

WYNANTSKILL UNION FREE SCHOOL DISTRICT
Regular Meeting of the Board of Education
April 10, 2017
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 7:26 p.m. by Mr. Lanesey.

- 1.1 Record of Attendance
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| Mrs. Castle | Present |
| Mr. Hirokawa | Present |
| Mr. Lanesey | Present |
| Mrs. Mack | Present |
| Mr. Strang | Present |

- 1.2 Review of Agenda/Additions to Agenda
- Dr. Reardon reviewed the agenda.

- 1.3 Approval of Minutes of Previous Meeting
- a. March 16, 2017
- Mrs. Mack made a motion to approve the March 16, 2017 regular meeting minutes.
Mrs. Castle seconded the motion.
Motion carried 5/0.

- 1.4 Acceptance of Financial Reports
- a. Monthly Treasurer's Report with Budget Transfers
b. Extra Classroom Quarterly Report as of 3/31/2017

Mr. Strang made a motion to approve the District Treasurer's Financial Reports.
Mr. Hirokawa seconded the motion.
Motion Carried 5/0.

- 1.5 Building use

Group	Time/Dates	Location
Tri City Bombers 13U	April to 8/10/17 Monday	Field

Mrs. Castle made a motion to approve the building use request from Tri City Bombers 13U charging \$10 an evening.
Mr. Strang seconded the motion.
Motion Carried 5/0.

- Discussion: The Board of Education discussed the following topics on building use:
- a. Location of players / community group
 - b. Fees the district is charging and how groups are categorized
 - c. Access to the building vs ballfields
 - d. Hours of building use

1.6 Visitors and Communication

Mr. Lanese reviewed the two communications to the Board of Education.

- a. Communications to the Board of Education
 - i. Email from Scott Read
 - ii. Letter from Mrs. Herzl-Betz

Discussion: The Board of Education and Dr. Reardon discussed policy and where we are with the 5000 series. Discussion was had on state aid, what other neighboring schools were charging staff for tuition, and the benefits of staff having their children join us at Gardner-Dickinson. The Board of Education has agreed to expedite the admission of non-resident student policy.

- b. Opportunity for the Public to be Heard

2.0 Reports to the Board of Education

2.1 Board of Education Reports & Updates

Mrs. Castle and Dr. Reardon shared their experience after attending a workshop hosted by Questar III, with guest speaker Mr. Michael Ford.

2.2 District / Superintendent Program Report

Dr. Reardon reported:

- a. Budget Development: Dr. Reardon presented the 2017-2018 final draft budget at a workshop held prior to the Board of Education regular meeting. The presentation is available at: http://www.wynantskillufsd.org/Budget/documents/2017-18/Budget_Presentation_Apr_10_2017.pdf
- b. ELA testing: The NYS ELA testing is complete, there was about 12% of opt outs.
- c. PARP: The K-8 theme this year was one book one school. Meryl Day and Coleen Paratore local authors joined us for reading and writing activities.
- d. Washington D.C. trip: Successful trip, with a wonderful group to travel with.

2.3 Principal's Report

2.4 PTO Update

Meredith Gavin reported on SEPTA (Spec. Ed. PTA).
The Charter Meeting will be on 4/12 7:00 p.m. in the library.

3.0 Appointments and Authorizations

Consent agenda 3.1 to 3.11

3.1 Approve CSE/CPSE Recommendations as per attached.

3.2 Approve Lyndy Sanger (Kindergarten Teacher) for an unpaid leave of absence for child rearing starting on or around June 1, 2017, returning for the start of the 2017-2018 school year.

3.3 Approval of Additional Non-Public Transportation Requests

- a. 4 Students to Catholic Central High School
- b. 4 Students to Academy of Holy Names
- c. 2 Students to LaSalle Institute
- d. 1 Student to Oakwood Christian School
- e. 5 Students to St. Jude the Apostle School
- f. 1 Student Woodland Hill Montessori

- 3.4 Approve the sale of a scan-tron machine TSM-00 unit valued around \$1,000.
- 3.5 Approve the disposal (recycle) of 3 obsolete Cannon copy machines.
- 3.6 Accept \$500 check from Utica National for the School Safety Excellence Award.
- 3.7 Accept a donation of \$447.00 from Hannaford from the Hannaford Helps Schools Program.
- 3.8 Consideration for approval to adopt for presentation to the voters of the district, as PROPOSITION #1, the 2017-2018 Budget as recommended by Administration as follows: Shall the Board of Education of the Wynantskill Union Free School District, Rensselaer County, New York be authorized to expend the total amount of \$9,037,839 during the school year 2017- 2018 and to levy the necessary tax therefore.

3.9 Consideration for approval to adopt for presentation to the voters of the district, as PROPOSITION #2, the 2017-2018 Bus Proposal as recommended by Administration as follows: Shall the Board of Education of the Wynantskill Union Free School District, Rensselaer County, New York be authorized to (1) acquire two SCHOOL BUSES, at a maximum aggregate cost of \$175,727 (2) expend such sum, or so much thereof as shall be necessary; and (3) shall be paid from the current appropriation.

3.10 WHEREAS, the Board of Education of Wynantskill Union Free School District, Rensselaer County, New York, has called an Annual School Board Election and Budget Vote of the qualified voters of said School District to be held on the 16th day of May, 2017 and WHEREAS, it is now desired to provide for the appointment of inspectors for said Annual School Board Election and Budget Vote; NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Education of Wynantskill Union Free School District, Rensselaer County, New York, as follows:

Section 1. Mary Ellen Angrisano, a duly qualified voter of said School District is hereby appointed as the Permanent Chairperson of the Annual School Board Election and Budget Vote referred to in the preambles hereof.

