

**WYNANTSKILL UNION FREE SCHOOL DISTRICT**  
**Regular Meeting of the Board of Education**  
**May 21, 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 7:00 pm by Mrs. Marsh.

1.1 Record of Attendance

Mrs. Dinan	Present
Ms. Gray	Present
Mr. Lanese	Present
Mrs. Marsh	Present
Mrs. Paone	Present

1.2 Review of Agenda/Additions to Agenda

Mrs. Marsh reviewed the agenda

1.3 Approval of Minutes of Previous Meeting

- a. April 16, 2015
- b. April 21, 2015
- c. May 7, 2015
- d. May 12, 2015
- e. May 19, 2015

Mr. Lanese made a motion to approve the April 16, 2015 regular meeting minutes and the April 21, 2015, May 7, 2015, May 12, 2015 and May 19, 2015 special meeting minutes. Mrs. Paone seconded the motion. Motion carried 5/0

1.4 Acceptance of Financial Reports

- a. Internal Claims Auditor's Report April 2015
- b. Treasurer's Monthly Report with Budget Transfers
- c. Appropriation Status Report as of April 30, 2015

Mr. Lanese made a motion to accept the District Treasurer's Financial Reports  
Ms. Gray seconded the motion. Motion carried 5/0

1.5 Approval of Building Use Requests

Group	Time/Day	Location
Mountain View Volunteer Fire Company	6:30-8:30 PM Friday 5/22/15 to 7/31/15	Baseball Field
PTO Slam Dunk Basketball Camp Free of Charge	8:30-2:45 PM Monday to Thurs 6/29-7/2/15	Gym Café Outside
St Jude CYO Basketball \$10 Hour	5:00 – 9:00 PM Monday Thursday 5:00 – 7:00 PM Friday 10/26/15 to 3/5/16	Gym
Capital District Starz \$10 Hour	5:00 – 7:00 PM Tuesday 9/8/15 to 3/31/16	Gym
Averill Park Youth Basketball \$10 Hour	5:00 – 9:00 PM Wednesday 10/7/15 to 2/24/16	Gym

Mr. Lanese made a motion to approve the Building Use Request from the Mountain View Volunteer Fire Company, PTO Slam Dunk Basketball Camp, St Jude CYO Basketball, Capital District Starz and the Averill Park Youth Basketball. Ms. Gray seconded the motion. Motion Carried 5/0

- 1.6 Communications to the Board of Education  
There are no communications to the Board of Education for May 2015

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

### 2.1 District / School Program Report

- a. Transportation Report: Mr. Bordick presented the Transportation Report from Bonnie Cole, Transportation Supervisor
- b. Building and Grounds Report: Mr. Bordick presented the Buildings and Grounds Report from Neal Benassi, Buildings and Grounds Supervisor
- c. Cafeteria Report: Mr. Bordick presented the Cafeteria Report from Lori Audi, Food Service Director
- d. Code of Conduct: Mr. Bordick reported that he is still working on a few things that are still in question. The code of conduct will be ready for consideration for the June 18<sup>th</sup> meeting.
- e. Grading Procedures: Mr. Bordick reported that the middle school worked as a team (grades 6-8) to align our honor roll and high honor roll requirements with the 5 high schools we send out students to. 6<sup>th</sup> grade has been added to the grading procedure.
- f. Guidance Plan: Mr. Bordick reported that there will be a webinar on June 17<sup>th</sup>, we will move forward with the Guidance Plan after the presentation.
- g. Agenda for June 4, 2015 Workshop: Mr. Bordick reported the July 9<sup>th</sup> organizational agenda will be presented at the June 4, 2015 workshop, giving us time to make changes if needed.
- h. Recess Time: Mr. Bordick reported we are evaluating the recess time since this is our first year providing recess. Mr. Bordick recommended that we extend the elementary school day by 5 minutes. There will not be any contractual issues with the extension of the day.
- i. Smart School's Bond Act: Mr. Bordick spoke on the Smart School's Bond Act. Smart School's information was originally due October 16, 2015, now the information must be sent through Neric by August 1, 2015 including 3 stakeholders meetings. There is technical information that is needed and this is going to be very challenging. The guidance plan to do the application is 27 pages; and the process will be time consuming.
- j. Instructional Technology Plan: Mr. Bordick reported Instructional Technology Plan ties in with the Smart School's Bond Act.
- k. APPR: The state is required to have a new APPR plan in place by September 1, 2015. The State Dept. of Education has asked to extend the time line; it is in the hands of the government.
- l. Bronx Zoo field trip was amazing. It was a wonderful environment and was a very positive experience.

