

WYNANTSKILL UNION FREE SCHOOL DISTRICT
Regular Meeting of the Board of Education
October 16, 2014 @ 7:00 PM
Executive Session 6:00 PM -7:00 PM
Gardner-Dickinson School Media Center
Minutes

1.0 Call to Order and Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag

The meeting of the Board of Education was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by Mrs. Marsh.

1.1 Record of Attendance

Mrs. Dinan	Present	
Ms. Gray	Present	
Mrs. Paone	Present	@ 6:11 p.m.
Mr. Lanese	Present	
Mrs. Marsh	Present	

1.1.1 Anticipated Executive Session for Personnel Matters

Mr. Lanese made a motion to enter onto executive session for contracts and personnel at 6:01 p.m.
Mrs. Dinan seconded the motion
Motion carried 4/0

1.1.2 Return to Open Session

Mr. Lanese made a motion to return to open session at 7:02 p.m.
Mrs. Paone seconded the motion
Motion carried 5/0

1.2 Review of Agenda/Additions to Agenda

Mrs. Marsh reviewed the agenda

1.3 Approval of Minutes of Previous Meetings

- a. September 18, 2014
- b. October 2, 2014

Mr. Lanese made a motion to approve the September 18, 2014 & October 2, 2014 meeting minutes
Ms. Gray seconded the motion
Motion carried 5/0

1.4 Acceptance of Financial Reports

- a. Internal Claims Auditor's Report September 2014
- b. Gail Lathrop's response to the External Auditors Comments
- c. Treasurer's Monthly Report with budget transfers
- d. Appropriations Status Report at 9/30/14
- e. Extra Classroom Activity Fund at 9/30/14

Mrs. Paone made a motion to accept the District Treasurer's Financial Reports
Mr. Lanese seconded the motion
Motion Carried 5/0

1.5 Approval of Building Use Requests

Mr. Lanesey made a motion to approve the following build use requests

Group	Area	Day	Time
PTO	Cafeteria	December 4, 2014	6-8 PM
PTO	Gym	January 15, 2015	6-8 PM
PTO	Gym	January 23, 2015	3:15-9 PM

Mrs. Dinan seconded the motion

Motion carried 5/0

1.6 Communications to the Board of Education

No communications were received

2.0 Reports to the Board of Education

2.1 District / School Program Report

- a. School Board Recognition: Mr. Bordick presented certificates to the BOE for their appreciated service. Two books were purchased; The Story of Malala and Malala Yousafzai: Warrior with Words in the Board of Education board members names and will be kept in the library.
- b. Capital Improvement Project Update: Mr. Bordick reported that the total number for the Capital Improvement Project has been reduced to \$5,139,000. The project has been approved by the State Department of Education.
- c. Financial Consultants Project Update: Mr. Bordick reported that Christine Crowley has recalculated the numbers for the Capital Improvement Project and the total has been reduced to \$5,139,000 with no tax increases. Christine Crowley did report back that we could go as high as 5.6 million with no tax increase to the district.
- d. Town of North Greenbush Meeting: Mr. Bordick reported back to the board that he spoke at the Town of North Greenbush board meeting. The community was very gracious that there was a representative from the school district at the meeting. Mr. Bordick spoke on what our school was currently doing and our bond issue. It was a great night for the school and town.
- e. Y Time Morning Program Proposal: There may be a possibility of having Y time in the morning. The morning program would fill a community need. We would like to do some investigation as to the cost, space and number of families that would be interested.
- f. Kiwanis Club Request: The Kiwanis Club was requesting that the school become a corporate member. Our Builders Club is a Jr. version of the Kiwanis Club.
- g. Chamber of Commerce: The Chamber of Commerce stopped by to talk about membership. A large number of schools are members of the Chamber, about ½ of the Rensselaer County Schools are members of the Chamber. The Chamber is starting to cultivate more educational programs.
- h. Wellness Program: October 30, 2014 4 to 7 PM. Health and Wellness Fair. The committee is working very hard to make sure there are a lot of activities for the community to participate in. There will be a bouncy bounce, seatbelt challenge, North Greenbush Police, local fire department, and many local businesses.

