

WYNANTSKILL UNION FREE SCHOOL DISTRICT

Regular Meeting of the Board of Education

April 23, 2020 @ 7:00 PM

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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 6:34 p.m. by Mr. Lanese.

1.1 Record of Attendance

Mrs. Castle	Present
Mr. Hirokawa	Present
Mr. Lanese	Present
Mrs. Mack	Present
Mr. Strang	Present

1.2 Request for Executive Session

Mr. Hirokawa made a motion to enter into executive session for the purposes of discussing 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 at 6:34 p.m.

Mr. Strang seconded the motion.

Motion carried 5/0.

1.3 Return to Open Session

Mr. Hirokawa made a motion to return to open session at 7:23 p.m.

Mr. Strang seconded the motion.

Motion carried 5/0.

1.4 Review of Agenda/Additions to Agenda

Dr. Reardon reviewed the agenda.

The Board of Education would like the audience to use the chat function for all questions.

1.5 Approval of Minutes of Previous Meeting

a. February 27, 2020

b. April 21, 2020

Mr. Hirokawa made a motion to approve the February 27, 2020 regular meeting minutes and the April 21, 2020 Questar III budget meeting minutes.

Mr. Strang seconded the motion.

Motion carried 5/0.

1.5 Acceptance of Financial Reports

a. Internal Claims Auditor's Report (February & March 2020)

- b. Monthly Treasurer's Report with Budget Transfers as of 3/31/2020
- c. Revenue Report as of 3/31/2020

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

- 1.6 Visitors and Communication
 - a. Communications to the Board of Education
 There have been no communications to the Board of Education.
 - b. Opportunity for the Public to be Heard
 There was nobody wishing to speak.
 Dr. Reardon provided instruction how to use the chat function for public comment.

2.0 Reports to the Board of Education

- 2.1 Board of Education Reports & Updates
 Mr. Lanese reported that he has received the registration of the Superintendent, Dr. Thomas Reardon effective June 30, 2020.
 Dr. Reardon spoke on his newly appointed Superintendent position.
- 2.2 District / Superintendent Program Report
 - a. Present Budget Updates for the 2020-2021 school year: Dr. Reardon presented the 2020-21 final draft budget to the Board of Education for approval for a later date. The presentation is available a (insert when available)

Discussion:

Mrs. Castle asked if the addition in FTEs for the teaching positions are sustainable, Teacher Assistant reduction and the percentage increase for non-unionized employee's.

Mr. Lanese asked how the management of the reduction of the Teacher's Aide will work.

Dr. Reardon clarified the staffing positions, student placement's and the 3% increase in salary for Non-unionized employees.

- 2.3 Principal's Report
 Dr. Yodis provided the Board of Education with student progress, from offering technology to those in need, GoogleClassroom/Meet, and keeping contact with the teachers. Approximately 150 computers have been lent out to families.
 Our Special Education department completed 70 meeting in 7 days. Thank you to Ms. Davis School Psychologist and CSE Chairperson , Mrs. Alderman CSE Secretary, Special Education Teachers and Therapists for their dedication and hard work especial during this stressful time.
 The past two weeks we have met with each grade level doing virtual PLC's.
 Dr. Reardon and Dr. Yodis have been working on our new Special Education Self-Contained classroom, working closely with their current schools and families to prepare for this transition.
 Dr. Yodis wanted to let Dr. Reardon know that it has been a honor and pleasure to serve under his leadership during the last five years. Dr. Yodis is very happy and wishes him the best.

Discussion: Mr. Lanese described the activity he is witnessing with his own children and how busy the school is even though it is closed.

- 2.4 PTA / SEPTA Update
 Mrs. Mack provided the PTA and SEPTA report to the Board of Education.

3.0 Appointments and Authorizations

Consent agenda 3.1 – 3.10

Mrs. Castle made a motion to approve the consent agenda item numbers 3.1-3.10.

Mr. Hirokawa seconded the motion.

Motion carried 5/0.

Discussion:

Dr. Reardon provided clarification on agenda item numbers 3.9 & 3.10. There is a substantial savings with our refuse removal service contract for the 2020-21 school year. The baseball field and grounds are being beautified buy High Tech Lawn & Snow Service. The district did adjust our insurance coverage to save money.

- 3.1 Accept the resignation of Dr. Thomas Reardon, Superintendent of Schools, effective July 1, 2020.
- 3.2 Approve CSE/CPSE Recommendations as per attached.
- 3.3 Approve the memorandum of agreement by and between the District and the Wynantskill Union Free School District Teachers Aides (WTAA), dated July 1, 2020 to June 30, 2023.
- 3.4 Appoint Jack Riggins as a Substitute Custodian @ \$12.50 / Hour for the 2019-2020 school year.
- 3.5 Approve the revised Budget Development Calendar for the 2019-2020 school year.
- 3.6 Approve the revised May 2020 Board of Education Meeting from May 14, 2020 to May 7, 2020 @ 7pm.
- 3.7 Approve the revised May 2020 Budget Hearing from May 11, 2020 to May 21,2020 @ 7 pm.
- 3.8 Approve Snow Plowing Service Season Contract to High Tech Lawn & Snow Service for the 2020-2021 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.
- 3.9 Approve Transportation Maintenance, Storage of Vehicles & Vehicle Service Contract to Mulson's Garage for the 2020-2021 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.
- 3.10 Approve Refuse Removal Service Contract to Twin Bridges Waste & Recycling Inc. for the 2020-2021 School Year @ \$375.00 per month.
- 3.11 Policy First Reading
 - a. 0110 Sexual Harassment
 - b. 0110.1 Sexual Harassment of Students
 - c. 0110.2 Sexual Harassment of Employees
 - d. 5100 Student Attendance
 - e. 5500 Student Records
 - f. 8130 Student Safety Plans and Teams
 - g. 8635 Information Security Breach and Notification

Discussion: Dr. Reardon and Mrs. Hillis discussed the changes to the policies and this round of policies will have the district up to date.

Mr. Strang would like Policy 8130 to be examined in the future, particularly after we examine how the handling of the pandemic unfolds.

4.0 Informational

- 4.1 Candidate Petitions Due May 4, 2020 By 5 pm
- 4.2 Candidate Position Ballot Draw May 5, 2020 @ 9 am
- 4.3 Regular BOE Meeting May 7, 2020 @ 7 pm
- 4.4 Budget Hearing TBD
- 4.5 School Budget Vote TBD
- 4.6 Opportunity for the Public to be Heard

Mrs. Hillis read the Zoom Group Chat:
From Erica Quinn to Everyone:
How about an every other day schedule? Can I speak on Zoom asking my question?

From Mr. Strang to Everyone: Hey Eric, You can enter your question here and at the end of the agenda Sharon will read them off.

From Erica Quinn to Everyone: ½ class M.W.F? Other half T, Th? It's Jeremy. If Cuomo does give us a go We can utilize S.D. Preschool-2nd Grade would stay home along with any potential high risk students.

5.0 Request for Executive Session

There was no request for a second executive session.

6.0 Return to Open Session

7.0 Adjournment

Mrs. Castle made a motion to adjourn at 8:19 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.