

WYNANTSKILL UNION FREE SCHOOL DISTRICT
Regular Meeting of the Board of Education
October 19, 2017
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 7:05 p.m. by Mr. Lanesey.

1.1 Record of Attendance

Mrs. Castle	Absent
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. September 21, 2017

Mrs. Mack made a motion to approve the September 21, 2017 regular meeting minutes.
 Mr. Hirokawa seconded the motion.
 Motion carried 4/0.

1.4 Acceptance of Financial Reports

- a. Internal Claims Auditor's Report (September 2017)
- b. Monthly Treasurer's Report with Budget Transfers
- c. Quarterly Extra Classroom Report as of 9/30/17

Mrs. Mack made a motion to approve the District Treasurer's Financial Reports.
 Mr. Hirokawa seconded the motion.
 Motion Carried 4/0.

1.5 Approve Building Use

Group	Day	Time/Area
APYSL	Wednesday 10/30/17 to 3/31/18	5-7 Cafe

Mr. Strang made a motion to approve the building use request from APYSL.
 Mr. Hirokawa seconded the motion.
 Motion Carried 4/0.

1.6 Visitors and Communication

a. Communications to the Board of Education

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

b. Opportunity for the Public to Comment

Karl Yager: Asked the age of the children in the APYSL that the Board of Education approved for building use in item number 1.5.

2.0 Reports to the Board of Education

2.1 Board of Education Board Discussion / Reports

a. Mr. Scott Preusser, External Claims Auditor

Mr. Preusser CPA, PC, met with the Audit Committee on October 19, 2017. Mr. Preusser presented the 2016-2017 District External Audit Report. Mr. Preusser reviewed the audit process and reported the district is in a strong financial position.

b. Stephanie Carbone NWEA Fall Assessment Results

Mrs. Carbone reported to the Board of Education the Fall 2017 NWEA reading and math scores for the school district.

c. CSArch – Capital project update

Scott Wolfe and Kyle Smith provided a Capital project update to the Board of Education. Mr. Wolfe discussed the progress report in detail, while Mr. Smith described the process in a change order, sample change orders were provided.

Discussion:

The Board of Education had questions on the financial reports provided by CSArch.

Mr. Wolfe clarified the reports.

Mr. Strang questioned if there were any line items pending that needed board action.

Mr. Wolfe stated that at this time, there are no items that needed to be discussed.

2.2 District / Superintendent Program Report

Dr. Reardon reported:

- There will be no school on October 20, 2017. Questar III will be holding a regional professional development day with 15 capital region school districts.
- Veterans Day celebration will be held on November 9, 2017. The planning for the event is underway; this year we are taking a K-8 approach.
- Discussion of the capital project and closing the deficit. Dr. Reardon provided some options that the Board of Education will discuss in depth at the November 16, 2017 Board of Education meeting.
- Thank you to Mary Ellen Angrisano for your hard work on the budget.

2.3 Principal's Report

Dr. Yodis reported:

- Professional Development: Gardner-Dickinson staff will be among 15 different school districts with 2,200 participants for the Questar III professional development training.
- Instructional Rounds: 3 Teachers and Dr. Yodis went to Richfield Springs to participate in a rounds visit. On November 1, 2017 Gardner-Dickinson will be hosting instructional rounds. A team of 20 will be here will be looking at our problem of practice: how do we get a step above the average?

- Health Fair: There was a great turn out with many families and community groups participating. Thank you to Jennifer Price, Tricia Gibbs, and our staff for all your hard work.

2.4 PTA / SEPTA Update

Sue Czubek presented the PTA report to the Board of Education.
Darcy Mack presented the SEPTA report to the Board of Education.

Mrs. Mack put out a challenge to the SEPTA and PTA to look at the needs of our students and the current demographics. Helping those families who may not be able to afford some of the activities that are not free.

Discussion. Mr. Strang asked how PTA was doing with the funds that they were going to use for playground equipment.
Sue Czubek replied that they were still working with Dr. Reardon on details.

3.0 Appointments and Authorizations

3.1 Approve CSE/CPSE Recommendations as per attached.

Mr. Strang made a motion to approve the CSE/CPSE Recommendations.
Mr. Hirokawa seconded the motion.
Motion carried 4/0.

