

**WYNANTSKILL UNION FREE SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF EDUCATION
October 20, 2011
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 7:05 p.m. by Mrs. Paone.

1.1 Recording of Attendance

The District Clerk called the roll:

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

Others Present: Ms. Christine Hamill, Superintendent
: Mr. Jack Lynskey, Principal
: Mrs. Jean Marie Steffek, CSE, CPSE Chair

1.2 Review of Agenda/Additions

Ms. Hamill reviewed the Agenda.

1.3 Approval of Minutes of Previous Meeting(s)

Mr. Lanese made a motion to approve the September 15, 2011 minutes of the Board of Education:

Mrs. Curran seconded.
Motion carried: 4-0

1.4 Acceptance of District Treasurer's Report

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

Mr. Lanese seconded.
Motion carried: 4-0

1.5 Approval of Building Use Requests

Mr. Lanese made a motion to approve the following Building Use requests.

<u>Group Name</u>	<u>day of week</u>	<u>dates</u>	<u>area</u>	<u>time</u>
Classie Lassie	Tuesdays	10/04/11-11/08/11	Gym	5-7pm
Wynantskill Girl Scouts	Tuesdays (bi-weekly)	10/04/11-05/29/12	Café	5-7pm
Wynantskill Girl Scouts	Tuesdays (bi-weekly)	10/25/11-05/22/12	Café	5-7pm

Mrs. Curran seconded
Motion carried: 4-0

1.6 Communications to the Board of Education

Mrs. Paone acknowledged receipt of an anonymous letter to the Board and will discuss its content in Executive Session immediately following the regular meeting of the Board of Education.

Mr. Scott Pruesser, CPA, PC, presented the 2010-2011 District External Audit Report.

1.7 Royal Recognition

Mrs. Paone displayed the Sportsmanship Promotion Award from the NYSPHSAA, received by Laurie Albright, Athletic Director at the recent AD Meeting. The award honored Gardner Dickinson School for “demonstrating a strong commitment to promoting sportsmanship”. Only 10 schools received this honor.

The District recognized the Board of Education for their dedication to the children of the district.

2.0 Reports to the Board of Education

2.1 Principal’s Report

Superintendents Conference Day was held on Oct. 7th. On the agenda was Smart Board training, a seminar on Managing Difficult Behavior, ELA Mapping, a seminar on Managing Food Allergies and Linking Literacy to Science, Math and Social Studies. It was a very productive day.

Thanks to the Wynantskill Volunteer Fire Department. They did a demonstration for all grade levels during our Fire Prevention Day on Oct. 12th.

Mr. Lynskey and Laurie Albright, Athletic Director have been holding interviews for this seasons Basketball Coaches.

2.2 Board of Education Reports and Updates

Superintendent/Principal Search Update.

Mrs. Paone reported applications were reviewed and screened by Mr. Jeff Baltes, Questar III. He presented many applications to the Board, who narrowed down the applicants to 11 possible candidates. Mr. Baltes then met with the Search Committee who created a set of questions to be used during the first round of interviews which were held Oct. 17, 18 and 20th. Questar will compile the committees’ ratings of each applicant and he will meet with the Board to narrow the field who will then be interviewed by the Board and then a committee of school leaders. Finalist will also spend some time in the district with an appointment expected in mid November.

2.3 Board Committee Reports

Finance-Budget Audit Committee:

The committee met on October 20, 2011 to review the 2010-2011 External Audit Report to be presented to the Board of Education at the October 20, 2011 regular meeting.

2.5 PTO Report

The October PTO report was presented to the Board.

3.0 Appointments and Authorizations

3.1 Review Recommendations and Approve Resource Allocations to CSE/CPSE

Mrs. Marsh made a motion to approve the Resource Allocations to CSE/CPSE.

