

**WYNANTSKILL UNION FREE SCHOOL DISTRICT**

**Regular Meeting of the Board of Education**

**May 21, 2020 @ 7:00 PM**

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**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. April 23, 2020
- b. May 7, 2020

Mr. Strang made a motion to approve the April 23, 2020 regular meeting minutes and the May 7, 2020 special meeting minutes.

Mr. Hirokawa seconded the motion.

Motion carried 5/0.

1.4 Acceptance of Financial Reports

- a. Internal Claims Auditor's Report (April 2020)
- b. Monthly Treasurer's Report with Budget Transfers
- c. Extra Classroom 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 4/0/1. (Mrs. Castle abstained)

1.5 Visitors and Communication

- a. Communications to the Board of Education

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

- i. Email from The Rokjer / Law family.

- b. Opportunity for the Public to be Heard

There was nobody wishing to speak.

Mr. Lanesey 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 announced that an Interim Superintendent will be appointed to start on July 1, 2020. Mr. Lanese provided an update on the Superintendent search process. The Board of Education will be utilizing the resources of Dr. Cruz and the Questar III team. The Board of Education hopes to have a Superintendent in place by September 1, 2020.

### **2.2 District / Superintendent Program Report**

Dr. Reardon provided the following information to the Board of Education:

- a. Present Budget Updates for the 2020-2021 school year: Dr Reardon provided an update to the Board of Education; including Two Propositions to be adopted during the consent agenda. The PowerPoint presentation can be found @ (Insert when available)  
Ballots will be mailed on Friday, May 22, 2020, Budget News Letter to follow.
- b. 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Graduation will be held on June 17, 2020 with a rain date of June 18, 2020. Social distancing will be practiced during the abbreviated ceremony followed by a parade down Main Street. More information will be available on the School District web site. Thank you to Mrs. Bucher and Mrs. Madelone.

Discussion: Mrs. Castle asked questions on building use and the generated revenue. How much does the district depend on this revenue?  
Dr. Reardon provided clarification of the budget line in total other revenue resources.

### **2.3 Principal's Report**

Dr. Yodis provided the following information to the Board of Education:

- a. The staff is working very hard to keep students engaged with learning while increasing the face to face learning time. Classes are starting to take virtual field trips with Kindergarten going to the fire station this past week.
- b. Sage Reading Program: The Sage reading program has 40 students participating in the virtual program.
- c. Class list for the 2020-2021 school year are being created, we are reviewing the list and assessments in predicting where the students will be in September.

### **2.4 PTA / SEPTA Update**

Mrs. Mack provided the PTA/SEPTA update to the Board of Education.

## **3.0 Appointments and Authorizations**

### **Consent agenda 3.1 – 3.8**

Mrs. Mack made a motion to approve the consent agenda item numbers 3.1-3.8.

Mrs. Castle seconded the motion.

Motion carried 5/0.

Discussion: Dr. Reardon welcomed Ms. Gordon and gave Congratulations on her newly appointed position. Congratulations to Mrs. Newell on your retirement and thank you for your service. Dr. Reardon provided clarification on the Repair Reserve adding an additional 20 parking spots in the back of the building and the tile that will be replaced in classroom number 205. Congratulations to Dr. Yodis.

Mr. Lanese congratulated Dr. Yodis and gave thanks for Dr. Yodis stepping up and helping the district in a time of need. Congratulations were also given to Ms. Gordon.

Ms. Gordon gave thanks to the Board of Education.

Mrs. Castle Congratulated Ms. Gordon.

- 3.1 Approve CSE/CPSE Recommendations as per attached.
- 3.2 Approve Kristin Gordon for a four-year probationary term as a FT Music Teacher effective July 1, 2020 @ Step 4 as per the WTA Contract.
- 3.3 RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Wynantskill Union Free School District, hereby authorize the use of the Repair Reserve for the Sealing/Repair of the Parking Lot and Asphalt Repairs estimated to cost \$22,000 using Smith's Paving of Watervliet, New York, in addition the Removal and Replacement of Tile located in classroom number 205 to cost of \$6,000 using Sam Greco Construction, Inc. of Troy, New York.
- 3.4 Accept the resignation of Kristine Kodadar (Teacher Aide) effective 6/30/2020.
- 3.5 RESOLVED, that the Board of Education does hereby appoint Dr. Mary Yodis as Interim Superintendent of the Wynantskill Union Free School District, commencing July 1, 2020 and continuing on a per-diem basis until discontinued by Board action or upon securing a candidate for the Superintendency, whichever shall occur first. Dr. Yodis shall receive a daily rate of \$125.00 for performance of her duties as superintendent, in addition to any compensation afforded by her employment agreement by and between the District and Dr. Yodis. All other terms and conditions of Dr. Yodis's contract for serving as Building Principal shall continue unchanged.
- 3.6 Consideration for approval:  
To adopt for presentation to the voters of the district, as PROPOSITION #1, the 2020-2021 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 **\$9,864,410.00** during the school year 2020-2021 and to levy the necessary tax therefore.
- 3.7 Consideration for approval:  
To adopt for presentation to the voters of the district, as PROPOSITION #2, the 2020-2021 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 (2) SCHOOL BUSES, at a maximum aggregate cost of \$169,661.00 (2) expend such sum, or so much thereof as shall be necessary; and (3) shall be paid from the current appropriation. (one 66 passenger and one 28 passenger).
- 3.8 Policy: 2nd Reading and Approval
  - 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

#### **4.0 Informational**

- 4.1 Budget Hearing June 2, 2020 @ 7 pm
- 4.2 Budget Vote June 9, 2020 Absentee Ballots due by 5 pm (Via USPS)
- 4.3 Regular BOE Meeting June 11, 2020 @ 7 pm
- 4.4 Opportunity for the Public to be Heard  
Discussion:  
Congratulation Mary Alice Newell and Ms. Gordon.

#### **5.0 Request for Executive Session**

Mr. Strang 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 7:50 p.m.  
Mrs. Castle seconded the motion.  
Motion carried 5/0.

## 6.0 Return to Open Session

Mr. Hirokawa made a motion to return to open session at 8:13 p.m.  
Mrs. Castle seconded the motion.  
Motion carried 5/0.

## 7.0 Adjournment

Mr. Hirokawa made a motion to adjourn at 8:14 p.m.  
Mr. Strang 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.