### 2.2 Board of Education Reports & Updates

- a. Superintendent Search: Ann Marsh reported that the The Wynantskill UFSD Board of Education would like to announce the following semifinalists for the Superintendent of Schools position: Brian Dunn, Thomas Reardon and Brad Zilliox. The semifinalist will be visiting us on May 26, 2015, May 28, 2015 and June 1, 2015. A brief biography of each semifinalist was given. The semifinalist information will be posted on the school website.

- 2.3 Principal's Report: Mrs. Yodis gave the Principal's report to the Board of Education: We had a B-Kind assembly where Shay Kerwin was awarded the President's Award for his community service. It was a nice surprise that the media was here to do a very positive story on Shay.

Annual reviews have been going on for the past month. They are amazing amount of work, Kim, Kathy Vale, Jean Marie, Stephanie Carbone, and the General Education teachers. It's an amazing process and it's going smoothly.

Sage graduate program is here for the 3<sup>rd</sup> year. We have 15 graduate level teachers coming over 2 nights a week to tutor 44 students. The program will end the day before school gets out.

The spring middle school and elementary school concerts just happened. The concerts were just great and seeing the progress the kids have made. The concerts were a lot of fun.

Field trips: we have many great trips coming up

Shout out to Darcy Mack thank you for the great job you are doing on the baskets.

Grade 8 Science test and the Grade 4 is coming up.

2.4 Special Education/RtI: Jean Marie Steffek was unable to attend. Mr. Bordick reported that the state compliance issues are being addressed. The State is in contact to revisit.

2.5 PTO Update

Sue Czubek was unable to attend, but provided a PTO report to the Board of Education

### **3.0 Appointments and Authorizations**

3.1 Approve CSE/CPSE Recommendations as per attached

Mr. Lanesey 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

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|----|--|----------|
| a. | Smoking and Other Tobacco Use on School Premises | #1530    |
| b. | Public Conduct on School Property                | #5300.70 |
| c. | Prohibited Student Conduct                       | #5300.30 |

3.3 Second Reading of BOE Policies

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|----|---|-----------|
| a. | Family and Medical Leave Act                  | #9520.2   |
| b. | Family and Medical Leave Act Regulation (New) | #9520.2-R |
| c. | School Admissions (New)                       | #5150     |

3.4 Adoption of Board Policies

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|----|--|-----------|
| a. | Family and Medical Leave Act   | #9520.2   |
| b. | Family and Medical Leave Act Regulation (New)                                | #9520.2-R |
| c. | School Admissions (New)  | #5150     |
| d. | Student Harassment and Bullying Prevention and Intervention (New)            | #0115     |
| e. | Student Harassment and Bullying Prevention and Intervention Regulation (New) | #0115-R   |
| f. | Student Harassment and Bullying Prevention and Intervention Exhibit (New)    | # 0115-E  |

Mrs. Paone made a motion to adopt Policies #9520.2, #9520.2-R, and #5150. Mr. Lanesey seconded the motion. Motion carried 5/0. Adoption of Board Policy numbers #0115, #0115-R and #0115-E Motion carried 3/2 (Mrs. Dinan/Ms. Gray)

3.5 Approval of Substitutes

There are no Substitute requests for May 2015

3.6 Approval of Volunteers

There are no Volunteer requests for May 2015

3.7 Approval of Additional Non-Public Transportation Requests

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| a. | 4 Students to St. Jude Apostle             |
| b. | 4 Students to Catholic Central High School |
| c. | 2 Students to Woodland Hill Montessori     |
| d. | 2 Students to LaSalle Institute            |

- e. 4 Students to Academy of the Holy Names
- f. 1 Student to St. Augustine

Mr. Lanesey made a motion to approve 17 students for Non-Public Transportation to 6 schools for the 2015-2016 school year. Mrs. Paone seconded the motion. Motion carried 5/0

3.8 Certification of the Budget Vote, Bus Proposition, and Board Election Results.

Mr. Lanesey made a motion to certify the Budget Vote, Bus proposition and Board of Election Results. Mrs. Paone seconded the motion. Motion carried 5/0

3.9 Approve the 7th grade field trip to Boston on June 10, 2015.

Mr. Lanesey made a motion to approve the 7<sup>th</sup> grade field trip to Boston on June 10, 2015. Ms. Gray seconded the motion. Motion carried 5/0.

3.10 Approve Daniel DiSotto as Athletic Director for the 2015-2016 school year as per WTA contact.

Mr. Lanesey made a motion to approve Daniel DiSotto as Athletic Director for the 2015-2016 school year as per WTA contact. Ms. Gray seconded the motion. Motion carried 5/0.

3.11 Approve Jean Marie Steffek as CSE/CPSE Chair for the 2015-2016 school year as per WTA contact.

Mrs. Dinan made a motion to approve Jean Marie Steffek as CSE/CPSE Chair for the 2015-2016 school year as per WTA contact. Mr. Lanesey seconded the motion. Motion carried 5/0.

