

WYNANTSKILL UNION FREE SCHOOL DISTRICT
Regular Meeting of the Board of Education
November 16, 2017
Meeting @ 7:00 PM
Gardner-Dickinson School Media Center
Draft 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 7:03 p.m. by Mr. Lanesey.

1.1 Record of Attendance

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

1.2 Review of Agenda/Additions to Agenda

Dr. Reardon reviewed the agenda.

1.3 Royal Recognition

The Board of Education, Dr. Reardon, and Mrs. Mitchell gave recognition to the following Builders Club members for their hard work and dedication to servicing their school and community.

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| a) Missy Andersen | i) Angela Lanesey |
| b) Ryan Bates | j) Gianna Nigro |
| c) Madelyn Comenole | k) Izzy Niver |
| d) Madeline Defreest | l) Chloe Rodriguez |
| e) Samantha Flagg | m) Athena Seebald |
| f) Gabriela Geise | n) Ryan Strang |
| g) Tianna Gonzalez | o) Chayton Young |
| h) Molly Graiff | |

1.4 Approval of Minutes of Previous Meeting

- a. October 19, 2017

Mrs. Mack made a motion to approve the October 19, 2017 regular meeting minutes.
Mrs. Castle seconded the motion.
Motion carried 4/0.

1.5 Acceptance of Financial Reports

- a. Internal Claims Auditor's Report (October 2017)
b. Monthly Treasurer's Report with Budget Transfers
c. School Tax Report 2017-18

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

Motion Carried 4/0.

1.6 Visitors and Communication

Mr. Lanese acknowledged the one communication to the Board of Education.

- a. Communications to the Board of Education
 - i. Thank you card from The GD Girls Soccer Team
- b. Opportunity for the Public to Comment

K Yager: Gave thanks to the administration, staff, and students for the Veterans' Day Assembly.

2.0 Reports to the Board of Education

2.1 Board of Education Board Discussion / Reports

Dr. Reardon and Mrs. Castle shared their experience after attending Questar III's Saturday morning with the deputy commissioner on October 21, 2017.

2.2 District / Superintendent Program Report

Dr. Reardon reported:

- Veteran's Day Event: A letter of appreciation was received and read from a grandparent who attended the assembly who resides in the State of Maine. Over 35 Veterans attended the assembly and each grade level contributed to the event.
- Construction: The foundation is complete and the steel for the beams should be delivered around the first week in December.
- Pre-Kindergarten: The planning committee met two weeks ago following a number of site visits. The committee will meet again after the sub-committee reports have been completed.
- Budget: The School District Budget Calendar is on the agenda for approval. Usually the district starts looking at the budget process in December, but with the building project and Pre-Kindergarten we want to get an early start on fixed expenses.
- Teachers Contract: The contract will be renegotiated this school year.
- Policy Committee: The committee will start looking at the 6000's and 7000's series on November 20th.

2.3 Principal's Report

Dr. Yodis reported:

- Instructional Rounds: On November 1st the district hosted Instructional Rounds, there were 15 educators who participated. The educators observed 11 classrooms on 20 minute rotations for one and half hours then returned to the library to compile the data collected. The group of educators were asked to look at a problem task "Is the task that we are asking the children to complete; are the tasks and questions rigorous, are we providing enough challenge to our students?" Examples of question levels were provided. The results were shared at the faculty meeting yesterday.
- Science: The district purchased new Science kits at the end of the 2016-17 school year. Faculty was provided a two-day training/development on curriculum and standards.
- Social Studies: Questar III provided a two-day training to our faculty on the new curriculum and standards in Social Studies.

Discussion:

Mrs. Castle had questions on the instructional rounds and what training was needed for the educators to participate?

Dr. Yodis explained the training and participating process.

Dr. Reardon provided positive feedback to Dr. Yodis on her instructional rounds presentation at the November staff meeting.

2.4 PTA / SEPTA Update

Nichole Hurbanek presented the PTA report to the Board of Education.

Darcy Mack presented the SEPTA report to the Board of Education.

Discussion:

Dr. Reardon provided background information on the presentation that Mrs. Mack provided on the changing demographic and economics of the District population.

Mrs. Mack provided the demographic statistics for Wynantskill and shared ideas on how everyone can help make more programs and activities more reachable.