2.2 Board of Education Reports & Updates

2.3 PTO Update

Sue Czubek presented the 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, Mrs. Dinan seconded the motion.
Motion carried 5/0

3.2 Adoption of Board Policies

There are no Adoptions of Board Policies for October 2014

3.3 First Reading of BOE Policies

There are no First Readings of BOE Policies for October 2014

3.4 Approval of Substitutes

Name	Position
Kate Murphy	Certified Substitute Teacher
Teresa Gross	Non Certified Substitute Teacher
Lillian Foss	Substitute Teacher Aide
Joseph Sterantino	Custodial Worker
Nancy Ruffinen	Recess Aide
Mark Gavin	Bus Driver

Mrs. Paone made a motion to approve, Mr. Lanesey seconded the motion.
Motion carried 5/0

3.5 Approval of Volunteers

Name	Grade
Angela Strang	Mrs. Mahoney Kindergarten
Abra Bentley	Mrs. Wallace 1 st Grade
Stefanie Ryan	K-4 th Grade
Kristina Gross	Mrs. Mahoney Kindergarten
Jenah Baker	Mrs. Mahoney Kindergarten
Kelly Duff	Mrs. Fecura Bunk Library
Jessica Pakatar	Mrs. Moak Kindergarten
Jennifer Hennessy	Mrs. Fecura Bunk Library
Kate Rodriguez	Mrs. Mahoney Kindergarten
Erica Quinn	K-8
Amy Perala	Mrs. Fecura Bunk Library

Mr. Lanesey made a motion to approve, Ms. Gray seconded the motion.
Motion carried 5/0

3.6 Approval of Additional Non-Public Transportation Requests

There are no Additional Non-Public Transportation requests for October 2014

3.7 Approve Bob DeBenedetti as Modified girls basketball coach as per the WTA contact

Mr. Lanesey made a motion to approve, Ms. Gray seconded the motion.
Motion carried 5/0

3.8 Approve Michele French as Modified girls basketball coach as per the WTA contract

Mr. Lanesey made a motion to approve, Mrs. Paone seconded the motion.
Motion carried 5/0

3.9 Approve Bob DeBenedetti as Modified boys basketball coach as per the WTA contract

- Mrs. Paone made a motion to approve, Mr. Lanese seconded the motion.
Motion carried 5/0
- 3.10 Approve Meredith Hughes as a part time teacher's aide (3 Hours a day @ \$12.54 hr.) effective October 21, 2014 to June 30, 2015 pending clearance by the State Department of Education
- Ms. Gray made a motion to approve, Mr. Lanese seconded the motion.
Motion carried 5/0
- 3.11 Approve Alison Taylor as a temporary Remedial Reading Teacher effective October 17, 2014 to November 14, 2014 @ \$90 a day
- Mr. Lanese made a motion to approve, Mrs. Paone seconded the motion.
Motion carried 5/0
- 3.12 Approve Cindy Dodge to return to duty (temporary AIS ELA teacher @ Step 1) from a Child Rearing Leave effective September 24, 2014
- Mr. Lanese made a motion to approve, Ms. Gray seconded the motion.
Motion carried 5/0
- 3.13 Approve Tina Albert for Extra-Curricular appointment (Chaperone) 2014-2015 school year as per WTA contract
- Mr. Lanese made a motion to approve, Mrs. Dinan seconded the motion.
Motion carried 5/0
- 3.14 Approve Tammy Miller for Extra-Curricular appointment (Chaperone) 2014-2015 school year as per WTA contract
- Mrs. Paone made a motion to approve, Mr. Lanese seconded the motion.
Motion carried 5/0
- 3.15 Approve Kate Cronin for Extra-Curricular appointment (Odyssey of the Mind Coach) 2014-2015 school year as per WTA contract
- Mr. Lanese made a motion to approve, Mrs. Paone seconded the motion.
Motion carried 5/0
- 3.16 Approve Kaelyn Kinley for Extra-Curricular appointment (Odyssey of the Mind Coach) 2014-2015 school year as per WTA contract
- Mr. Lanese made a motion to approve, Ms. Gray seconded the motion.
Motion carried 5/0
- 3.17 Approve Gail Lathrop's response to the External Auditors Comments
- 3.17 was removed from the agenda
- 3.18 Approve the disposal at auction of the old modified soccer & basketball uniforms
- Mr. Lanese made a motion to approve, Ms. Gray seconded the motion.
Motion carried 5/0
- 3.19 Approve the Workshop Meeting Schedule February 2015 to June 2015 (February 5th, March 5th,

