

WYNANTSKILL UNION FREE SCHOOL DISTRICT
Regular Meeting of the Board of Education
November 17, 2016
Regular Meeting @ 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 7:01 p.m. by Mr. Lanesey.

1.1 Record of Attendance

Mrs. Castle	Present
Mr. Lanesey	Present
Mrs. Mack	Present

1.2 Appointment of Board Members

- a. The Wynantskill Union Free School District Board of Education hereby appoints Keith Hirokawa to fill the vacant Board of Education seat effective November 17, 2016 to May 16, 2017.

Mrs. Mack made a motion to appoint Keith Hirokawa to fill the vacant Board of Education seat effective November 17, 2016 to May 16, 2017.

Mrs. Castle seconded the motion.

Motion carried 3/0.

- a. The Wynantskill Union Free School District Board of Education hereby appoints Eric Strang to fill the vacant Board of Education seat effective November 17, 2016 to May 16, 2017.

Mrs. Castle made a motion to appoint Eric Strang to fill the vacant Board of Education seat effective November 17, 2016 to May 16, 2017.

Mrs. Mack seconded the motion.

Motion carried 4/0.

1.3 Oath of Office for newly appointed Board Members

Sharon Hillis, Board Clerk, administered the Oath of Office to Mr. Hirokawa and Mr. Strang.

1.4 Review of Agenda/Additions to Agenda

Dr. Reardon reviewed the agenda.

1.5 Royal Recognition – Cross Country Team

Royal Recognition was awarded to the 5 member cross-country team for their excellent leadership and sportsmanship throughout the season.

- a. Samantha Cupp
- b. Olivia Flagg
- c. Liam Gavin
- d. Dominic Panichi

e. Hannah McCleery

1.6 Approval of Minutes of Previous Meeting

- a. October 20, 2016
- b. November 2, 2016

Mrs. Castle made a motion to approve the October 20, 2016 regular meeting minutes and the November 2, 2016 special meeting minutes.

Mrs. Mack seconded the motion.

Motion carried 4/0/1. (Mr. Hirokawa Abstained)

1.7 Acceptance of Financial Reports

- a. Internal Claims Auditor's Report October 2016
- b. Tax Collectors Yearly Report

Mrs. Mack made a motion to approve the District Treasurer's Financial Reports.

Mrs. Castle seconded the motion.

Motion Carried 5/0.

1.8 Building Use

Group	Time/Dates	Location
Girl Scout Troop # 1511	6:15-8:15 pm / Dec 1, 2016	Art Room
Devil Cats	9-5 pm / Saturdays 1/7/17 to 4/1/17	Gym

Mr. Strang made a motion to approve the building use requests from Girl Scout Troop #1511 and the Devil Cats.

Mr. Hirokawa seconded the motion.

Motion Carried 5/0.

1.9 Visitors and Communication

- a. Communications to the Board of Education

Mr. Lanesey reviewed the communications to the Board of Education.

- i. Letter from Garth Briscoe dated October 13, 2016
(Board of Education Discussion in New Business)

- b. Opportunity for the Public to be Heard

2.0 Reports to the Board of Education

2.1 Board of Education Reports & Updates

- a. Mr. Scott Preusser, External Claims Auditor

Mr. Preusser CPA, PC, met with the audit Committee on November 17, 2016. Mr. Preusser presented the 2015-2016 District External Audit Report. Mr. Preusser reviewed the audit process and reported the district is in a strong financial position.

2.2 District / Superintendent Program Report

Dr. Reardon reported

- Lead Testing: The results of lead testing are available. 53 water sources were tested in the building, 7 returned as hot spots. 6 of the hot spots are restroom sinks and

one is the wash sink in the cafeteria. The restroom hot spots have been labeled for no consumption and the cafeteria sink will be fixed in the next week. The 6 restroom sinks will be addressed during the Capital Project.

- Veterans Day assembly was attended by 43 Veterans from our community.

