

WYNANTSKILL UNION FREE SCHOOL DISTRICT
Regular Meeting of the Board of Education
April 19, 2018
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 7:01 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 Review of Agenda/Additions to Agenda

Dr. Reardon reviewed the agenda.

1.3 Royal Recognition

The Board of Education, Dr. Reardon and Mrs. Newell recognized the following students who participated in either the November or January Rensselaer All-County Music Festival. They committed to extra practice and rehearsals on Thursday evening and Saturday with music students from the surrounding Rensselaer County Schools. The day concluded with a concert performance Saturday afternoon.

Elementary Band

Athena Seebald
Tim Thomas
Molly Graiff
Chayton Young

Junior Band

Samantha Cupp
Antonio Morales

Elementary Chorus

Molly Graiff

Junior Chorus

Bella Marte
Adrienne O'Malley
Amelia Kulzer

The Board of Education, Dr. Reardon and Mrs. Newell recognized the following students who participated in the NYSSMA Solo Festival. They committed to extra practice by preparing a solo and scales/rudiments to be evaluated by a NYSSMA music adjudicator that specializes on their instrument. The students received a written narrative on how well they performed and areas to improve in.

Athena Seebald - Flute - Level 2 - Excellent
Samantha Cupp - Clarinet - Level 3 - Excellent
Ryan Bates - Alto Sax - Level 2 - Outstanding
Ryan Strang - Alto Sax - Level 3 - Excellent
Tyler Quinn - Snare Drum - Level 2 - Excellent
Bella Marte - Vocal - Level 3 - Excellent

The Board of Education, Dr. Reardon, Ms. Kinley, and Mrs. Pautler recognized the following 4th and 5th grade students who placed 2nd in the Regional Odyssey of the Mind tournament.

Joey Coonan
Liz Carbone
Dominick Dinardo
Schuyler Nizinkirck
Gideon Abbas
Penny Comenole
Avary Vejvoda

1.4 Approval of Minutes of Previous Meeting

- a. March 15, 2018
- b. April 17, 2018

Mr. Hirokawa made a motion to approve the March 15, 2018 regular meeting minutes and the April 17, 2018 special meeting minutes.

Mr. Strang seconded the motion.

Motion carried 5/0.

1.5 Acceptance of Financial Reports

- a. Internal Claims Auditor's Report (March 2018)
- b. Monthly Treasurer's Report with Budget Transfers
- c. Quarterly Revenue Report
- d. Extra Classroom Activity Fund

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

Mrs. Castle seconded the motion.

Motion Carried 5/0.

1.6 Visitors and Communication

- a. Communications to the Board of Education

Mr. Lanesey acknowledged the one communication from the Odyssey of the Mind coaches.

- b. Opportunity for the Public to Comment

2.0 Reports to the Board of Education

2.1 Board of Education Board Discussion / Reports

2.2 District / Superintendent Program Report

Dr. Reardon provided the following information to the BOE:

- a. Draft of Budget (Presented to the BOE for Approval): Dr. Reardon presented the 2018-2019 final draft budget to the Board of Education. The presentation is available at: <http://www.wynantskillufsd.org/district/budget-taxes/>. Mrs. Castle gave thanks to Dr. Reardon and Mrs. Angrisano for all of their hard work on budget.
- b. Capital Project Update: The Capital Project is on time and things are really starting to come together. Before the May Board of Education meeting, CSArch will be providing the Board of Education with a tour. Mrs. Newell and Dr. Reardon will be meeting with CSArch on the sound system for the stage.
- c. Pre-K Update/Discussion: The District will be providing one Pre-Kindergarten classroom with CEO Head Start running the classroom. Discussion for the Board of Education for the May Board of Education meeting: Arrival/Dismissal Time 8:15 – 2:15, Lottery Drawing/Dates, Preliminary Application Forms, and Meals.

Discussion: Dr. Reardon and the Board of Education informally discussed the Pre-K program and visions.