April 2nd, May 7th, June 4th)

Mrs. Paone made a motion to approve, Mr. Lanese seconded the motion.
Motion carried 5/0

3.20 Approve Courtney Reed as a temporary teacher's aide effective October 20, 2014 to March 20, 2015

Mr. Lanese made a motion to approve, Ms. Gray seconded the motion.
Motion carried 5/0

3.21 **WHEREAS**, Article 5-G of the New York State General Municipal Law authorizes municipal corporations to enter into cooperative agreements for the performance or exercise of services, functions, powers or activities on a cooperative or contract basis among themselves or one for the other, and

WHEREAS, Section 119-n of the General Municipal Law defines the term "municipal corporation" for the purposes of Article 5-G as a county outside the city of New York, a city, a town, a village, a board of cooperative educational services, a fire district or a school district; and

WHEREAS, *Wynantskill Union Free School District* (hereinafter sometimes referred to as "Participant") is a "municipal corporation" as defined above; and

WHEREAS, this Board wishes for this municipal corporation to become or remain a Participant pursuant to the Municipal Cooperation Agreement For Energy Purchasing Services dated the 1st day of May, 2005 (the "Agreement"), among municipal corporations collectively identified as the New York School and Municipal Energy Consortium ("NYSMEC") upon the terms of the Agreement and further wishes to authorize participation as an energy consumer as specified below.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that this Board hereby determines that it is in the interests of the *Wynantskill Union Free School District* to participate in the NYSMEC, and authorizes and directs Mrs. Ann Marsh, BOE President, to sign the Agreement/and or the Billing Schedule and Agreement for natural gas on its behalf; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this Board authorizes the Administrative Participant (as defined in the Agreement) to prepare, advertise, disseminate and open bids pursuant to the General Municipal Law and to award, execute and deliver binding contracts on behalf of this Board for the purchase of natural gas for this Participant to the lowest responsible bidder as is determined by the Administrative Participant at a commodity price not to exceed \$1.141 cents per therm for a term of at least one year and no more than three years commencing May 1, 2015, and other terms and conditions, all as may be determined by the Administrative Participant, or to reject any or all such bids; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this Participant agrees to advertise said bid as may be directed by the Administrative Participant; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the officers and employees of this Participant are authorized to execute such other confirming agreements, certificates and other documents and take such other actions as may be necessary or appropriate to carry out the intent of this resolution.

This Resolution shall take effect immediately.

Mr. Lanese made a motion to approve, Ms. Gray seconded the motion.
Motion carried 5/0

3.22 **WHEREAS**, Article 5-G of the New York State General Municipal Law authorizes municipal corporations to enter into cooperative agreements for the performance or exercise of services, functions, powers or activities on a cooperative or contract basis among themselves or one for the other, and

WHEREAS, Section 119-n of the General Municipal Law defines the term "municipal corporation" for the purposes of Article 5-G as a county outside the city of New York, a city, a town, a village, a board of cooperative educational services, a fire district or a school district; and