2.3 Principal's Report

Dr. Yodis reported

- 1st quarter report cards have been mailed home to families.
- Rensselaer County Probation spoke to the middle school students about how to use social media and the internet safely.
- 7th and 8th grade students went on a field trip to Proctors for a cyber bullying program.
- Kindergarten held a well attended family fun night.
- Thank you to Mrs. Newell and Mrs. Swart for taking our band and chorus students to perform in All County at the Hoosic Valley School District on November 5th.
- Veterans Day assembly was amazing; the students did a great job with their presentations. Thank you to Lori Audi for providing breakfast.
- November 8th was Parent Conference Day and 20 staff members attended De-escalation (TCI) training.
- St. Jude's staff joined our K-8 staff meeting for a sensory training on tools for better attention and focus.
- Thank you to Kyle Belokopitsky for organizing the Family Math and movement night. This was a free event sponsored by PTO.
- Field trip report:
 - K-1 Liberty Ridge
 - 1-2 Proctors
 - 5th Sewage Plant
 - 7-8 Dyken Pond
 - 8th Tech Valley

a. NWEA data update (Dr. Yodis & Mrs. Carbone)

Mrs. Carbone reported on the state mandated testing requirements and on the results of the student testing that took place in September 2016. Mrs. Carbone provided information on how the Data team uses the scores to identify students who may need AIS / RTI services and those who are high achievers to ensure that they are appropriately challenged.

2.4 PTO Update

Rebecca Lettieri presented the PTO report to the Board Of Education.

3.0 Appointments and Authorizations

Consent agenda 3.1 to 3.4

- 3.1 Approve CSE/CPSE Recommendations as per attached
- 3.2 Approval of 2015-2016 External Audit Report.
- 3.3 Approval of Substitutes

Certified Substitute Teacher \$90 Day Noelle Domalewicz
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- 3.4 Accept the resignation of Kimberly Macica, FT Teacher Aide effective November 18, 2016.

Mrs. Mack made a motion to approve the consent agenda item numbers 3.1 to 3.4.
Mr. Hirokawa seconded the motion.

Motion carried 5/0.

3.5 First Readings

- a) Equal Opportunity and Nondiscrimination Policy # 0100
- b) Equal Opportunity and Nondiscrimination Regulation # 0100-R
- c) Evaluation of the Superintendent Policy # 0320
- d) Donations, Gifts, and Grants to the District Policy # 1800
- e) Board Member School Visits Policy # 2111.1
- f) Special Meetings Policy # 2320

3.6 Second Reading

- a) Sexual Harassment Policy # 0110
- b) Sexual Harassment Regulation # 0110-R
- c) Student Harassment and Bullying Prevention and Intervention Policy # 0115
- d) Student Harassment and Bullying Prevention and Intervention Regulation # 0115-R
- e) Student Harassment and Bullying Prevention and Intervention Exhibit # 0115-E.1
- f) Student Harassment and Bullying Prevention and Intervention Exhibit #0115-E.2
- g) Board Operational Goals Policy # 2000
- h) School Board Legal Status Policy # 2100
- i) School Board Powers and Duties Exhibit Policy # 2110-E
- j) School Board Access to Information and Reports Policy # 2110.1
- k) Board Member Authority Policy # 2111
- l) School Board Elections Policy # 2120
- m) Candidates and Campaigning Policy # 2120.1
- n) Voting Procedures Policy # 2120.2
- o) Board Member Qualifications Policy # 2121
- p) Filling board Vacancies Policy # 2150
- q) School District Officer and Employee Code of Ethics Policy # 2160
- r) Board Organizational Meeting Policy # 2210
- s) Board Officers Policy # 2220
- t) Appointed Board Officials Policy # 2230
- u) Citizens Advisory Committees Policy # 2260
- v) School Attorney Policy # 2270
- w) Regular Meetings Policy # 2310
- x) Executive Sessions Policy # 2330
- y) Notice of Meetings Policy # 2340
- z) Agenda Preparation and Dissemination Policy # 2342
- aa) Board Meeting Procedures Policy # 2350
- bb) Quorum Policy # 2351
- cc) Rules of Order Policy # 2352
- dd) Minutes Policy # 2360
- ee) Broadcasting and Taping of Board Meetings Policy # 2382
- ff) Board Hearings Policy #2390
- gg) Policy Development, Adoption, Implementation and Review Policy # 2410
- hh) Administration in Policy Absence Policy # 2440
- ii) New Board Member Orientation Policy # 2510
- jj) Board Member Training Policy # 2520
- kk) School Board Conferences Conventions, Workshops Policy # 2521
- ll) Board-Staff Communications Policy # 2700

