

**WYNANTSKILL UNION FREE SCHOOL DISTRICT**  
**Regular Meeting of the Board of Education**  
**May 18, 2017**  
**Meeting @ 7:00 PM**  
**Anticipated Executive Session @ 6:30 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 6:34 p.m. by Mr. Lanesey.

1.1 Record of Attendance

Mrs. Castle	Present
Mr. Hirokawa	Present
Mr. Lanesey	Present
Mrs. Mack	Present
Mr. Strang	Present

1.2 Oath of Office for newly elected Board of Education Members

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

1.3 Request for Executive Session

Mr. Hirokawa made a motion to enter into executive session for the purposes of the medical, financial, credit, or employment history of a particular person or corporation, or matters leading to the appointment, employment, promotion, demotion, discipline, suspension, dismissal, or removal of a particular person or corporation. at 6:37 p.m.

Mrs. Mack seconded the motion.

Motion carried 5/0.

1.4 Return to Open Session

Mrs. Castle made a motion to return to open session at 7:13 p.m.

Mr. Hirokawa seconded the motion.

Motion carried 5/0.

1.5 Review of Agenda/Additions to Agenda

Dr. Reardon reviewed the agenda.

1.6 Royal Recognition

The Board of Education, Mrs. Newell and Mrs. Swart proudly recognized the following students for their relentless dedication of time, energy, and passion to compete in the NYSSMA Solo Festival and All-County band and chorus.

The following students participated in the **All County Band and Chorus**

**Elementary Band** (January 2017) Theresa Crawford, Lauren Czubec, Cooper Murray, Ryan Strang, & Tyler Quinn  
**Junior Band** (November 2016) Ben Abbas, Samantha Cupp, & Aidan Flannery

**Elementary Chorus** (November 2016) Sara Geisser & Bella Marte  
**Junior Chorus** (January 2017) Brigid Mack, Erin Pendergast & Greta Zampier

The following students participated in the **New York State School Music Association Solo Festival**

**Grade 6**

Cooper Murray - Trumpet - Level 1 - Outstanding  
 Ryan Strang –Saxophone-Level 1 - Outstanding  
 Tyler Quinn - Snare Drum - Level 1 – Outstanding  
 Bella Marte – Voice – Level 2 - Excellent

Hannah McCleery – Clarinet - Level 2 – Outstanding  
 Antonio Morales – Trumpet – Level 2 – Outstanding  
 Alayna Penman – Flute – Level 2 - Outstanding

**Grade 7**

Rielly Countais – Flute – Level 2 - Excellent  
 Samantha Cupp – Clarinet - Level 2 – Outstanding  
 Shay Kerwin – Trombone – Level 2 - Excellent

**Grade 8**

Anthony Lanese – Snare Drum – Level 3 – Excellent  
 Georgianna Montagna – Voice – Level 3 - Excellent  
 Brigid Mack – Voice Level 5 – A+

1.7 Approval of Minutes of Previous Meeting

- a. April 10, 2017
- b. April 25, 2017
- c. April 26, 2017
- d. May 3, 2017
- e. May 9, 2017

Mrs. Mack made a motion to approve the April 10, 2017 regular meeting minutes, the April 25, 2017, April 26, 2017, May 3, 2017 and May 9, 2017 special meeting minutes. Mrs. Castle seconded the motion.  
 Motion carried 5/0.

1.8 Acceptance of Financial Reports

- a. Internal Claims Auditor’s Report March and April 2017
- b. Monthly Treasurer's Report with Budget Transfers

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

1.9 Building use

Group	Time/Dates	Location
Mountain View Volunteer Fire Company	5/5 to 7/31/17 Fridays 6-8:30	Ball Field

Mrs. Castle made a motion to approve the building use request from the Mountain View Volunteer Fire Company. Mr. Strang seconded the motion.  
 Motion Carried 5/0.

1.10 Visitors and Communication

- a. Communications to the Board of Education
- b. Opportunity for the Public to be Heard

## 2.0 Reports to the Board of Education

### 2.1 Board of Education Board Discussion / Reports

#### a. CSArch – Capital project update:

Ed Anker and Kyle Smith provided the Board of Education with a Capital project update. The Board of Education had discussion and made decisions on EIFS on the exterior addition, terrazzo flooring, VAT abatement in the work areas, and ventilation for the gymnasium.

