

WYNANTSKILL UNION FREE SCHOOL DISTRICT
Regular Meeting of the Board of Education
June 11, 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 7:01 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 Review of Agenda/Additions to Agenda

Dr. Reardon reviewed the agenda.

1.3 Approval of Minutes of Previous Meeting

- a. May 21, 2020
- b. June 2, 2020

Mr. Strang made a motion to approve the May 21, 2020 regular meeting minutes and the June 2, 2020 special meeting minutes (Budget Hearing).

Mr. Hirokawa 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

1.5 Visitors and Communication

- a. Communications to the Board of Education

There were no communications to the Board of Education.

- b. Opportunity for the Public to be Heard

- Mrs. Hancock: I would like to ask a question during public comment. I would like to ask the district how they will address education equity for September. For all students.

Mr. Lanese stated the District has not received anything from New York State, we will have to wait for more information from State Ed.

Dr. Reardon said the District will be purchasing more computers so that we will have a computer for every student.

Dr. Yodanis will clarify during her Board of Education report.

- Mrs. Carmody: I was just wondering what we will do if we don't find a replacement for Dr. Reardon and Dr. Yodanis is maintaining both positions once school is back in session?

Mr. Lanese has had conversation with Dr. Yodis on her ideals if we need to have an interim Principal. Dr. Yodis said there was a plan if we do not have a Superintendent in place.

- Mrs. Bucher: What are the plans for Principal position for the fall if no Superintendent is hired by then? Will there be an interim principal appointed while Dr. Yodis fulfills the Superintendent position?
- Mrs. Hancock: What is the status of the search?
Mr. Lanese will provide a full report during the Board of Education Reports & Updates.

2.0 Reports to the Board of Education

2.1 Board of Education Reports & Updates

Mr. Lanese reported that the Questar III survey results have been returned and the Board of Education will be reviving those results. The next steps are to create an ad which will take a week to 10 days to complete. Questar III will collect applications for one month and the Board of Education hopes to have a Superintendent in place close to September 1, 2020.

2.2 District / Superintendent Program Report

Dr. Reardon reported the following to the Board of Education:

- Graduation: The School District has received approval from Rensselaer County Department of Health and the District Insurance Company to hold graduation on June 17, 2020 with a rain date of June 18, 2020. There will be a shortened ceremony for students and their immediate family members including a class photo, followed by a parade through town for those friends and family members who were unable to attend.
- Classrooms: All classrooms have been shut down after staff has cleared out the student's belongings.
- Student Pick Up: Students will be able to drop off materials and pick up their belongs starting on Monday, June 15, 2020.
- PTA: Has donated funds to purchase 50 new laptops for students.
- Master Schedule: Mrs. Murphy, Dr. Yodis and Dr. Reardon have started working on the 2020-2021 Master Schedule.
- Election: The District will be announcing the Budget Vote, Bus Proposition, and Board Election Results on Tuesday, June 16, 2020.

2.3 Principal's Report

Dr. Yodis reported the following to the Board of Education:

- Faculty and Staff: Dr. Yodis thanked the Faculty and Staff for their hard work and dedication through out the COVID Pandemic.
- Meetings: Administration meets with each grade weekly.
- Sage Graduates: 50 students are receiving extra reading support by Sage Graduates.
- Families: Dr. Yodis gave thanks to all the families for their support and home-schooling efforts.
- Dr. Reardon: Dr. Yodis gave thanks to Dr. Reardon for his 5 years of leadership.

Discussion:

Mr. Lanese and Mrs. Castle gave thanks to Dr. Reardon for his years of service. Mrs. Castle gave thanks to the Staff for their hard work and noted that she has heard the school community was very happy with the amount of work and support provided to students. Mr. Lanese seconded Mrs. Castle's comments.

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 – 3.17

Mrs. Mack made a motion to approve the consent agenda item numbers 3.1-3.17.

Mr. Strang seconded the motion.

Motion carried 5/0.

Discussion:

Dr. Reardon provided clarification on the following agenda items: 3.1, 3.2, 3.4-3.10, 3.12-3.17.