Discussion:

Dr. Reardon explained the policy reading/approval process and the role of the policy committee.
Mr. Hirokawa agreed to join the policy committee to replace Ms. Gray.

3.7 Approval of BOE Policies

- a) Sexual Harassment Policy # 0110
- b) Sexual Harassment Regulation # 0110-R
- c) Student Harassment and Bullying Prevention and Intervention Policy # 0115
- d) Student Harassment and Bullying Prevention and Intervention Regulation # 0115-R

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Mr. Strang made a motion to approve board policy/ Exhibit numbers 0110, 0110-R, 0115,0115-R, 0115-E.1, 0115-E.2, 2000, 2100, 2110-E, 2110.1, 2111, 2120, 2120.1, 2120.2, 2121, 2150, 2160, 2210, 2220, 2230, 2260, 2270, 2310, 2330, 2340, 2342, 2350, 2351, 2352, 2360, 2382, 2390, 2410, 2440, 2510, 2520, 2521 and 2700.

Mr. Hirokawa seconded the motion.

Motion carried 5/0.

4.0 Old Business

a. Legislative Liaison for NYSSBA, CAPSBA

Discussion: Dr Reardon explained the position of Legislative Liaison for NYSSBA, CAPSBA.

Mr. Strang agreed to fill the position, replacing Mrs. Dinan.

Mrs. Mack made a motion to appoint Mr. Strang as the Legislative Liaison for NYSSBA, CAPSBA for the Board of Education.

Mrs. Castle seconded the motion.

Motion carried 5/0.

5.0 New Business

a. Budget Hearing Date (May 2 to May 9)

Discussion: The Board of Education had discussion on their availability. May 4th was chosen to hold the budget hearing.

b. Garth Briscoe Winter Street Extension Property

Discussion: Mr. Lanese explained the request from Mr. Briscoe and what actions have been taken thus far.

Dr. Reardon clarified the process the district would have to take to transfer the tax bill to the North Greenbush Common School District.

Mrs. Mack stated there would be a ripple effect if the BOE allows one house to change school districts for tax reasons. Mrs. Castle agreed.

Mr. Hirokawa made a motion to table the discussion on 5.0 letter b. Garth Briscoe Winter Street Extension Property.

Mr. Strang seconded the motion.

Motion carried 5/0.

6.0 Informational

6.1 Regular BOE Meeting December 15, 2016 @ 7 pm

6.2 Opportunity for the Public to be Heard

Mr. Yager spoke on the following talking points:

Terms of the newly appointed BOE member; the salary of Mr. Scott Preusser, External Claims Auditor; 3rd grade testing scores; prekindergarten full or half day; transportation for the prekindergarten students; and a marching band for local parades. Mr. Yager stated he was very thankful for the Veterans Day program.

Jean Marie Steffek: Gave thanks to Mrs. Carbone for the data presentation. Congratulations to the Board Of Education and Dr. Reardon for a strong audit report.

Amanda Rokjer: Gave praise for the excellent Veterans Days program and the school district. Thank you to the Board of Education and Dr. Reardon.

7.0 Request for Executive Session

There was no request for executive session.

8.0 Return to Open Session

9.0 Adjournment

Mrs. Mack made a motion to adjourn at 8:23 p.m.

Mr. Strang seconded the motion.

Motion carried 5/0.

Respectfully submitted,



Sharon Hillis
Clerk of the Board

Due to technical difficulties there will not be a recording of this BOE meeting.

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.