

**WYNANTSKILL UNION FREE SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING
7:00 pm - Regular Meeting
December 19, 2013
MEDIA CENTER
Meeting Minutes**

1.0 Call to order and the pledge

The meeting of the Board of Education was called to order at 7:04 pm by Mrs. Paone.

1.1 Record of Attendance

The District Clerk called the roll:

Mrs. Curran	Absent
Mr. Hug	Present
Mr. Lanese	Present
Mrs. Marsh	Present
Mrs. Paone	Present

1.2 Review of agenda/additions to agenda

Mrs. Paone reviewed the agenda

1.3 Approval of minutes

Approved November 21, 2013 Regular Meeting Minutes

Motion Carried: 4/0

1.4 Accepted the following District Treasures report (s)

- a. Treasurer's Monthly report ending November 30, 2013
- b. Internal Audit report July 2012 to November 2012
- c. Returned School Tax notice

Motion Carried: 4/0

1.5 Approval of building use request

There are no requests for building use for December 2013

1.6 Communications to the Board of Education

Mrs. Paone acknowledged the receipt of the following correspondences:

- Email from Meredith Gavin
- Letter from Gary DiLallo
- Letter from Matthew Wade
- Email from Michael Ford

2.0 Reports to the Board of Education

2.1 District / School Program Report

- a. **Common Core** Mr. Bordick gave a follow up on the Common Core and the issues discussed at HVCC. Mr. Bordick touched based on the standardized curriculum, how students compete nationally, and are students being college and career ready. Mr. Bordick spoke on how testing would be used to evaluate students and teachers and how vendors would be able to take data and the privacy of the student.
- b. **Resolution on testing** Many NYS school boards are adopting resolutions to show our concerns on the Common Core Testing. Mr. Bordick spoke on the random field testing and making sure parents are informed on the options. Mr. Hug asked what the purpose of the resolution is. Mr. Bordick stated that it is basically to be united with other school districts nationwide. Mrs. Paone wanted to know if in general there were other options for testing and assessments available. Mr. Bordick explained that the school district cannot get access to the exams due to State providing an outside vendor to handle the testing process. The board would like to support the resolution and send a letter to show support. The resolution will be added to the end of the agenda number 3.15.
- c. **Strategic Planning Committee Update** The first meeting will be on January 9, 2014 at 6:30 pm. Parents, teachers, community members and board members will all be part of the 22 people on the committee.
- d. **Staffing Overview Annual** Staffing overview should be updated closer to budget time
- e. **Tuition 2013-2014** Mr. Bordick will be working with Amy Murphy and the five school choices for our 8th grade students to have a high school career day and we will be still having the shadow day before they have to make a decision. The board would like feedback on how our students are doing in each of the four schools. The board did also look closely at the tuition rates between the four schools.
- f. **Regional State Budget Event Thursday January 30 South Colonie High School** Local schools, State assembly, State senate groups will be discussing the Common Core. Mr. Bordick felt the event will be well attended.

2.2 Board of Education reports & updates

- a. **New School Board member selection** Mrs. Paone talked about the board selection process for the open seat. 3 applicants applied for the open seat. In early January public interviews will be held. Mr. Hug and Mrs. Marsh spoke on the public interview and if we have to have the interviews publically. Mr. Hug would like to do the interviews privately so the candidate can be more open and comfortable. Mr. Bordick was asked about his experience by Mrs. Paone with open and private interviews. Mr. Bordick has had experience with both open and private interviews and both were effective. Mr. Lanese and Mr. Hug have both expressed their concerns with open interviews. Mrs. Marsh thought a combination of both private and public interviews would solve the concerns at hand. The new board member would start in February 2014. January 16th board meeting meet and greet with the board individually and then public interviews. Followed by a special meeting to vote.

3.0 Appointments and Authorizations

3.1 Review Recommendations and Approve Resource Allocation to CSE/CPSE

Mr. Lanesev made a motion to approve; Mrs. Marsh seconded the motion.
Motion Carried: 4/0

3.2 Adoption of board policies

- a. Wellness Policy
- b. Reserve Fund Policy
- c. Model Cyber Incident Response Policy

Mr. Lanesev made a motion to approve; Mrs. Marsh seconded the motion.
Motion Carried: 4/0

3.3 First Reading of BOE Policies

There are no first readings for December 2013

3.4 Approval of Substitutes

<u>Name</u>	<u>Certification</u>
Tracy L. Everleth	Substitute Teacher
Jennie Williams	Substitute Teacher
Ann Marie Chiappinelli	Substitute Teacher
Janice Jackson	Substitute Teacher
Zachary Dymond	Substitute Teacher
Ashley Fryer	Substitute Teacher
Andren Quattrocchi	Substitute Teacher

Mr. Lanesev made a motion to approve; Mrs. Marsh seconded the motion.
Motion Carried: 4/0

3.5 Approval of Volunteers

Sarah Fisk

Mr. Lanesev made a motion to approve; Mrs. Marsh seconded the motion.
Motion Carried: 4/0