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NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that this Board hereby determines that it is in the interests of the *Wynantskill Union Free School District* to participate in the NYSMEC, and authorizes and directs Mrs. Ann Marsh, BOE President, to sign the Agreement/and or the Billing Schedule and Agreement for electricity on its behalf; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this Board authorizes the Administrative Participant (as defined in the Agreement) to prepare, advertise, disseminate and open bids pursuant to the General Municipal Law and to award, execute and deliver binding contracts on behalf of this Board for the purchase of electricity for this Participant to the lowest responsible bidder as is determined by the Administrative Participant at a commodity price not to exceed \$.1126 cents per kWh for a term of at least one year and no more than three years commencing May 1, 2015, and other terms and conditions, all as may be determined by the Administrative Participant, or to reject any or all such bids; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this Participant agrees to advertise said bid as may be directed by the Administrative Participant; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the officers and employees of this Participant are authorized to execute such other confirming agreements, certificates and other documents and take such other actions as may be necessary or appropriate to carry out the intent of this resolution.

This Resolution shall take effect immediately.

Mr. Lanesey made a motion to approve, Mrs. Paone seconded the motion.
Motion carried 5/0

3.23 **BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Board of Education of Wynantskill Union Free School District, Rensselaer County, New York, as follows:

Section 1. That a Special District Meeting of the qualified voters of said School District shall be held in the Gardner-Dickinson School, 25 East Avenue, in Troy, New York, in said School District, on the 2nd day of December, 2014, at 12:00 o'clock Noon, Prevailing Time, for the purpose of voting by voting machine upon the proposition hereinafter set forth. Polls for the purpose of voting will be kept open between the hours of 12:00 o'clock Noon and 9:00 o'clock P.M., Prevailing Time.

Section 2. That the notice of said Special District Meeting, including the proposition to be voted upon, shall be in substantially the form attached hereto as Exhibit A and hereby made a part hereof.

Section 3. That the School District Clerk is hereby authorized and directed to cause notice to be given of said Special District Meeting in substantially the form hereinbefore prescribed, by publishing the same four times within the seven weeks next preceding such district meeting, the first publication to be at least forty-five days before said meeting, in the Troy Record & Albany Times Union, newspaper(s) having a general circulation in said School District, and by giving such other notice as in his/her discretion may be deemed advisable.

Section 4. That the School District Clerk is hereby authorized to amend and or supplement the notice of the Special District Meeting hereinafter set forth from time to time as, in his or her discretion such amendment may be required.

Section 5. This resolution shall take effect immediately.

Mr. Lanesey made a motion to approve, Mrs. Paone seconded the motion.
Motion carried 5/0

Exhibit A:

**NOTICE OF SPECIAL DISTRICT MEETING
AND AVAILABILITY OF ABSENTEE BALLOTS**

Wynantskill Union Free School District,
Rensselaer County, New York

The Board of Education of Wynantskill Union Free School District, Rensselaer County, New York, HEREBY GIVES NOTICE that a Special District Meeting of the qualified voters of said School District will be held in the Gardner-Dickinson School, 25 East Avenue, in Troy, New York, in said School District, on the 2nd day of December, 2014, at 12:00 o'clock Noon, Prevailing Time, for the purpose of voting by voting machine upon the proposition hereinafter set forth. Polls for the purpose of voting will be kept open between the hours of 12:00 o'clock Noon and 9:00 o'clock P.M., Prevailing Time (and for as long thereafter as necessary to enable

qualified voters present in the polling place at 9:00 P.M. to cast their ballots). The proposition is as follows:

PROPOSITION

Shall the following resolution be adopted, to wit:

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of Wynantskill Union Free School District, Rensselaer County, New York, is hereby authorized to reconstruct and construct an addition to the Gardner-Dickinson School, including original furnishings, equipment, machinery, apparatus, appurtenances, site improvements, and incidental improvements and expenses in connection therewith, at a maximum estimated cost of \$5,139,000 that \$1,500,000 shall be expended from the capital reserve fund therefor, and that the remaining \$3,639,000 or so much thereof as may be necessary, shall be raised by the levy of a tax upon the taxable property of said School District and collected in annual installments as provided by Section 416 of the Education Law, and in anticipation of such tax, obligations of said School District shall be issued.