2.3 Principal's Report

Dr. Yodis provided the following information to the BOE:

- a. PARP: Thank you to Mrs. Czubek, Mrs. Martoccio Mrs. Hancock, and Mrs. Fecura-Bunk. James Bruchac, a Native American author, storyteller, and environmentalist joined us for our PARP kick off. Grades 5-8 completed a book study on Rachel Carson. Mrs. Cronin's class had 100% participation and earned an ice cream party. Each student who participated in PARP program received a Sky Zone pass.
- b. Washington D.C. Field Trip: The 8th grade class had a great time on their trip.
- c. NYS ELA Testing: 234 students participated in the 2 days of NYS testing. NY State was looking for 95% participation we were at 92%.
- d. NYS Math Testing: May 1st and 2nd.
- e. Lock Down Training: The North Greenbush Police Department provided our staff with Lock Down: What's Next? Training.
- f. Elks Lodge: The Troy Elks Lodge provided a program on the importance of the flag and provided the 3rd & 5th graders dictionaries and thesauruses.
- g. Autism Awareness: Activates and materials will be provided to the students while everyone shows their support by wearing blue. The work from the day will be shared in our lobby.

Discussion: Mr. Lanese ask if there were any problems with the NYS testing? Dr. Yodis clarified the testing process and ensured the Board of Education there were no issues.

2.4 PTA / SEPTA Update

Mr. Koniowka presented the PTA report to the Board of Education.
Darcy Mack presented the SEPTA report to the Board of Education.

3.0 Appointments and Authorizations

3.1 Approve CSE/CPSE Recommendations as per attached.

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

3.2 Accept the resignation of Robert Burns from the position of Custodial Worker (Cleaner) effective April 10, 2018.

Mr. Hirokawa made a motion to accept the resignation of Robert Burns from the position of Custodial Worker (Cleaner) effective April 10, 2018.
Mr. Strang seconded the motion.
Motion carried 5/0.

3.3 Approve Kristine Kodadar as six-month probationary FT Teacher Aide effective April 26, 2018 as per the WTAA contact.

Mr. Hirokawa made a motion to approve Kristine Kodadar as six-month probationary FT Teacher Aide effective April 26, 2018 as per the WTAA contact.
Mrs. Mack seconded the motion.
Motion carried 5/0.

Discussion: Dr. Reardon provided clarification.

- 3.4 Approve Emily Bluhm for Special Education Home Tutoring from 4/16/18-6/22/18 on as needed basis as per the WTA contact.

Mr. Strang made a motion to approve Emily Bluhm for Special Education Home Tutoring from 4/16/18-6/22/18 on as needed basis as per the WTA contact.

Mr. Hirokawa seconded the motion.

Motion carried 5/0.

Discussion: Dr. Reardon provided clarification.

- 3.5 Accept the Resignation of Amanda Rich extra-curricular appointment, Softball Coach effective April 17, 2018.

Mr. Hirokawa made a motion to accept the Resignation of Amanda Rich extra-curricular appointment, Softball Coach effective April 17, 2018.

Mr. Strang seconded the motion.

Motion carried 5/0.

- 3.6 Approve Matthew Lutz for a ~~unpaid~~ paid leave of absence for paternity leave starting on May 10, 2018.

Mr. Strang made a motion to approve Matthew Lutz for a paid leave of absence for paternity leave starting on May 10, 2018.

Mrs. Mack seconded the motion.

Motion carried 5/0.

Discussion: Dr. Reardon provided clarification. (Unpaid was changed to Paid)

- 3.7 Appoint Keith Bateman as softball program assistant effective April 17, 2018 as per WTA contract.

Mrs. Castle made a motion to appoint Keith Bateman as softball program assistant effective April 17, 2018 as per WTA contract.

Mr. Hirokawa seconded the motion.

Motion carried 5/0.

Discussion: Dr. Reardon provided clarification.

- 3.8 Approve the revised 2018-19 School District Calendar.

Mrs. Mack made a motion to approve the revised 2018-19 School District Calendar.

Mr. Strang seconded the motion.