Mrs. Castle gave thanks to Mrs. Keegan for all of her year of service to the School District.

Mr. Lanese agreed with Mrs. Castle.

- 3.1 Approve Funding of District Reserves using excess fund balance.
- 3.2 Appoint Allison Smith, permanent bus driver, effective July 6, 2020 ending the probation period.
- 3.3 Accept the resignation of Maria Malatesta, Teacher Aide, effective June 30, 2020.
- 3.4 Approve for the 2020-2021 school year (July 1, 2020 to June 30, 2021), Dr. Mary Yodis, Principal of the Gardner-Dickinson School, will be compensated with an annual salary of \$108,789. The District reserves the right to renegotiate future raises and subsequent conditions of Dr. Yodis' current contract on file upon the completion of the 2020-2021 school year.
- 3.5 Approval Michael Goyer as a Transportation Consultant for the 2020-21 school year at \$50.00 per hour as needed.
- 3.6 Appoint Brenda Vermilya as Part Time FTE (.6) School Nurse @ St. Jude beginning 9/2/2020-6/30/21 @ Step 11 prorated.
- 3.7 Approve Rebecca Davis (School Psychologist & CSE/CPSE Chairperson) for up to ten days of summer work at daily rate of pay as needed/requested by the District.
- 3.8 Approve Amy Murphy (School Counselor) for up to ten days of summer work at daily rate of pay as needed/requested by the District.
- 3.9 Appoint Robert Hurd as a Recess / Cafeteria Aide 3 hours a day for the 2020-21 school year.
- 3.10 Accept the resignation, for the purposes of retirement, of Karen Keegan as a Cafeteria Monitor/Bus Driver effective June 30, 2020.
- 3.11 Appoint Del Marie Moore as six-month probationary FT Teacher Aide effective 9/1/2020 as per the WTAA contract.
- 3.12 Appoint Brenda Alderman as Clerk / Recess Aide 6 hours a day @ \$16.06 hour effective 9/2/2020-6/30/21.
- 3.13 Approve Mary Yodis as Lead Teacher Evaluator for the 2020-21 school year.
- 3.14 RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Wynantskill Union Free School District hereby approves the Memorandum of Agreement by and between the Wynantskill Teachers Association and the District, including, amongst other items, an extension of the collective bargaining agreement through June 30, 2023, approves payment thereunder, and directs the Superintendent to execute said Agreement.
- 3.15 Accept the donation of multiple musical instruments with a value of \$2,000 from Mary Alice Newell.
- 3.16 Appoint Karen Keegan (six month probationary) school bus driver, effective 9/1/2020 at a rate of \$18.45.
- 3.17 Motion to abolish the 1.0 Teacher Assistant position effective July 1, 2020.

4.0 Informational

- 4.1 Special Meeting June 17, 2020 @ 8:30 am
- 4.2 Organizational / Regular Meeting of the Board of Education July 2, 2020 @ 7 pm
- 4.3 Opportunity for the Public to be Heard

Mrs. Hancock: Will any member of the faculty/staff be included in the interview process.

Mr. Lanese clarified that the survey would be used as the faculty/staff input, due to COVID the Board of Education would only be doing the interviews.

Mrs. Bucher: Thank you to Dr. Reardon into the work you have put into the contact.

Mr. Lanesey gave thanks to the WTA for agreeing to the extended contact and to Mrs. Bucher for her role as President. Dr. Reardon also gave thanks to the WTA.

Mrs. Carmody: Thank you to Dr. Reardon for your five years, you will be missed. We wish you good luck.

5.0 Request for Executive Session

Mrs. Mack 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 7:39 p.m.

Mr. Strang seconded the motion.

Motion carried 5/0.

Mr. Lanesey invited Dr. Reardon and Dr. Yodis to join the executive session.

6.0 Return to Open Session

Mrs. Castle made a motion to return to open session at 8:57 p.m.

Mr. Hirokawa seconded the motion.

Motion carried 5/0.

7.0 Adjournment

Mr. Hirokawa made a motion to adjourn at 8:58p.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 excellence and encourage a life-long love of learning.