Mrs. Castle commented on keeping the graduating years' class t-shirts color the same each year while they moved up through the grades.

Dr. Reardon provided examples where changes were being made in the district to make all programs, sports and activities affordable/accessible.

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.

Mrs. Castle seconded the motion.

Motion carried 4/0.

3.2 Approve the Memorandum of Understanding regarding athletic participation between the Wynantskill Union Free School District and the Averill Park Central School District.

Mrs. Castle made a motion to approve the Memorandum of Understanding regarding athletic participation between the Wynantskill Union Free School District and the Averill Park Central School District.

Mrs. Mack seconded the motion.

Motion carried 4/0.

Discussion:

Dr. Reardon provided clarification from the districts legal counsel on the MOU.

Mrs. Castle asked questions on the MOU and stated that she did listed to the BOE discussion from the October BOE that she was unable to attend.

3.3 Approve Sam Davis, Chris Phillips, Amanda Rich, and Courtney Townsend for the extra-curricular appointment, Basketball Coach, for the 2017-18 school year as per the WTA contract.

Mrs. Castle made a motion to approve Sam Davis, Chris Phillips, Amanda Rich, and Courtney Townsend for the extra-curricular appointment, Basketball Coach, for the 2017-18 school year as per the WTA contract.

Mr. Strang seconded the motion.

Motion carried 4/0.

- 3.4 Approve Samantha Swart (6th Grade Teacher) for a leave of absence for child rearing starting on or around March 29, 2018, returning for the start of the 2018-19 school year.

Mr. Strang made a motion to approve Samantha Swart (6th Grade Teacher) for a leave of absence for child rearing starting on or around March 29, 2018, returning for the start of the 2018-19 school year.

Mrs. Castle seconded the motion.

Motion carried 4/0.

- 3.5 Accept the 2016-17 External Audit Report.

Mrs. Mack made a motion to accept the 2016-17 External Audit Report.

Mr. Strang seconded the motion.

Motion carried 4/0.

- 3.6 Approval of 2018-19 Wynantskill Union Free School District Budget Calendar.

Mrs. Castle made a motion to approve the 2018-19 Wynantskill Union Free School District Budget Calendar.

Mr. Strang seconded the motion.

Motion carried 4/0.

Discussion:

Dr. Reardon provided clarification and recommendations for the use of funds from the Capital Reserve.

The BOE discussed the options available and decided they would have tax payers vote on the Capital Reserve funds in May during the annual budget vote.

Dr. Reardon will provide the language to the BOE to approve in December, after consulting the District's legal counsel.

- 3.7 Approve Tim Flannery and Keith Bateman for the Extra Curricular appointment (Chaperone) for the 2017-18 school year as per the WTA Contract.

Mr. Strang made a motion to approve Tim Flannery and Keith Bateman for the Extra Curricular appointment (Chaperone) for the 2017-18 school year as per the WTA Contract.

Mrs. Castle seconded the motion.

Motion carried 4/0.

- 3.8 Approve Peter Mesh for the Extra Curricular appointment (Homework Center) for the 2017-18 school year as per the WTA Contract.

Mr. Strang made a motion to approve Peter Mesh for the Extra Curricular appointment (Homework Center) for the 2017-18 school year as per the WTA Contract.

Mrs. Mack seconded the motion.

Motion carried 4/0.

4.0 Informational

4.1 Regular BOE Meeting December 21, 2017 @ 7 pm

4.2 Opportunity for the Public to Comment

M Geise:

Asked questions on the following:

Stage completion and graduation dates.

How the pre-kindergarten was being paid for?

What programs will be taken away from the older grades with a pre-kindergarten starting in

the district.
Athletes playing up.

K Yager:
Would like the WTA rate listed in a dollar amount, not as per the WTA Contract.
Apologized for his actions after the last BOE meeting.
Requested the BOE advertise in the Advertiser newspaper.

5.0 Request for Executive Session

There was no request for executive session.

6.0 Return to Open Session

7.0 Adjournment

Mrs. Castle made a motion to adjourn at 8:24 p.m.
Mr. Strang seconded the motion.
Motion carried 4/0.

Respectfully submitted,



Sharon Hillis
Clerk of the Board