Motion carried 5/0.

Discussion: Dr. Reardon provided clarification.

- 3.9 Accept \$500 check from Utica National for the School Safety Excellence Award.

Mr. Strang made a motion to accept a \$500 check from Utica National for the School Safety Excellence Award.

Mr. Hirokawa seconded the motion.

Motion carried 5/0.

Discussion: Dr. Reardon provided clarification.

- 3.10 Accept \$1000 check from the Hannaford Helps Schools Program.

Mr. Strang made a motion to accept a \$1000 check from the Hannaford Helps Schools Program.
Mrs. Mack seconded the motion.
Motion carried 5/0.

Discussion: Dr. Reardon provided clarification.

- 3.11 Approve the 6th grade field trip to the Bronx Zoo on May 18, 2018.

Mrs. Castle made a motion to approve the 6th grade field trip to the Bronx Zoo on May 18, 2018.
Mr. Hirokawa seconded the motion.
Motion carried 5/0.

- 3.12 Approve the 7th grade field trip to the Mystic Ct. on June 12, 2018.

Mrs. Mack made a motion to approve the 7th grade field trip to the Mystic Ct. on June 12, 2018.
Mr. Hirokawa seconded the motion.
Motion carried 5/0.

- 3.13 Approval of Substitutes

Certified Substitute Teacher @ \$90 Day Babette Loucks (Current Substitute)	Non Certified Substitute Teacher @ 75 Day Substitute Aide @ \$75 Day Substitute Custodian @ \$12.50 Hr. Substitute Recess Aide @ \$10.40 Hr. Madison Akots (Pending Cleared Finger Prints)
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Mrs. Mack made a motion to approve Babette Loucks and Madison Akots for Substitute positions.
Mr. Strang seconded the motion.
Motion carried 5/0.

- 3.14 Consideration for approval to adopt for presentation to the voters of the district, as PROPOSITION #1, the 2018-2019 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 \$ 9,446,308 during the school year 2018-2019 and to levy the necessary tax therefore.

Mrs. Mack made a motion for approval to adopt for presentation to the voters of the district, as PROPOSITION #1, the 2018-2019 Budget as recommended by Administration.
Mrs. Strang seconded the motion.
Motion carried 5/0.

- 3.15 Consideration for approval to adopt for presentation to the voters of the district, as PROPOSITION #2, the 2018-2019 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 \$160,437 (2) expend such sum, or so much thereof as shall be necessary; and (3) shall be paid from the current appropriation.

Mrs. Castle made a motion for approval to adopt for presentation to the voters of the district, as PROPOSITION #2, the 2018-2019 Bus Proposal.
Mr. Strang seconded the motion.
Motion carried 5/0.

- 3.16 Consideration for approval to adopt for presentation to the voters of the district, as PROPOSITION #3, Shall the Wynantskill Union Free School District be authorized to increase the amount of money available for the reconstruction of and construction of an addition to the Gardner-Dickinson School, including site and other incidental improvements and expenses by \$500,000, for a total cost of \$5,639,000, with the additional \$500,000 in funds coming from capital reserve fund monies, with no additional tax or bonds to be issued.

Mrs. Mack made a motion for approval to adopt for presentation to the voters of the district, as PROPOSITION #3Capital reserve Proposition.

Mr. Hirokawa seconded the motion.

Motion carried 5/0.

Discussion: Dr. Reardon and Mrs. Hillis provided clarification.

- 3.17 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 15th day of May, 2018 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. Elizabeth Livingston 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: Stefanie Ryan, and Susan Czubek.

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 Chairman, Inspectors of Election and Assistant Clerks for said Special District Meeting.

Section 6. This resolution shall take effect immediately.

Mrs. Castle made a motion to approve the appointment of the Permanent Chairman, Chief Election Inspector and Assistant Clerks for said Annual School Board Election and Budget Vote.

Mr. Hirokawa seconded the motion.

Motion carried 5/0.