Section 2. The following named qualified voters of said School District are hereby appointed to act as Inspectors of Election of said Annual School Board Election and Budget Vote, so that there shall be at least two Inspectors for each voting machine to be used thereat:

Section 3. Mary Rose Ryan is hereby designated as Chief Election Inspector.

Section 4. The following named qualified voters of said School District are hereby appointed as Assistant Clerks of said Annual School Board Election and Budget Vote: Elizabeth Livingston; William Keegan

Section 5. Each Inspector of Election and Assistant Clerk appointed for said Annual School Board Election and Budget Vote, as herein provided, shall be entitled to compensation at the rate of Chief Election Inspector \$10.50 Hr. / Assistant Clerk \$9.75 Hr. for each day actually and necessarily spent on the duties of his office. The Clerk of said School District is hereby authorized and directed to give written notice of appointment to the persons herein respectively appointed as Permanent Chairperson, Inspectors of Election and Assistant Clerks for said Special District Meeting.

Section 6. This resolution shall take effect immediately.

- 3.11 Approve Stefanie Ryan as a Door Monitor Noon to 6 pm @ \$9.75 Hr. for the Annual School Board Election and Budget Vote on May 16, 2017.

Mrs. Castle made a motion to approve the consent agenda item numbers 3.1 to 3.11.

Mr. Strang seconded the motion.

Motion carried 5/0.

Discussion: Mr. Hirokawa requested chairman be changed to chairperson.

- 3.12 First Readings
Removal of Policies

- a. Policy # 0300 Accountability
- b. Policy # 0330 Evaluation of Professional Staff
- c. Policy # 0340 Evaluation of Support Staff
- d. Policy # 1240 Visitors to the School
- e. Regulation # 1240 Visitors to the School
- f. Policy # 1510 Public Sales on School Property
- g. Policy # 1810 Gifts to School Personnel
- h. Policy # 2121 Board Member Qualifications
- i. Policy # 2265 Shared Decision-Making and School-Based Planning
- j. Policy # 2530 Membership in School Boards Associations
- k. Policy # 2550 Board Member Compensation and Expense
- l. Policy # 3200 Administrative Organization
- m. Policy # 3230 Organization Chart
- n. Policy # 3250 School Building Administration
- o. Policy # 3310 Development of Regulations
- p. Policy # 3320 Board Review of Regulations
- q. Policy # 3330 Regulations Dissemination
- r. Policy # 4315 Health Education
- s. Policy # 4317 Teaching About Drugs, Alcohol, Tobacco
- t. Policy # 4321.15 Regarding Response to Intervention "RTI"
- u. Policy # 4420 Class Size
- v. Policy # 4527 Web Page Design and Maintenance

Discussion: Dr. Reardon explained the reasoning as to why the listed policies were being removed from the policy manual.

3.13 Second Readings

- a. Policy # 4513 Library Materials Selection
- b. Policy #4526 Computer Use in Instruction (Acceptable Use)
- c. Regulation # 4526 Computer Use in Instruction (Acceptable Use)
- d. Policy # 4526.1 Internet Safety
- e. Regulation # 4526.1 Internet Safety
- f. Policy # 4531 Field Trips and Excursions
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- h. Policy # 4532 School Volunteers
- i. Policy # 4710 Grading Systems
- j. Policy # 4750 Promotion and Retention of Students
- k. Policy # 4760 Makeup Opportunities
- l. Policy # 4810 Teaching About Controversial Issues
- m. Policy # 4850 Animals in Schools

3.14 Approval of BOE Policies

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m. Policy # 4850 Animals in Schools

Mr. Hirokawa made a motion to approve board policy/ regulation numbers 4513, 4526, 4526.1, 4531, 4532, 4710, 4750, 4760, 4810, and 4850.

Mrs. Mack seconded the motion.

Motion carried 5/0.

Discussion: Dr. Reardon recognized the policy committee for their great work.

4.0 Old Business

5.0 New Business

6.0 Informational

6.1 Candidate Petitions for Membership on the BOE due by 5 pm April 17, 2017

6.2 Drawing by lot for position on the voting machine will take place in Superintendent's Office @ 9 am on April 18, 2017

6.3 Boces Budget Vote & Election April 25, 2017 @ 7am Superintendent's Office

6.4 Budget Hearing May 9, 2017 @ 7 pm

6.5 Meet the Candidates May 9, 2017 @ 7 pm

6.6 Annual School Board Election and Budget Vote May 16, 2017 Noon to 9 pm

6.7 Regular BOE Meeting May 18, 2017 @ 7 pm

6.8 Opportunity for the Public to be Heard

Micheline Geise: Mrs. Geise would like to see the district advertise the Budget Vote and make use of the towns new sign on Main Street. Mrs. Geise had questions on policy # 4317 and the DARE program. Mrs. Geise shared her experience at Kindergarten screening. Mrs. Geise expressed her support for staff being able to bring their children to Gardner-Dickinson.

Mary Alice Newell: Mrs. Newell gave thanks to Dr. Reardon and Jenn for all of their support and help with the musical.

7.0 Request for Executive Session

Mrs. Castle made a motion to enter into Executive Session for the purposes of discussing the proposed acquisition, sale, or lease of real property or the proposed acquisition, sale, or exchange of securities, but only when publicity would substantially affect the value of these things (Pub. Off. Law § 105(a-h)).at 8:15 p.m.

Mrs. Mack seconded the motion.

Motion carried 5/0.

Mr. Hirokawa left the executive session at 8:40 p.m.

8.0 Return to Open Session

Mrs. Castle made a motion to return to open session at 9:56 p.m.

Mrs. Mack seconded the motion.

Motion carried 4/0.

9.0 Adjournment

Mrs. Mack made a motion to adjourn at 9:57 pm.

Mrs. Castle seconded the motion.

Motion carried 4/0.

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.