3.6 Approval of Additional Non-Public Transportation Requests

There are no requests for Non-Public Transportation for December 2013

3.7 Approve Patty Rowe Extra-Curricular appointment (intramurals) as per WTA contract

Mrs. Marsh made a motion to approve; Mr. Lanesev seconded the motion.
Motion Carried: 4/0

3.8 Approve Rebecca Benjamin & Mary Alice Newell as Co-Extra-Curricular appointment (chorus advisors) as per WTA contract

Mrs. Marsh made a motion to approve Mr. Lanesev seconded the motion.
Motion Carried: 4/0

3.9 Approve Amy Murphy and Kim Herzl-Betz as Dignity for All Co-Coordinator

Mrs. Marsh made a motion to approve Mr. Lanese seconded the motion.
Motion Carried: 4/0

3.10 Appoint Aaron Joy for a permanent Custodian position fte 1 effective December 20, 2013

Mrs. Marsh made a motion to approve Mr. Lanese seconded the motion.
Motion Carried: 4/0

3.11 Be it Resolved: that the Wynantskill Union Free School District, hereby elects Matthew Wade to the position of Area 7 Director of the New York State School Boards Association for a two-year term commencing January 2014.

Mrs. Marsh made a motion to approve Mr. Lanese seconded the motion.
Motion Carried: 4/0

3.12 Approve Gail Lathrop's response to the Auditors Comments

Mr. Lanese made a motion to approve Mrs. Marsh seconded the motion.
Motion Carried: 4/0

3.13 It is Resolved:

1. That the Board of Education hereby appoints Lee A Bordick as the Superintendent of the Wynantskill Union Free School District, effective January 1, 2014
2. That the Board of Education hereby authorizes the President of the Board of Education to enter into an agreement for the employment of Lee A Bordick as the Superintendent of the Wynantskill Union Free School District.

Mr. Lanese made a motion to approve Mrs. Marsh seconded the motion.
Motion Carried: 4/0

3.14 It is Resolved:

1. That the Board of Education hereby appoints Mary Yodis as the K-8 Principal for a three year probationary term effective January 1, 2014 in the tenure area of K-8 Principal.
2. That the Board of Education hereby authorizes the President of the Board of Education to enter into a terms and condition agreement for the employment of Mary Yodis as the K-8 Principal.

Mr. Lanese made a motion to approve Mrs. Marsh seconded the motion.
Motion Carried: 4/0

3.15 Resolution:

WHEREAS, The Wynantskill Union Free School District is dedicated provide opportunities for all students to reach their fullest potential; empower all to achieve personal excellence and encourage a life-long love of learning; and

WHEREAS, the decline in state support for public schools has forced our District to reduce programs and limited our ability to implement the new programs mandated by the state such as the Common Core Standards, creating an uneven rollout of the standards among school districts around the state; and

WHEREAS, while the implementation of Common Core will ultimately help students, teachers, and teaching and learning, the growing reliance on and misalignment of standardized testing is eroding student learning time, narrowing the curriculum, and jeopardizing the rich, meaningful education our students need and deserve; and

WHEREAS, despite the fact that research recommends the use of multiple measures to gauge student performance and teacher effectiveness, the state's growing reliance on standardized testing is adversely affecting students across all spectrums, as well as the morale of our educators and further draining already scarce resources; and

WHEREAS, the federal elementary and secondary education act's testing policies fail to appropriately accommodate the unique needs of students with disabilities and English language learners in assessing their learning, resulting in test scores that do not accurately represent a true measure of the contributions of teachers and schools; and

WHEREAS, it is time for policymakers to recalibrate the number, duration, and appropriate use of standardized tests so that we can refocus our efforts on student learning; now therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that we call upon the Commissioner of Education, the NYS Board of Regents, and other policymakers to reduce the use of and over-reliance on standardized testing; and, be it further

RESOLVED, that we call upon the U.S. Congress and the Administration to reduce federal testing mandates and support the role of and focus on multiple measures of student learning and school quality in accountability systems.

Mrs. Marsh made a motion to approve Mr. Lanese seconded the motion.

Motion Carried: 3/1

4.0 Old Business

5.0 New Business

6.0 Informational

6.1 Regular BOE Meeting January 16, 2014 at 7:00 p.m.

6.2 Public Comment

Mr. Lanese inquired about the 8th grade pancake breakfast. Mr. Bordick reported the 8th grade class made around \$1,500. Mrs. Marsh sent her thanks to the cafeteria staff Lori, Jess and Tina for all of their hard work.

Meredith Gavin expressed her appreciation for the agenda resolution item 3.15 on the December agenda on Common Core being passed.

7.0 Request for Executive Session for contracts and personnel

Mrs. Marsh made a motion to enter into executive session for contracts and personnel at 8:45 p.m.

Mr. Lanese seconded the motion

Motion Carried 4/0

8.0 Return to Open Session

Mr. Hug made a motion to return to open session at 9:43 p.m.

Mr. Lanese seconded the motion

Motion carried 4/0

9.0 Adjournment

Mr. Lanese made a motion to adjourn at 9:43 p.m.

Mr. Hug seconded the motion

Motion Carried 4/0

Respectfully submitted,



Sharon Hillis
Clerk of the Board