

**WYNANTSKILL UNION FREE SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF EDUCATION
February 14, 2013
GARDNER-DICKINSON SCHOOL
MEDIA CENTER**

1.0 Call to Order and Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag

The meeting of the Board of Education was called to order at 7:05p.m. by Mrs. Paone

1.1 Recording of Attendance

The District Clerk called the roll:

Mrs. Curran- present
Mr. Hug- present
Mr. Lanese- present
Mrs. Marsh – absent
Mrs. Paone- present

Others Present: Dr. Lisa Henkel, Superintendent/Principal

1.2 Review of Agenda/Additions

Mrs. Paone reviewed the Agenda.

1.3 Approval of Minutes of Previous Meeting(s)

Mr. Lanese made a motion to approve the January 17, 2013 minutes of the Board of Education:

Mrs. Curran seconded.
Motion carried: 4-0

1.4 Acceptance of District Treasurer's Report

Mrs. Curran made a motion to accept the District Treasurer's Report

Mr. Lanese seconded.
Motion carried: 4-0

1.5 Approval of Building Use Requests

<u>Group Name</u>	<u>day of week</u>	<u>dates</u>	<u>area</u>	<u>time</u>
Twin Town Little League	Saturday	March 2, 2013	Gym	12p-4p
Twin Town Little League	Saturday	March 9, 2013	Gym	7a-5p
Empire Nighthawks AAU	Sunday	March 10, 2013	Gym	11a-2p

Mr. Lanese made a motion to approve the Building use Requests as presented

Mrs. Curran seconded.
Motion carried: 4-0

1.6 Communications to the Board of Education:

none

2.0 Reports to the Board of Education

2.1 District / School Program Report

On January 31st, Mrs. Dutton hosted a Parent Information Night on Reading. On February 5th, the district held a Safety Forum with the North Greenbush Police and Questar III Health and Safety representatives to discuss the districts safety plan and answered questions from the public. The school conducted it's annual lockdown drill on February 6th. On February 11th, students and faculty from the Little Red School House spent the day at Gardner Dickinson due to a heating problem at their school. The kids had a great time and were very excited about having lunch in the "big cafeteria". The district will hold another open house for the Little Red Parents on March 12th.

At the January board meeting, the board requested information on school attendance days at all area districts in comparison to Wynantskill. A graph was given for the board to review. This information was shared with the public audience. The board then asked for additional information on student attendance day comparisons as well as length of school day.

Congratulations to our music students who participated in the Rensselaer All-County Music Festival competition held at Brittonkill High School January 24-26th and our Boys and Girls Basketball teams just finished their season with 10-4 records. Great job!

Dr Henkel and two parents attended the regional advocacy forum on "Your Public Schools in Fiscal Peril - Running Out of Time & Options" which was attended by more than 700 stakeholders - parents, students, taxpayers, business and community leaders, and school representatives - from 47 districts across our region. A growing number of legislators and leaders from statewide education organizations also attended. This forum was held on January 31st at Columbia High School. A follow up forum was held Monday, February 11 in the auditorium of Niskayuna High School.

Mr. Mesh and Mr. Sulz are participating in a video being made by Engage NY on Classroom Common Core. They will be videoed teaching for a training video.

On March 1st, the PTO will hold its annual jump rope for heart event in the gym from 6p-8p. They are selling \$5.00 wrist bands with all donations going to the American Heart Association. Cap Com Bank awarded our physical ed. department \$500.00.

2.2 Building and Grounds Report

Mrs. Paone reviewed the Buildings and Grounds Report from Neal Benassi, Buildings and Grounds Supervisor.

2.3 Transportation Report

Mrs. Paone reviewed the Transportation Report from Bonnie Cole, Transportation Supervisor.

2.4 PTO Report

Mrs. Czubek reported additional information on the March 1 Jump Rope for heart event and the March Bookfair.

3.0 Appointments and Authorizations

3.1 Review Recommendations and Approve Resource Allocations to CSE/CPSE

Mr. Lanese made a motion to approve the Resource Allocations to CSE/CPSE

Mrs. Curran seconded

Motion carried: 4-0

3.2 Adoption of Board Policies

Mrs. Curran made a motion to approve the revision of the following Board Policies
2310-Regular Meeting

Mr. Lanese seconded.

