

**WYNANTSKILL UNION FREE SCHOOL DISTRICT**  
**Organizational / Regular Meeting of the Board of Education**  
**July 2, 2020 @ 7:00 PM**

**Join Zoom Meeting**

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**Meeting ID: 949 5420 4968 Password: 481324**

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**Minutes**

**1.0 The Board Clerk: Call to Order and Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag**

The organizational / regular meeting of the Board of Education was called to order at 7:03 p.m. by Mrs. Hillis, Clerk of the Board.

1.1 Record of Attendance

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

1.2 Annual Organizational Meeting

1.3 Approval of Minutes of Previous Meeting

- a. June 11, 2020
- b. June 17, 2020

Mrs. Castle made a motion to approve the June 11, 2020 regular meeting minutes and the June 17, 2020 special meeting minutes.  
Mrs. Mack seconded the motion.  
Motion carried 5/0.

1.4 Acceptance of Financial Reports

- a. Internal Claims Auditor's Report (May 2020)

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

1.5 Visitors and Communication

- a. Communications to the Board of Education

- Mr. Lanese reported a parent reached out expressing their frustration with how home instruction went for their child. Dr. Yodis is working on a plan for the 2020-2021 school year, the District is waiting for guidance from the State Education Department.
- Mrs. Mack received an email about home Wi-Fi access. Dr. Yodis replied to the concern. 150 Chrome Books were distributed to students who were in need.
- Mr. Strang received an email from a parent expressing their frustration with the end of the school year home instruction.

- b. Opportunity for the Public to be Heard

Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Anker expressed their frustration with the home instruction their child had received during the 2019-2020 school year. They felt that there was a lack of rigor and face-to-face time (Google Meets) with the teachers.

Mr. Lanese replied that Dr. Yodis is creating a plan for the 2020-2021 school year. Thanks, was given to Mr. and Mrs. Anker for their concerns and making the Board of Education aware of the situation.

Dr. Yodis reported that there will be more guidelines in place for the 2020-2021 school year. Dr. Yodis reviewed the NYS standards, teacher concerns and educational platforms available to the School District for the 2019-2020 school year.

Mrs. Mack asked if there were any other parent complaints?

Dr. Yodis replied yes there were a few families asking about instruction and sharing their concerns.

## **2.0 Reports to the Board of Education**

### **2.1 Board of Education Reports & Updates**

Mr. Lanese provided a Superintendent search update. 10 applications have been received to date.

### **2.2 District / Superintendent Program Report / Principal's Report**

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

- 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Graduation: The School District held a beautiful ceremony with social distancing guidelines in place.
  - 18 Students will be attending Averill Park
  - 10 Students will be attending Troy
  - 6 Students will be attending East Greenbush
  - 3 Students will be attending Brittonkill
  - 3 Students will be attending Tech Valley
- Closing the 2019-2020 Financial Books: The District has a surplus of funds due to savings on classroom supplies, field trips, events, and gas. Dr. Reardon, Mr. Presusser, Mrs. Angrisano, and Dr. Yodis meet to discuss the potential school needs for the 2020-2021 school year. The areas are focus were Technology, Updated Curriculum Materials, Aspire Classroom Materials and Professional Development for the Staff / Administration.

Technology: The purchase of 115 laptops, 400 headsets, 5 Promethean Boards, software for Journeys ELA programming, and the Waggle Program. PTA will be providing funds for 50 of the laptops purchased.

Aspire Classroom teachers Mrs. Steffek, Ms. Sepp and Mrs. Lansing have been working with consultants to ensuring the District is prepared for the 2020-2021 school year. In the Aspire classroom students will be provided their own iPad, sensory and communicative materials, and teacher trainings for a smooth transition for the students and staff.

Professional Development: Sue Stoya will be on board to help with professional development, observations, and ELA lessons. The District has contracted with Questar Boces for 25 days of professional development in Math, Social Studies, Science and Social Emotional Learning.

General Supplies: Basic supplies were purchased for each child to eliminate the sharing of school supplies.

### **2.3 PTA / SEPTA Update**

There was no PTA/SEPTA update for the July 2020 Board of Education meeting.

## **3.0 Appointments and Authorizations**

- 3.1 Approve summer bus drivers Nancy Ruffinen and Debbie Hayes 4 hours a day from July 6 to August 14, 2020.