3.12 Approve Matt Lutz as Technology Coordinator for the 2015-2016 school year as per WTA contact.

Mr. Lanesey made a motion to approve Matt Lutz as Technology Coordinator for the 2015-2016 school year as per WTA contact. Mrs. Paone seconded the motion. Motion carried 5/0.

3.13 Approve Elizabeth Bissell as Reading Coordinator for 2015-2016 school year as per WTA contract.

Ms. Gray made a motion to approve Elizabeth Bissell as Reading Coordinator for 2015-2016 school year as per WTA contract. Mrs. Paone seconded the motion. Motion carried 5/0.

3.14 Approve Jeanine Mitchell for Extra-Curricular appointment (Builders Club) for 2015-2016 school year as per WTA contract.

Ms. Gray made a motion to approve Jeanine Mitchell for Extra-Curricular appointment (Builders Club) for 2015-2016 school year as per WTA contract. Mrs. Paone seconded the motion. Motion carried 5/0.

3.15 Approve Jeanine Mitchell & Mary Alice Newell for Extra-Curricular appointments (Drama Club) for 2015-2016 school year as per WTA contract.

Mr. Lanesey made a motion to approve Jeanine Mitchell & Mary Alice Newell for Extra-Curricular appointments (Drama Club) for 2015-2016 school year as per WTA contract. Ms. Gray seconded the motion. Motion carried 5/0.

3.16 Approve Mary Alice Newell for Extra-Curricular appointment (All County Band) for 2015-2016 school year as per WTA contract.

Mrs. Paone made a motion to approve Mary Alice Newell for Extra-Curricular appointment (All County Band) for 2015-2016 school year as per WTA contract. Mr. Lanesey seconded the motion. Motion carried 5/0.

- 3.17 Approve Mary Alice Newell for Extra-Curricular appointment (All County Chorus) for 2015-2016 school year as per WTA contract.

Ms. Gray made a motion to approve Mary Alice Newell for Extra-Curricular appointment (All County Chorus) for 2015-2016 school year as per WTA contract. Mr. Lanese seconded the motion. Motion carried 5/0.

- 3.18 Approve Samantha Swart for Extra-Curricular appointment (Piano Accompanist) for 2015-2016 school year as per WTA contract.

Mrs. Dinan made a motion to approve Samantha Swart for Extra-Curricular appointment (Piano Accompanist) for 2015-2016 school year as per WTA contract. Ms. Gray seconded the motion. Motion carried 5/0.

- 3.19 Approve Daniel DiSotto, Thomas Cupp, Lori Audi, Tina Albert, Mary Alice Newell Andy Deguire, and Jeanine Mitchell for Extra-Curricular appointments (Chaperone) for the 2015-2016 school year as per the WTA contract.

Mrs. Paone made a motion to approve Daniel DiSotto, Thomas Cupp, Lori Audi, Tina Albert, Mary Alice Newell Andy Deguire, and Jeanine Mitchell for Extra-Curricular appointments (Chaperone) for the 2015-2016 school year as per the WTA contract. Mr. Lanese seconded the motion. Motion carried 5/0.

- 3.20 Approve Patty Rowe Extra-Curricular appointment (Intramurals) for the 2015-2016 school as per WTA contract.

Mrs. Dinan made a motion to approve Patty Rowe Extra-Curricular appointment (Intramurals) for the 2015-2016 school as per WTA contract. Ms. Gray seconded the motion. Motion carried 5/0.

- 3.21 Approve Rebecca Benjamin Extra-Curricular appointment (Elementary Chorus Advisor) for the 2015-2016 school as per WTA contract.

Ms. Gray made a motion to approve Rebecca Benjamin Extra-Curricular appointment (Elementary Chorus Advisor) for the 2015-2016 school as per WTA contract. Mr. Lanese seconded the motion. Motion carried 5/0.

- 3.22 Approve Samantha Swart for Extra-Curricular appointment (NYSSMA Chorus) for the 2015-2016 school year as per the WTA contract.

Mrs. Paone made a motion to approve Samantha Swart for Extra-Curricular appointment (NYSSMA Chorus) for the 2015-2016 school year as per the WTA contract. Mr. Lanese seconded the motion. Motion carried 5/0.

- 3.23 Approve Mary Alice Newell for Extra-Curricular appointment (NYSSMA Band) for the 2015-2016 school year as per the WTA contract.

Mr. Lanese made a motion to approve Mary Alice Newell for Extra-Curricular appointment (NYSSMA Band) for the 2015-2016 school year as per the WTA contract. Mrs. Paone seconded the motion. Motion carried 5/0.

- 3.24 Approve Jeanine Mitchell, Karen Keane, Samantha Swart, Stephanie Carbone, Kaelyn Kinley, and Kathleen Cronin for Extra-Curricular appointments (Odyssey of the Mind Coaches 3 Teams) 2015-2016 school year as per WTA contract.