NOTICE IS HEREBY FURTHER GIVEN that the aforesaid proposition may appear on the ballot labels of the voting machines used at such Special District Meeting in the following abbreviated form if necessary due to space constraints (in which case the full text of such proposition shall be posted thereat):

PROPOSITION

Shall the proposition set forth in the notice of this meeting authorizing the reconstruction of and construction of an addition to the Gardner-Dickinson School, including site and other incidental improvements and expenses, at a maximum estimated cost of \$5,139,000 expending \$1,500,000 of capital reserve fund monies therefor, and \$3,639,000 or so much thereof as may be necessary, shall be raised by the levy of a tax upon the taxable property of said School District to be collected annually, with District obligations to be issued in anticipation thereof, be approved?

SEQRA STATUS OF PROJECTS: The School District Board of Education is acting as lead agency under the regulations of the State of New York, promulgated under the State Environmental Quality Review Act (“SEQRA”). The building capital project hereinafter described have been determined to be a Type II Action pursuant to the regulations of the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation promulgated pursuant to the State Environmental Quality Review Act, the implementation of which as proposed, said Board of Education has determined, based upon the definition thereof, will not result in a significant environmental effect. SEQRA documentation is available in the office of the School District Clerk for inspection during regular business hours.

NOTICE IS ALSO HEREBY GIVEN that applications for absentee ballots may be applied for at the office of the School District Clerk between the hours of 9:00 A.M. and 4:00 P.M. Monday through Friday, except holidays. Any such application must be received by the District Clerk at least seven (7) days before the date of the aforesaid Special District Meeting if the ballot is to be mailed to the voter, or the day before such Special District Meeting, if the ballot is to be delivered personally to the voter. Absentee ballots must be received by the District Clerk in said office no later than 5:00 P.M. on December 2, 2014. A list of all persons to whom absentee voter’s ballots shall have been issued shall be available for public inspection in the office of the School District Clerk in Gardner-Dickinson School not less than five (5) days prior to the date of the Special District Meeting during regular office hours until the date of the aforesaid Special District Meeting. In addition, such list shall also be posted conspicuously at the places of voting during the hours of such Special District Meeting. Any qualified voter may submit a written challenge to the qualifications of any person whose name appears on the list of absentee voters and provide reasons therefore known to the District Clerk for transmittal to the Inspectors of Election before the close of the polls.

AND FURTHER NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that the qualified voters of the School District shall be entitled to vote at said Special District Meeting and election. A qualified voter is one who is (1) a citizen of the United States of America, (2) eighteen (18) years of age or older, and (3) resident within the School District for a period of thirty (30) days next preceding the Special District

Meeting and election. The School District may require all persons offering to vote at the Special District Meeting and election to provide one form of proof of residency pursuant to Education Law 2018-c. Such form may include a driver's license, a non-driver identification card, a utility bill, or a voter registration card. Upon offer of proof of residency, the School District may also require all persons offering to vote to provide their signature, printed name and address.

- 4.0 Old Business**
- 5.0 New Business**
- 6.0 Informational**

- 6.1 Home Soccer Games October 17th, 20th & 22nd
- 6.2 Kindergarten Social October 17, 2014 @ 6 pm
- 6.3 Health Fair October 30, 2014 @ 4-7 pm
- 6.4 Parent Teacher Conferences November 4, 2014
- 6.5 Board Workshop November 6, 2014 @ 7:00 pm
- 6.6 All County Music Festival November 15, 2014 @ 3 pm Berlin High School
- 6.7 Regular BOE Meeting November 20, 2014 @ 7:00 pm
- 6.8 8th Grade Pancake Breakfast November 22, 2014
- 6.9 Public Comment

JM Steffek: Mrs. Steffek spoke on the State Education focus review that will be taking place starting Monday October 27, 2014.

M Gavin: Asked why the students are not allowed to wear costumes to school. Mrs. Yodis replied that it was a safety issue and the public school system is making the day more of a harvest festival than a Halloween party.

- 7.0 Request for Executive Session**
- 8.0 Return to Open Session**
- 9.0 Adjournment**

Mrs. Dinan made a motion to adjourn at 8:05 p.m.
Mr. Lanesey 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.