3.2 Approve Amanda Barrett to the position of Teaching Assistant in the tenure area of Teaching Assistant, effective August 31, 2016 with a four-year probationary term plus 27 child rearing days, commencing on September 26, 2020.

Mr. Strang made a motion to approve Amanda Barrett to the position of Teaching Assistant in the tenure area of Teaching Assistant, effective August 31, 2016 with a four-year probationary term plus 27 child rearing days, commencing on September 26, 2020.
Mr. Hirokawa seconded the motion.
Motion carried 4/0.

Discussion: Dr. Reardon provided clarification.

3.3 Accept the resignation of Anthony Ciampolillo from the position of bus driver effective 10/11/17.

Mr. Strang made a motion to accept the resignation of Anthony Ciampolillo from the position of bus driver effective 10/11/17.
Mrs. Mack seconded the motion.
Motion carried 4/0.

Discussion: Dr. Reardon announced that the district does have an open bus driver position.

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

Mrs. Mack made a motion to put the approval of the Memorandum of Understanding regarding athletic participation between the Wynantskill Union Free School District and the Averill Park Central School District on the table for discussion.

Mr. Strang seconded the motion.

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

Mr. Hirokawa seconded the motion.

Motion carried 4/0.

Discussion: The Board of Education and Dr. Reardon had in-depth conversation on the Memorandum. There are 4 items that the Board of Education has asked Dr. Reardon to provide clarification on 1) Can we enforce our own criteria 2) Clarify the one-year suspension from all sports 3) Is the legislation standardized 4) What other standards can be applied to this mou?.

3.5 Approval of Substitutes

Custodian: Neal Benassi, Jacob Nolan	Teacher’s Aide & Non-Certified Teacher: Savannah Mason, Babette Loucks, Leah Scher, Alexandra Vincent
Kitchen: Jacob Nolan	

Mr. Strang made a motion to approve the 6 named applicants for substitute positions.

Mr. Hirokawa seconded the motion.

Motion carried 4/0.

3.6 **WHEREAS**, the District accepted a preliminary Smart Schools Investment Plan (“SSIP”) on September 21, 2017 pursuant to The Smart Schools Bond Act (the “Act”); and

WHEREAS, the preliminary SSIP was posted on the District’s website for at least 30 days, and the District included an address to which any written comments on the preliminary SSIP should be sent; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Education conducted a public hearing that enabled stakeholders to respond to the preliminary SSIP, for which adequate notice of the public hearing was provided through local media and the District website for at least two weeks prior to the hearing; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Education has considered all public comments, completed a final SSIP, and determined that approval of the final SSIP is in the best interest of the District.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the final Smart Schools Investment Plan to expend \$119,744 for the upgrade to the video security monitoring system and classroom communication, and \$75,722 to upgrade the computer network infrastructure, for a total expenditure of \$195,466 as more fully described in the District Plan is hereby approved.

Mrs. Mack made a motion to approve the final Smart Schools Investment Plan to expend \$119,744 for the upgrade to the video security monitoring system and classroom communication, and \$75,722 to upgrade the computer network infrastructure, for a total expenditure of \$195,466.

Mr. Hirokawa seconded the motion.

Motion carried 4/0.

4.0 **Informational**

4.1 Regular BOE Meeting November 16, 2017 @ 7 p.m.

4.2 Opportunity for the Public to Comment

Karl Yager: Made comment on the school sports memorandum, dates for public hearings, and employee family relations.

5.0 **Request for Executive Session**

Mr. Strang made a motion to enter into executive session for the purposes of discussion involving proposed, pending, or current litigation at 8:42 p.m.

Mrs. Mack seconded the motion.

Motion carried 4/0.

Mr. Wolfe and Mr. Smith from CSArch were invited to join the executive session.

6.0 Return to Open Session

Mrs. Mack made a motion to return to open session at 10:16 p.m.

Mr. Strang seconded the motion.

Motion carried 4/0.

7.0 Adjournment

Mrs. Mack made a motion to adjourn at 10:17 p.m.

Mr. Hirokawa 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.