### 2.2 District / Superintendent Program Report

Dr. Reardon summarized CSArch's Capital project report; construction will start around June 5, 2017.

Dr. Reardon announced the budget results:

The 2017-18 school budget was passed with an 84% approval rate on Tuesday, May 16, 2017. Proposition 1 (District budget) was passed 133 to 25. Proposition 2 (purchase of 2 school buses) was passed 138 to 21. Eric Strang 142 votes, Keith Hirokawa 124 votes with 2 write ins.

Discussion: Mr. Lanese asked Dr. Reardon to provide the percentage of approval rate from past 3 to 5 years' budget votes.

### 2.3 Principal's Report

Dr. Yodis reported:

State Testing: ELA and Math testing is complete. The 6 days went smoothly and the new state standards were very positive. Students were given extended time and for the first year tests could be read to those with modifications in their IEP's.

Mr. Lanese asked about the release of questions from the test for student practice. Dr. Yodis explained the process of test questions being released to the public.

Professional Development: Eight G-D staff members along with Dr. Yodis and Dr. Reardon participated in a two day instructional rounds training with Brittonkill School District.

The 2<sup>nd</sup> grade team and Dr. Yodis were able to participate in an instructional round at Richfield Springs School District. Dr. Yodis shared the details of their day and announced that in the fall of 2017 the Wynantskill School District might be a site for instructional rounds observation.

Discussion:

Mrs. Castle asked about the lock down drill. Dr. Reardon reported the drill went well.

### 2.4 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.

Mrs. Mack made a motion to approve the CSE/CPSE Recommendations.  
Mr. Hirokawa seconded the motion.  
Motion carried 5/0.

3.2 Approve the 2017-18 BOE meeting calendar.

Mrs. Strang made a motion to approve the 2017-18 BOE meeting calendar.  
Mrs. Castle seconded the motion.  
Motion carried 5/0.

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

Mr. Hirokawa made a motion to Certification of the Budget Vote, Bus Proposition and Board Election Results.  
Mr. Strang seconded the motion.  
Motion carried 5/0.

3.4 Approve Emily Labate @ Step 1 (prorated) as a long-term elementary teacher substitute effective April 24, 2017 to June 23, 2017, as per the WTA contract.

Mrs. Castle made a motion to approve Emily Labate @ Step 1 (prorated) as a long-term elementary teacher substitute effective April 24, 2017 to June 23, 2017, as per the WTA contract.  
Mr. Hirokawa seconded the motion.  
Motion carried 5/0.

3.5 Approve an unpaid leave of absence for Christine Delamater effective April 2, 2017 until further notice.

Mr. Strang made a motion to approve an unpaid leave of absence for Christine Delamater effective April 2, 2017 until further notice.  
Mrs. Mack seconded the motion.  
Motion carried 5/0.

3.6 Accept the resignation of Mary Rose Ryan as the designated Chief Election Inspector for the May 16, 2017 Annual School Board Election and Budget Vote.

Mrs. Castle made a motion to approve the resignation of Mary Rose Ryan as the designated Chief Election Inspector for the May 16, 2017 Annual School Board Election and Budget Vote.

Mrs. Mack seconded the motion.  
Motion carried 5/0.

3.7 Approve Elizabeth Livingston as the designated Chief Election Inspector @ \$10.50 Hour for the May 16, 2017 Annual School Board Election and Budget Vote.

Mr. Hirokawa made a motion to approve Elizabeth Livingston as the designated Chief Election

Inspector @ \$10.50 Hour for the May 16, 2017 Annual School Board Election and Budget Vote.  
Mrs. Mack seconded the motion.  
Motion carried 5/0.

- 3.8 Approve Stefanie Ryan as Assistant Clerk @ \$9.75 Hour for the May 16, 2017 Annual School Board Election and Budget Vote.

Mr. Strang made a motion to approve Stefanie Ryan as Assistant Clerk @ \$9.75 Hour for the May 16, 2017 Annual School Board Election and Budget Vote.  
Mr. Hirokawa seconded the motion.  
Motion carried 5/0.

- 3.9 Approve the following Extra Curricular appointments for the 2017-18 school year as per the WTA Contract.