- 3.18 A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$3,639,000 BONDS AND THE EXPENDITURE OF ~~\$1,500,000~~ \$2,000,000 CAPITAL RESERVE FUND MONIES OF WYNANTSKILL UNION FREE SCHOOL DISTRICT, RENSSELAER COUNTY, NEW YORK, TO PAY THE COST OF THE RECONSTRUCTION OF AND

CONSTRUCTION OF AN ADDITION TO THE GARDNER-DICKINSON SCHOOL, IN AND FOR SAID SCHOOL DISTRICT.

WHEREAS, all conditions precedent to the financing of the capital project hereinafter described, including compliance with the provisions of the State Environmental Quality Review Act ("SEQRA") as a Type II Action pursuant to 6 NYCRR Part 617.5(c)(1), (2) and (8), have been performed and it has been determined that the capital projects will not have any significant adverse environmental impact; and

WHEREAS, at a Special District Meeting of the qualified voters of Wynantskill Union Free School District, Rensselaer County, New York (the "School District"), held on December 2, 2014, a proposition was duly adopted authorizing the Board of Education of said School District to undertake the reconstruction of and construction of an addition to the Gardner-Dickinson School, including original furnishings, equipment, machinery, apparatus, appurtenances, site improvements, and incidental improvements and expenses in connection therewith, at a maximum estimated cost of ~~\$5,139,000~~, \$5,639,000 such proposition providing for the levy of a tax therefor to be collected in installments, with up to \$3,639,000 obligations of said School District, to be issued in anticipation thereof, and the expenditure of ~~\$1,500,000~~ \$2,000,000 Capital Reserve Fund monies therefor; and

WHEREAS, it is now desired to provide for the authorization of such class of objects or purposes and for the financing thereof; NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, by the affirmative vote of not less than two-thirds of the total voting strength of the Board of Education of Wynantskill Union Free School District, Rensselaer County, New York, as follows:

Section 1. The reconstruction of and construction of an addition to the Gardner-Dickinson School, including original furnishings, equipment, machinery, apparatus, appurtenances, site improvements, and incidental improvements and expenses in connection therewith, at a maximum estimated cost of ~~\$5,139,000~~, \$5,639,000, in and for the Wynantskill Union Free School District, Rensselaer County, New York, is hereby authorized.

Section 2. The plan for the financing of the aforesaid ~~\$5,139,000~~ \$5,639,000, maximum estimated cost shall consist of:

- a) the issuance of \$3,639,000 bonds of said School District hereby authorized to be issued therefor, pursuant to the provisions of the Local Finance Law; and
- b) the expenditure of ~~\$1,500,000~~ \$2,000,000 Capital Reserve Fund monies, hereby authorized to be expended therefor.

Section 3. It is hereby determined that the period of probable usefulness of the aforesaid class of objects or purposes is thirty (30) years, pursuant to subdivision 97 of paragraph a of Section 11.00 of the Local Finance Law.

Section 4. The faith and credit of said Wynantskill Union Free School District, Rensselaer County, New York, are hereby irrevocably pledged for the payment of the principal of and interest on such bonds as the same respectively become due and payable. An annual appropriation shall be made in each year sufficient to pay the principal of and interest on such bonds becoming due and payable in such year. There shall annually be levied on all the taxable real property in said School District, a tax sufficient to pay the principal of and interest on such bonds as the same become due and payable.

Section 5. Subject to the provisions of the Local Finance Law, the power to authorize the issuance of and to sell bond anticipation notes in anticipation of the issuance and sale of the bonds herein authorized, including renewals of such notes, is hereby delegated to the President of the Board of Education, the chief fiscal officer. Such notes shall be of such terms, form and contents, and shall be sold in such manner, as may be prescribed by said President of the Board of Education, consistent with the provisions of the Local Finance Law.

