

WYNANTSKILL UNION FREE SCHOOL DISTRICT
Regular Meeting of the Board of Education
March 21, 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 7:04 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. February 28, 2019

Mrs. Castle made a motion to approve the February 28, 2019 regular meeting minutes.
Mrs. Mack seconded the motion.
Motion carried 5/0.

1.4 Acceptance of Financial Reports

a. Monthly Treasurer's Report with Budget Transfers

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

Discussion: Mrs. Castle had a question on the payroll balance.
Mrs. Angrisano provided clarification.

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. Mark Lacavita, North Greenbush Planning Board Chairperson
Mr. Lacavita provided the Board of Education with an overview of the Planning Boards roles and responsibilities.

2.2 District / Superintendent Program Report

Dr. Reardon provided the following information to the BOE:

- a. Budget Advocacy: March 5, 2019 Capital Region Superintendents were able to meet with Assemblymember John T. McDonald III to express their concerns with State Aide.
- b. Evacuation Drill: March 8, 2019 408 students and 60 staff members evacuated and relocated to St. Jude's the Apostle School. The entire drill took around 45 minutes.

- c. Odyssey of the Mind: March 9, 2019 Dr. Reardon was able to be a judge for the event. One middle school team at Gardner-Dickinson took second place.
- d. Field trip: 6th Grade will be going to NYC Museum of National History on March 22, 2019, this will be the first trip of many grade level field trips on the calendar.
- e. Present Budget Updates for the 2019-20 school year: Dr. Reardon provided a snapshot of where the district stands with the budget process; recommending one Pre-Kindergarten class for the 2019-20 school year. The final draft of the budget will be presented to the Board of Education for approval at the next Board of Education meeting on April 11, 2019.
The presentation is available at:

Discussion:

Mrs. Mack had questions on prescription cost. Dr. Reardon will be reviewing those cost with Assemblymember John T. McDonald III in the near future.

Mr. Lanese wanted to know if we knew how many students would be leaving 8th grade from the North Greenbush Common School District.

Mrs. Castle asked if there were any updates on the Governor's tax cap.

2.3 Principal's Report

Dr. Yodis provided the following information to the BOE:

- a. Kindergarten Parent Information Night: Over Twenty families attended. Thank you to Ms. Glaz and Mrs. O'Brien for their slide show presentation for families.
- b. Kindergarten Screening: Each incoming student was assessed in the areas of academics, OT, PT, Speech, vision and hearing. It took about 1 ½ hours for a student to go through all of the tasks. The data will be used to balance the Kindergarten classrooms and provide support to those who are in need. Thank you to PTA President Nichole Hurbanek.
- c. North Greenbush (Little Red) Open House: Ten families attended. Thank you Ms. Mahoney and Mrs. Pautler for your parent presentation.
- d. Evacuation Drill: Went Flawlessly.
- e. GD's Got Talent: Thank you Mrs. Mack. What an amazing celebration of the talent of our students. Mrs. Mack gave thanks to Mrs. Rodriguez and Jeff Abbas who did on sound.
- f. Literacy Fair: Wonderful event. Thank you to Mrs. Sheehan for all of your hard work and amazing ideas. The students were very proud of their literacy projects. Thank you to Mrs. Czubek for organizing the book fair. Thank you Mrs. Sheehan, Mrs. Fecura, Mrs. Hancock, Mr. DiSotto, Mr. Mesh, Mrs. Madelone for organizing events and projects for the month with the theme recognizing our differences.
- g. World Down Syndrome Day: News Channel 10 was at the school today. We celebrated our differences while honoring Down Syndrome by wearing crazy socks. Thank you Mrs. Madelone for organizing and ordering stickers and supplies for the day. The News Channel 10 clip can be viewed @ [World Down Syndrome Day is about education and awareness for inclusion](#)

2.4 PTA / SEPTA Update

Mr. Koniowka provided the PTA report to the Board of Education.

3.0 Appointments and Authorizations

Consent Agenda 3.1-3.9

Mr. Strang made a motion to approve the consent agenda item numbers 3.1-3.9.

Mr. Hirokawa seconded the motion.

Motion carried 5/0.

Discussion: Mr. Lanese had a question on the bidding process for agenda numbers 3.4 to 3.7.

Dr. Reardon provided clarification.

- 3.1 Approve CSE/CPSE Recommendations as per attached.
- 3.2 RESOLVED, that the Board of Education hereby designates the Superintendent of Schools to render final determinations with respect to the residency of students, on behalf of the Board of Education.
- 3.3 Approve Yenni Schwartz for a permanent Teacher's Aide position effective March 24, 2019 (Ending the 6th month probationary period).
- 3.4 Approve Snow Plowing Service Season Contract to High Tech Lawn & Snow Service for the 2019-20 School Year @ \$6,000.00 a season, price for salt (upon request) is \$250.00 per application, and removal of snow / push back (upon request) is \$400.00 per occurrence.
- 3.5 Approve Transportation Maintenance, Storage of Vehicles & Vehicle Service Contract to Mulson's Garage for the 2019-20 School Year @ Storage \$6,000 for the year plus cost of electricity, preventive maintenance inspection @ \$82.50 per bus, DOT inspection @ \$85.00, and cost of other service and repair @ \$85.00 per hour.
- 3.6 Approve Refuse Removal Service Contract to County Waste & Recycling Services Inc. for the 2019-20 School Year @ \$400.00 per month.
- 3.7 Accept the proposal of the Raymond G. Preusser CPA, P.C. auditing firm, to provide auditing services for the next three years (2019/2020, 2020/2021, 2021/2022) at a cost not to exceed \$12,500 per year.
- 3.8 Approve Kate Karple as a Substitute Non-Certified Teacher & Teacher's Aide @ \$80/Day pending fingerprint clearance.
- 3.9 Approve Deion Czerny as a Substitute Custodian @ \$12.50 an hour.
- 3.10 Approve Lesli Hopperstad as a Substitute Certified Teacher @ \$95/Day and Substitute Teacher Aide @ \$80/Day.

Mrs. Castle made a motion to approve Lesli Hopperstad as a Substitute Certified Teacher @ \$95/Day and Substitute Teacher Aide @ \$80/Day.

Mrs. Mack seconded the motion.

Motion carried 4/0/1. (Mr. Hirokawa abstained)

- 3.11 First Readings
 - a. Policy # 1900 Parent and Family Engagement
 - b. Exhibit # 1900 E.1 Title I parent and Family Engagement – School Level Approach
 - c. Exhibit # 1900 E.2 Student Academic Achievement School – Parent Compact

4.0 Informational

- 4.1 Regular BOE Meeting April 11, 2019 @ 7 pm
- 4.2 Questar III Budget Vote April 16, 2019 @ 7:50 am
- 4.3 Candidate Petitions Due April 22, 2019 by 5 pm
- 4.4 Candidate Position Ballot Draw April 23, 2019 @ 9 am
- 4.5 Opportunity for the Public to be Heard

Mr. Yager: Expressed his concerns with a new condominium development in the North Greenbush Common School District and the students who could potentially be attending the Wynantskill Union Free School District. Mr. Yager would like the Wynantskill Union Free School District to consider purchasing a mini-van to transport students.

5.0 Request for Executive Session

There was no request for executive session.

6.0 Return to Open Session

7.0 Adjournment

Mr. Hirokawa made a motion to adjourn at 8:15 p.m.

Mrs. Mack 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.