- a. Jeanine Mitchell (Builders Club)
- b. Jeanine Mitchell & Mary Alice Newell (Drama Club)
- c. Mary Alice Newell (All County Band)
- d. Samantha Swart (All County Chorus)
- e. John LeRoy (Accompanist)
- f. Daniel DiSotto, Mary Alice Newell, Keli Pautler, Tammy Miller, Andy Deguire, and Jeanine Mitchell (Chaperone)
- g. Daniel DiSotto (Intramurals)
- h. Samantha Swart (NYSSMA Chorus)
- i. Mary Alice Newell (NYSSMA Band)
- j. Jeanine Mitchell, Karen Keane, Kaelyn Kinley, Keli Pautler, Andrew Newmark, and Gina Mahoney (Odyssey of the Mind Coaches 3 Teams)
- k. Laura Horacek and Mary Therese Bucher (8th Grade Advisors)
- l. Samantha Swart (Modified Cross Country Coach)
- m. Dan DiSotto and Sam Davis (Modified Boys' Soccer Coaches)
- n. Michele French and Kate Cronin (Modified Girls' Soccer Coaches)
- o. Sarah Sepp (Yearbook)
- p. Laura Horacek, Matt Lutz, Sarah Sepp, Jeanine Mitchell, Mary Alice Newell, Patricia Rowe, and Karen Keane (Homework Center)

Mrs. Castle made a motion to approve the Extra Curricular appointments for the 2017-18 school year as per the WTA Contract.  
Mr. Strang seconded the motion.  
Motion carried 5/0.

- 3.10 Appoint Kathy Vale as PT (21 hours a week plus 10 summer days) CSE/CPSE Secretary effective 07/1/17-06/30/18.

Mrs. Mack made a motion to appoint Kathy Vale as PT (21 hours a week plus 10 summer days) CSE/CPSE Secretary effective 07/1/17-06/30/18.  
Mr. Hirokawa seconded the motion.  
Motion carried 5/0.

- 3.11 Appoint Amy Murphy as 1.0 FTE plus 10 summer days Guidance Counselor beginning 7/1/17 @ Step 16 as per the WTA contract.

Mr. Strang made a motion to appoint Amy Murphy as 1.0 FTE plus 10 summer days Guidance Counselor beginning 7/1/17 @ Step 16.  
Mr. Hirokawa seconded the motion.  
Motion carried 5/0.

- 3.12 Appoint Wendy DeBell as PT (.6) School Nurse @ St. Jude beginning 8/30/17-6/30/18 @ Step 19 prorated as per the WTA contract.
- Mrs. Castle made a motion to approve the CSE/CPSE Recommendations.  
Mr. Hirokawa seconded the motion.  
Motion carried 5/0.
- 3.13 Approve Barbara Cole as Transportation Supervisor effective 07/1/17-06/30/18 @ \$26.53 per hour with a salary not to exceed \$ 23,690.00.
- Mrs. Castle made a motion to approve Barbara Cole as Transportation Supervisor effective 07/1/17-06/30/18 @ \$26.53 per hour with a salary not to exceed \$ 23,690.00.  
Mr. Hirokawa seconded the motion.  
Motion carried 5/0.
- 3.14 Approve Contracts for Bus Drivers, Eleven and Twelve Month Employees for the 2017-18 school year.
- Mr. Strang made a motion to approve the Contracts for Bus Drivers, Eleven and Twelve Month Employees for the 2017-18 school year.  
Mrs. Mack seconded the motion.  
Motion carried 5/0.
- Discussion: Dr. Reardon clarified the contracts and what employees were affected.
- 3.15 Approve Thomas Reardon and Mary Yodis as Lead Teacher Evaluators for the 2017-18 school year.
- Mrs. Castle made a motion to approve Thomas Reardon and Mary Yodis as Lead Teacher Evaluators for the 2017-18 school year.  
Mr. Hirokawa seconded the motion.  
Motion carried 5/0.
- Discussion:  
Mr. Lanese asked if an APPR exemption was needed. Dr. Reardon clarified the process.
- 3.16 Robert Hurd as a Recess / Cafeteria Aide 3 hours a day @ \$12.92 hour for the 2017-18 school year.
- Mr. Hirokawa made a motion to approve Robert Hurd as a Recess / Cafeteria Aide 3 hours a day @ \$12.92 hour for the 2017-18 school year.  
Mr. Strang seconded the motion.  
Motion carried 5/0.
- 3.17 Karen Keegan as a Cafeteria Monitor 2 hours a day @ \$14.86 an hour for the 2017-18 school year.
- Mr. Hirokawa made a motion to approve Karen Keegan as a Cafeteria Monitor 2 hours a day @ \$14.86 an hour for the 2017-18 school year.  
Mr. Strang seconded the motion.  
Motion carried 5/0.
- 3.18 Brenda Alderman as a Recess / Office Aide 3 hours a day @ \$12.92 hour for the 2017-18 school year.

