

WYNANTSKILL UNION FREE SCHOOL DISTRICT
Regular Meeting of the Board of Education
February 28, 2019 @ 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 7:03 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 Approval of Minutes of Previous Meeting

a. January 17, 2019

Mr. Hirokawa made a motion to approve the January 17, 2019 regular meeting minutes.
Mrs. Castle seconded the motion.
Motion carried 5/0.

Discussion: Mrs. Castle requested a correction in the January 17, 2019 regular meeting minutes. The Board Clerk noted the requested changes.
The BOE members were not opposed to the changes.

1.4 Acceptance of Financial Reports

- a. Internal Claims Auditor's Report January 2019
- b. Monthly Treasurer's Report with Budget Transfers

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

1.5 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 Reports & Updates

- a. Assemblymember John T. McDonald III: Assemblymember McDonald provided an update on the New York State budget and the initial State Aid runs. Discussion was held with the Board about the New York State budget and health care costs. Thanks was given to the Board of Education for all that they do for the district.

Discussion: Mrs. Castle gave thanks to Assemblymember McDonald.

- b. Mrs. Carbone, District Data Support Teacher: Mrs. Carbone reported to the Board of Education on the January 2019 NWEA reading and math scores for the school district with comparison to the Fall 2018 scores, and the normal. Handouts were provided on supporting students across subject areas.

Discussion: The Board of Education gave thanks to Mrs. Carbone. Mr. Strang questioned the grade level scores that were below the norm and the pre-kindergarten evaluation process. Mrs. Carbone and Dr. Yodis provided clarification.

Mrs. Castle gave thanks to the staff for their interest in students who score in the middle range.

2.2 District / Superintendent Program Report

Dr. Reardon provided the following information to the BOE:

- a. Unexpected Careers Day: A wide variety of local professionals provided information and activities to middle school students. Event photos can be found @ <https://twitter.com/GDSuptReardon>
- b. Weather: The district has used one snow day for the 2018-19 school year with many two hour delays. We always put the safety of our students first.
- c. Lockout: As per the result of a bank robbery on Route 4, the District went into a precautionary lock out.
- d. Evacuation Drill: March 8, 2019 our district will participate a campus evacuation drill to the St. Jude's school. St. Jude's on a date to be determined will practice the same evacuation to Gardner-Dickinson School.
- e. Present the 2019-20 Preliminary Budget Forecast & Budget Assumptions: Dr. Reardon provided a snap shot of where the District stands in the 2019-20 school budget process. Appreciation was given to Mrs. Angrisano for all of her hard work putting together the scenarios and numbers. The Power Point presentation is available at: http://www.wynantskillufsd.org/wp-content/uploads/2019/03/Preliminary_School_Budget_Feb_28_2019.pdf

Discussion:

- (c) Mr. Lanese provided his children's positive experience during the lockout.
- (d) Mr. Lanese had questions on the evacuation drill, Dr. Reardon provide clarification.
- (e) Mrs. Mack had concerns about the larger class sizes moving up and high school tuition. Dr. Reardon provided clarification on the budgeting process concerning tuition. Mr. Koniowka made comment on new development and possible expense to the district.

2.3 Principal's Report

Dr. Yodis provided the following information to the BOE:

- a. Assessments: All of the students have been assessed and the data has been reviewed. Thank you, Mrs. Carbone.
- b. Practice State Testing: Grades 3-8 participated in a NYS ELA practice testing. 5th grade will be piloting the NYS Math online exam this year. Over 200 students logged on to our network with only one computer issue which was quickly fixed.
- c. Unexpected Careers Day: Thank you to Mrs. Swart and Dr. Reardon for organizing.
- d. Snowflake Dance: Thank you to Mrs. Mitchell for organizing.
- e. Assembly: The District kicked off a kindness initiative to kick off the PARP (Pick A Reading Partner).
- f. Literacy Night: March 20, 2019
- g. Kindergarten Information Night: March 7, 2019 @ 6 p.m. The screening day will be held on March 13, 2019.

2.4 PTA / SEPTA Update

Mr. Koniowka and Mrs. Mack provided the PTA and SEPTA report to the Board of Education.

3.0 Appointments and Authorizations

Consent Agenda 3.1- 3.11

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

Mr. Hirokawa seconded the motion.

Motion carried 5/0.

Discussion: Dr. Reardon provided clarification on item numbers 3.2, 3.3, 3.7 to 3.11.

Mr. Lanese expressed concerns with future trips to Washington D.C.

Dr. Reardon and Mr. Strang spoke on the trip selection process for the current 8th grade trip.

- 3.1 Approve CSE/CPSE Recommendations as per attached.
- 3.2 Accept the resignation of Vincent Benassi custodial worker effective March 8, 2019.
- 3.3 Appoint Stefanie Ryan for a long-term substitute teacher aide position effective 2/1/19 to 6/27/19 as per WTAA contract.
- 3.4 Appoint Laura Petruska as a substitute Teacher Aide/Non-Certified Teacher @ \$80 a day and Recess / Café Aide \$11.10 Hr.
- 3.5 Appoint Quinn-Olivia Pytell as a substitute Teacher Aide/Non-Certified Teacher @ \$80 a day.
- 3.6 Appoint Michael Rankin as a substitute Teacher Aide/Non-Certified Teacher @ \$80 a day.
- 3.7 Accept the donation of a Swivel C3 with a value of \$799.00 from Dr. Peter DeWitt.
- 3.8 Approve the 6th grade field trip to American Museum of Natural History NYC on March 22, 2019.
- 3.9 Approve the 8th grade field trip to Washington D.C. on April 16, 2019 to April 18, 2019.
- 3.10 Approve the 7th grade field trip to Old Sturbridge Village on May 16, 2019.
- 3.11 Approve the 5th grade field trip to The Statue of Liberty & Ellis Island NYC on June 10, 2019.

4.0 Informational

4.1 Regular BOE Meeting March 21, 2019 @ 7 p.m.

4.2 Opportunity for the Public to be Heard

5.0 Request for Executive Session

There was no request for executive session.

6.0 Return to Open Session

7.0 Adjournment

Mrs. Mack made a motion to adjourn at 8:14 p.m.

Mr. Hirokawa seconded the motion.

Motion carried 5/0.

Respectfully submitted,



Sharon Hillis
Clerk of the Board