting January 21, 2016 @ 7 pm

6.2 Opportunity for the Public to be Heard

JM Steffek: Concerns with the loss of 2 bus drivers. Thank you for the Christmas card. Dr. Reardon has been with us 5 months, noticeably there has been positive growth and daily collaboration.

M Lutz: Thank you for the Holiday card.

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Mrs. Mack seconded the motion.

Motion carried 5/0.

8.0 Return to Open Session

Mr. Lanesey made a motion to return to open session at 9:45 p.m.

Mrs. Castle seconded the motion.

Motion carried 5/0.

9.0 Adjournment

Mrs. Gray made a motion to adjourn at 9:45 p.m.

Mr. Lanesey seconded the motion.

Motion carried 5/0.

Respectfully submitted,



**Sharon Hillis
Clerk of the Board**