Section 6. All other matters except as provided herein relating to the bonds herein authorized including the date, denominations, maturities and interest payment dates, within the limitations prescribed herein and the manner of execution of the same, including the consolidation with other issues, and also the ability to issue

bonds with substantially level or declining annual debt service, shall be determined by the President of the Board of Education, the chief fiscal officer of such School District. Such bonds shall contain substantially the recital of validity clause provided for in Section 52.00 of the Local Finance Law, and shall otherwise be in such form and contain such recitals, in addition to those required by Section 51.00 of the Local Finance Law, as the President of the Board of Education shall determine consistent with the provisions of the Local Finance Law.

Section 7. The validity of such bonds and bond anticipation notes may be contested only if:

- 1) Such obligations are authorized for an object or purpose for which said School District is not authorized to expend money, or
- 2) The provisions of law which should be complied with as of the date of publication of this resolution are not substantially complied with,

and an action, suit or proceeding contesting such validity is commenced within twenty days after the date of such publication, or

- 3) Such obligations are authorized in violation of the provisions of the Constitution.

Section 8. This resolution shall constitute a statement of official intent for purposes of Treasury Regulations Section 1.150-2. Other than as specified in this resolution, no monies are, or are reasonably expected to be, reserved, allocated on a long-term basis, or otherwise set aside with respect to the permanent funding of the object or purpose described herein.

Section 9. This resolution, which takes effect immediately, shall be published in summary form in the official newspaper of said School District for such purpose, together with a notice of the School District Clerk substantially in the form provided in Section 81.00 of the Local Finance Law.

Mrs. Mack made a motion to authorize the issuance of \$3,639,000 bond and the expenditure of \$2,000,000 capital reserve fund monies.

Mrs. Castle seconded the motion.

Motion carried 5/0.

Discussion: Dr. Reardon provided clarification. The original dollar figures of \$1,500,000 has been changed to \$2,000,000 and \$5,139,000 has been changed to \$5,539,000.

3.19 Policy First Readings

Number	Title
1500	Public Use Of School Facilities
8000	Support Services Goals
8110	School Building Safety
8112	Health and Safety Committee
8115	Pesticides and Pest Management
8120	Accident Prevention and Safety Procedures
8130	School Safety Plans and Teams
8330	Authorized Use Of School-Owned Materials and Equipment
8332	Use Of Cell Phones
8332-R	Use of School District Cellular Phone Regulation
8334	Use of District Credit Cards
8334-R	Use of District Credit Cards Regulation
8410	Student Transportation
8413	Transportation For Nonpublic School Students
8414.2	Bus Driver Certification and Training Reimbursement
8414.4	Video Cameras on School Bus
8414.4-R	Video Cameras on School Buses Regulation
8414.5	Alcohol and Drug Testing of Drivers

8414.5-R	Alcohol and Drug Testing of Drivers Regulation
8414.5-E	Alcohol and Drug Testing Program Acknowledgement Form
8505	Charging School Meals
8520	Free and Reduced Price Meal Services
8635	Information Security Breach and Notification
8635-R	Information Security Breach and Notification Regulation
8650	School District Compliance with Copyright Law

Discussion: Mr. Lanesey requested to discuss two policies in greater detail #8332 Use of Cell Phones and #8414.4-R Video Cameras on School Buses Regulation. Small changes were made to both policy's and both policies will be moved forward to second readings.

4.0 Informational

- 4.1 Budget Hearing May 7, 2018 @ 7 pm
- 4.2 Meet the Candidates May 7, 2018 @ 7 pm
- 4.3 Annual School Board Election and Budget Vote May 15, 2018 Noon to 9 pm
- 4.4 Regular BOE Meeting May 17, 2018 @ 7 pm
- 4.5 Opportunity for the Public to be Heard

5.0 Request for Executive Session

Mrs. Mack made a motion to enter into executive session at 9:02 p.m. 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.

Mr. Hirokawa seconded the motion.

Motion carried 5/0.

6.0 Return to Open Session

Mrs. Mack made a motion to return to open session at 9:39 p.m.

Mrs. Castle seconded the motion.

Motion carried 5/0.

7.0 Adjournment

Mrs. Mack made a motion to adjourn at 9:40 p.m.

Mrs. Castle 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.