Mrs. Castle made a motion to approve Brenda Alderman as a Recess / Office Aide 3 hours a day @ \$12.92 hour for the 2017-18 school year.

Mrs. Mack seconded the motion.

Motion carried 5/0.

3.19 Approve the 6<sup>th</sup> grade field trip to the Bronx Zoo on June 5, 2017.

Mr. Strang made a motion to approve the 6<sup>th</sup> grade field trip to the Bronx Zoo on June 5, 2017.

Mrs. Mack seconded the motion.

Motion carried 5/0.

3.20 RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of Wynantskill Union Free School District hereby authorizes the funding of the District approved reserves with the excess of 4% from unassigned fund balance at June 30, 2017. The allocation of such fund balance will be determined subsequent to June 30, 2017 and prior to setting the tax levy.

Mr. Strang made a motion to authorize the funding of the District approved reserves with the excess of 4% from unassigned fund balance at June 30, 2017. The allocation of such fund balance will be determined subsequent to June 30, 2017 and prior to setting the tax levy.

Mr. Hirokawa seconded the motion.

Motion carried 5/0.

Discussion:

Mrs. Mack questioned the wording of tax levy vs rate.

Mr. Reardon immediately looked into the correct wording, tax levy.

3.21 Approval of Substitutes

Name	Position
Souad Mekhaldi	Substitute Non-Certified Teacher @ \$70 day
Kyle Audi	Substitute Custodial \$12.50 hr Substitute Kitchen \$9.70 hr

Mrs. Mack made a motion to approve Souad Mekhaldi as a Substitute Non-Certified Teacher @ \$70 day and Kyle Audi as a Substitute Custodial @ \$12.50 hr Substitute Kitchen @ \$9.70 hr.

Mr. Strang seconded the motion.

Motion carried 5/0.

3.22 Approve the 2017-22 District Technology Blueprint.

Mrs. Mack made a motion to approve the 2017-22 District Technology Blueprint.

Mr. Hirokawa seconded the motion.

Motion carried 5/0.

Discussion:

Dr. Reardon provided background information of how the Technology Blueprint was created.

Mrs. Castle had questions about every student has access to a computer or device and accessories. (headphones and mice).

Mr. Strang had questions on the process of ensuring recycling of electronics.

Dr. Reardon explained the process.

3.23 Second 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

### 3.24 Approval of BOE Policies

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Mr. Strang made a motion to approve the removal of policy/regulation numbers 0300, 0330, 0340, 1240, 1510, 1810, 2121, 2265, 2530, 2550, 3200, 3230, 3250, 3310, 3320, 3330, 4315, 4317, 4321.15, 4420, and 4527.

Mrs. Castle seconded the motion.

Motion carried 5/0.

Discussion:



Dr. Reardon reported that policy number 5152 Admission of Non-Resident Students will be available for a first reading at the June Board of Education meeting.

#### **4.0 Informational**

4.1 Regular BOE Meeting June 15, 2017 @ 7 pm

4.2 Opportunity for the Public to be Heard

JM Steffek: Commented on the instructional rounds being very powerful.

S Czubek: Asked where the school polices were located.

M Geise: Commented on the Spring band and chorus concert being the best performance ever.

#### **5.0 Request for Executive Session**

Mrs. Castle made a motion to enter into executive session for the purposes of the medical, financial, credit, or employment history of a particular person or corporation, or matters leading to the appointment, employment, promotion, demotion, discipline, suspension, dismissal, or removal of a particular person or corporation. at 9:10 p.m.

Mr. Strang seconded the motion.

Motion carried 5/0.

#### **6.0 Return to Open Session**

Mrs. Castle made a motion to return to open session at 10:50 p.m.

Mr. Hirokawa seconded the motion.

Motion carried 5/0.

#### **7.0 Adjournment**

Mr. Hirokawa made a motion to adjourn at 10:51 p.m.

Mr. Strang 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.