Ms. Gray made a motion to approve Jeanine Mitchell, Karen Keane, Samantha Swart, Stephanie Carbone, Kaelyn Kinley, and Kathleen Cronin for Extra-Curricular appointments (Odyssey of the Mind Coaches 3 Teams) 2015-2016 school year as per WTA contract. Mr. Lanese seconded the motion. Motion carried 5/0.

3.25 Approve Samantha Swart as Modified cross country coach as per the WTA contract.

Mrs. Dinan made a motion to approve Samantha Swart as Modified cross country coach as per the WTA contract. Mr. Lanesey seconded the motion. Motion carried 5/0.

3.26 Approve Karen Keegan as a cafeteria monitor 2 hours a day for the 2015-2016 school year.

Mr. Lanesey made a motion to approve Karen Keegan as a cafeteria monitor 2 hours a day for the 2015-2016 school year. Mrs. Paone seconded the motion. Motion carried 5/0.

3.27 Approve Meredith Hughes as a playground monitor / teacher's aide 3 hours a day for the 2015-2016 school year.

Mr. Lanesey made a motion to approve Meredith Hughes as a playground monitor / teacher's aide 3 hours a day for the 2015-2016 school year. Mrs. Paone seconded the motion. Motion carried 5/0.

3.28 Approve the Middle School grading procedure for the 2015-2016 school year.

Mr. Lanesey made a motion to approve the Middle School grading procedure for the 2015-2016 school year. Mrs. Dinan seconded the motion. Motion carried 5/0.

3.29 Accept a \$1,000 donation from Hannaford Supermarkets.

Mrs. Dinan made a motion to accept a \$1,000 donation from Hannaford Supermarkets. Mr. Lanesey seconded the motion. Motion carried 5/0.

3.30 Accept the Affordable Care Act Consulting and Administrative Services Agreement with Benetech Inc.

Mrs. Paone made a motion to accept the Affordable Care Act Consulting and Administrative Services Agreement with Benetech Inc. Mr. Lanesey seconded the motion. Motion carried 5/0.

3.31 Accept the 60 Month Service Agreement with Time Warner Cable.

Mr. Lanesey made a motion to accept the 60 Month Service Agreement with Time Warner Cable. Ms. Gray seconded the motion. Motion carried 5/0.

3.32 Approve Taylor Benson as a student teacher 9/8/15 to 10/23/15 with Mary Alice Newell – Music.

Mr. Lanesey made a motion to approve Taylor Benson as a student teacher 9/8/15 to 10/23/15 with Mary Alice Newell – Music. Ms. Gray seconded the motion. Motion carried 5/0.

#### **4.0 Old Business**

#### **5.0 New Business**

#### **6.0 Informational**

6.1 Brittonkill Senior Award Night June 3, 2015 @ 6 pm

6.2 Board of Education Workshop June 4, 2015 @ 7 pm

6.3 Field Day June 5, 2015 rain date June 8, 2015

6.4 Averill Park Senior Award Night June 11, 2015 @ 7 pm Algonquin Middle School

6.5 Sports Award Night June 16, 2015 @ 6 pm

6.6 Kindergarten Graduation June 18, 2015 @ 9:30 am

6.7 Regular BOE Meeting June 18, 2015 @ 7 pm

6.8 School Musical "From Rags to Riches" June 23, 2015 @ 7 pm

6.9 Graduation June 24, 2015 @ 7 pm

6.10 Public Comment

M Gavin: 1) Wanted to know if the names of the semifinalist would be posted on the school website.  
2) Executive session open law clarification

M Geise: 1) Congratulations to Darcy and Pat. 2) The concerts the children did very good. 3) Clarification of the being in the garden with the new updated policy.

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

Mrs. Paone made a motion to enter into executive session for personnel matters due to the Superintendent search at 8:02 p.m. Mr. Lanese seconded the motion  
Motion carried 5/0

The Board of Education requested that Darcy Mack be present for the session

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

Mr. Lanese made a motion to return to open session at 9:15 p.m.  
Ms. Gray seconded the motion  
Motion carried 5/0

#### **9.0 Adjournment**

Mrs. Paone made a motion to adjourn at 9:15 p.m.  
Mr. Lanese seconded the motion  
Motion carried 5/0

**Respectfully submitted,**



**Sharon Hillis**

**Clerk of the Board**

The mission of our community based school is to create a safe, compassionate, progressive learning environment that recognizes individual needs and encourages all students to strive for personal and educational excellence.

As a small, suburban school district, rich with pride, we believe that by working together we can: create a dynamic program based on character, tolerance and diversity; provide opportunities for all to reach their fullest potential; empower all to achieve personal excellence and encourage a life-long love of learning.