Motion carried: 4-0

3.3 First Reading of Board Policies/Plans

The following policies were presented to the Board for review:

1240-Visitors to the School

3.4 Approval of Substitutes

Mrs. Curran made a motion to approve the following substitutes for 2012-2013 school year:

Erin Pytell Teaching Assistant/Classroom Aide \$60.00/\$50.00 per day

Mr. Lanese seconded.

Motion carried: 4-0

3.5 Approval of Volunteers

Mr. Lanese made a motion to approve the following volunteers for 2012-2013 school year:

Grade	Teacher	Days/Week	Time	Volunteer
K/4	Moak/Gilooly	Mo-Fr	8a-2p	Jeff Coonan
K/3	Moak/Glaz	Mo-Th	9a-2p	Amanda Dressel

Mrs. Curran seconded

Motion carried: 4-0

3.6 Approval of Additional Non-Public Transportation Requests

No additional non-public transportation requests were presented

3.7 Approval of Student Teacher

Mrs. Curran made a motion to approve the following student teacher:

Alicia Rockwell Special Ed Mrs. Sinkins 03/18 – 05/16 2013 SUNY Plattsburgh

Mr. Lanese seconded.

Motion carried: 4-0

4.0 Old Business

none

5.0 New Business

5.1 Board Presentation: Dr. Henkel gave a presentation on 2013-2014 Budget

Board President Paone added in response to the difficulties with the budget this year, staffing will be a priority in order to meet the state mandates and to conform to the students that need services. The Board is in support of having all the resources needed to meet these mandates and student services but at the same time they need to stay fiscally responsible.

6.0 Informational

6.1 2013-2016 Board of Education Petitions are available February 14, 2013 from the Superintendent's office during normal business hours 8:00am-3:00pm Mon-Fri

6.2 Board Budget Workshop at 6:00 pm followed by Regular BOE Meeting March 14, 2013 at 7:00 pm

6.3 Board Budget Workshop March 28, 2013 at 7:00 pm

6.4 Public Comment

1. M. Gavin, Parent. Mrs. Gavin asked if the new technology mandates were funded. She also asked if it was possible to have substitute consistency in the classrooms when the faculty is attending staff development workshops.

2. M. Bucher / K. Carmody, WTA Negotiation Team. M. Bucher and K. Carmody read a prepared statement as representatives of the WTA Negotiation team stating the negotiations that began in July 2011 have been radically changed by the new administration. Board Member Hug asked for evidence of the radical changes which the WTA did not have available and the WTA President stated they would make this information available.

Board President Paone responded with a prepared statement representing the district stating the importance and interest on the District's part in settling the contract with the WTA. Mrs. Paone also responded to the statements made by the WTA regarding radical changes by stating the District has put forth numerous proposals and suggestions in order to reach an agreement with no counter proposals by the WTA to date.

3. L. Horacek, Faculty. Mrs. Horacek asked for clarification on the State requirements for Reading/ELA and Math classroom minutes. She also asked for an explanation of the shifting of staff comment during the board presentation.

4. L. Hancock, Faculty, WTA President. Mrs. Hancock requested the board to not only review the calendar day graph, but to also look at the total number of days that the faculty is out of the classroom. She also asked if the district is planning on adding an additional full time reading teacher next year to consider Mrs. Curran who took a leave for one year to be the sixth grade teacher. She asked that the district do a strong mailing campaign to publicize the upcoming budget. Many residents do not have access to computers.

5. JM Steffek, CSE Chair. Mrs. Steffek agrees that a letter to the public detailing all the budget constraints should be done.

6. P. Mesh, Faculty. Please send out the budget information early and include what the contingent budget would look like.

7. S. Czubek, Parent. What are the consequences to the district when state mandates are not met? Who keeps track of this? As a parent, how can we find out if the district is meeting all mandates?

Dr. Henkel: NYSED conducts audits

7.0 Request for Executive Session

Mrs. Curran made a motion to enter into Executive Session at 8:55 pm.

Mr. Lanese seconded

Motion carried: 4-0

9.0 Adjournment

Mr. Lanese made a motion to adjourn at 9:45pm

Mrs. Curran seconded

Motion carried: 4-0

Respectfully submitted,

Kathryn Fazioli

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Clerk of the Board