Mr. Lanese seconded
Motion carried: 4-0

3.2 Adoption of Board Policies

Mr. Lanese made a motion to approve the following Board Policies:

- 2122-Board Member Oath of Office
- 2160-School District Officer and Employee Code of Ethics (replaces 2160, 2160-R, 2160-E, 2170)
- 2351-Quorum
- 2390-Board Hearings
- Removal of Board Policies due to replacement of New/Updated Policies
- Policy 0110 replaces: 5020.1, 5020.1-R, 5020.1-E.1.2, 9110.2, 9110.2-R, 9110.2-E
- Policy 5100 replaces: 5160

Mrs. Curran seconded
Motion carried: 4-0

3.3 First Reading of Board Policies/Plans

The following policies were presented to the Board for review:

- 2100-School Board Legal Status (replaces 2100, 2110 and 2111)
- 2120-School Board Elections (replaces 2120 & 2120.1)
- 2120.2-Voting Procedures
- 2120.2-E Application for Absentee Ballot Pursuant to Sec 2018-a and 2018-b of Education Law
(replaces original Absentee Ballot Application)
- 2521-School Board Conferences, Conventions, Workshops
- 5280-Interscholastic Athletes (new)
- 5420-Student Health Services (revision)
- 5420-R Student Health Services Regulation (revision)
- 6621-Reserve Funds (new)

3.4 Approval of Substitutes

Mrs. Curran made a motion to approve the following substitutes for 2011-2012 school year:

Certified Teacher: Arlene Schafer	Certified Elementary Ed N-6
	Certified Special Ed N-12

Bus Driver: Leo Daigneault

Mr. Lanese seconded
Motion carried: 4-0

3.5 Approval of Volunteers

Mrs. Marsh made a motion to approve the following volunteers for 2011-2012 school year:

Grade	Teacher	Days/Week	Time	Volunteer
	Fecura/Library	1-3 days/week	afternoons	Anne Malak

Mrs. Curran seconded
Motion carried: 4-0

3.6 Approval of Additional Non-Public Transportation Requests

No additional Non-Public Transportation Requests were received.

3.7 Approve Disposition of Inventory

Mrs. Curran made a motion to approve the disposal of inventory as presented.

Mr. Lanese seconded.

Motion carried: 4-0

3.8 Approve additional Extra Curricular Advisors / Coaches for 2011-2012 as per WTA Contract

Mr. Lanese made a motion to approve the following individuals:

8 th Grade Class Advisors	Mary Therese Bucher Matt Lutz
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Boys Basketball Co-Coach	Rick Randall Jim Kahler
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Girls Basketball Co-Coach	Tammy Miller
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Mrs. Marsh seconded.

Motion carried: 4-0

3.9 Approve additional Tutors for 2011-2012 as per WTA Contract

Mrs. Curran made a motion to approve the following individual(s): Matt Lutz

Mr. Lanese seconded.

Motion carried: 4-0

3.10 Approve Permanent Full Time Custodian effective Oct. 26, 2011

Mr. Lanese made a motion to approve Tom Cupp as Full Time Custodian effective October 26, 2011.

Mrs. Curran seconded.

Motion carried: 4-0

3.11 Approve 2010-2011 External Audit Report

Mr. Lanese made a motion to accept the 2010-2011 District External Audit Report presented by Mr. Scott. Preusser, CPA, PC.

Mrs. Curran seconded.

Motion carried: 4-0

3.12 Abolish the Classroom Account and transfer balance for the purpose of Scholarships

Mr. Lanese made a motion to abolish the Classroom Account for Student Council and transfer the remaining funds for the purpose of Scholarships to the 8th Grade Class Fund.

Mrs. Curran seconded

Motion carried: 4-0

Note: Mr. Hug arrived at 7:55 p.m.

3.13 Approve Resolution to Participate in NYSED Transportation Pilot Program

Mr. Lanesey made a motion to approve the Districts participation in the NYSED Transportation Pilot Program.

Mrs. Curran seconded
Motion carried: 5-0

3.14 Approve Unpaid Leave of Absence

Mr. Lanesey made a motion to approve a 1 day Unpaid Leave of Absence on November 14, 2011 to Patty Rowe.

Mrs. Curran seconded
Motion carried: 5-0

4.0 Old Business

4.1 District Goals

The Board will discuss district goals at the November 17, 2011 meeting,

5.0 New Business

Questar III will be holding the second workshop of their Saturday Morning Workshop Series on November 5th.

6.0 Informational

- 6.1 Next Regular Meeting of the Board of Education: Nov. 17, 2011 at 7:00 pm in the Library / Media Center**
- 6.2 Public Comment**

7.0 Request for Executive Session

Mr. Lanesey made a motion to enter into Executive Session at 8:10 pm.

Mrs. Curran seconded
Motion carried: 5-0

9.0 Adjournment

Mrs. Curran made a motion to adjourn at 10:30 pm.
Mr. Lanesey seconded
Motion carried: 5-0

Respectfully submitted,

Kathryn Fazioli
Clerk of the Board