Mrs. Mack made a motion to approve two summer bus drivers, Mrs. Ruffinen and Mrs. Hayes.  
Mr. Strang seconded the motion  
Motion Carried 5/0.

Discussion:

Mr. Lanese asked if there is a summer driver were for summer camps?  
Dr. Yodis clarified the summer bus runs.

#### **4.0 Informational**

- 4.1 Regular BOE Meeting August 20, 2020 @ 7pm  
4.2 Opportunity for the Public to be Heard  
There was nobody wishing to speak.

Discussion:

Mrs. Mack had a question for Dr. Yodis on the families who were scheduled to be in the Aspire classroom. Dr. Yodis replied three families have committed one family is still undecided.  
Mr. Lanese added "As long as the District is doing what is best for the child". Dr. Yodis replied "Yes that is the District focus".

#### **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 7:54 p.m.  
Mr. Hirokawa 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.

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**Call to Order and Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag (District Clerk)**

**NAMES**

**I      Administration of Oath to Newly Elected Board Members**

- a) Newly Elected Board Members; Administer Oath of Faithful  
Performance in Office to newly elected board members: New  
York State Constitution, Article XIII-1; Public Officers 10,30

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Eric Strang

**Sharon Hillis, Board Clerk, administered / renew the Oath of Office to the Board of Education**

**II      Election of Board Of Education Officers**

- a) President of the Board: Ed. Law 1701, 2504, 2563

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Andrew Lanese

**Mrs. Castle made a motion to nominate Andrew Lanese as President**  
**Mr. Strang seconded the motion.**  
**Motion carried: 5/0**  
**Board Clerk, administered the Oath of Office to Mr. Andrew Lanese**

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Sharon Hillis,

- b) Vice President: Ed. Law 1701,2504,2563

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Darcy Mack

**Mrs. Castle made a motion to nominate Darcy Mack as Vice President**  
**Mr. Hirokawa seconded the motion.**  
**Motion carried: 5/0**  
**Sharon Hillis, Board Clerk, will administered the Oath of Office to Mrs. Darcy Mack**

**III      Appointment of Officers (Consent Agenda)**

Oath of Office will be administered each year

**Mr. Hirokawa made a motion to Appoint the following Officers (Consent Agenda) Items.**  
**Mr. Strang seconded the motion.**  
**Motion carried: 5/0**

- a) Clerk of the Board:Ed. Law 2114,2130,2503; Comm;s Reg. 170.2  
Stipend \$5,169.00

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Sharon Hillis

- b) District Treasurer:Ed. Law 2122,2130,2527; Comm;s Reg. 170.2  
Stipend \$13,700

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Mary Ellen Angrisano

- c) Deputy Treasurer:Ed. Law 1720

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Superintendent of Schools

- d) Tax Collector:Ed. Law 2124,2527;Comm's Reg 170.2;  
Town Law 37  
Stipend \$ 5,069

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Denise Fitzgerald

- e) Internal Claims Auditor:Ed. Law 1709-20a Comm's Reg 170.2  
Stipend \$4,963

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Thomas Martin

**IV      Other Appointments (Consent Agenda)**

**Mr. Strang made a motion to Appoint the following Other Apointments (Consent Agenda) Items.**  
**Mrs. Mack seconded the motion.**  
**Motion carried: 5/0**

- a) School Physician:Ed. Law 902, 1709-21; Comm's Reg 136.2  
Yearly Appointment \$50.00 per hour

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Riverview Pediatric

- b) School Attorney  
1st Year of a 3 Year Contract

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Girvin & Ferlazzo, PC

- c) Central Treasurer - Extra Classroom Activity Account: Ed. Law 2503;  
Comm's Reg 173.4

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Denise Fitzgerald

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Yearly Appointment No Stipend

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| <p>d) Attendance Officer: Ed. Law 902<br/>Yearly Appointment No Stipend</p>   | <p>_____</p> <p>Kathryn Fazioli</p> <p>_____</p>             |
| <p>e) Independent Auditor: Ed. Alw 2116-a; Comm's Reg 170.2<br/>3rd Year of a 3 Year Contract<br/>Yearly \$12,500</p> | <p>_____</p> <p>Raymond G. Preusser, CPA/PC</p> <p>_____</p> |
| <p>f) Record Access Officer: Commissioner's Regulation 185.2 (a)(1)<br/>Yearly Appointment No Stipend</p>             | <p>_____</p> <p>Sharon Hillis</p> <p>_____</p>               |
| <p>g) Records Management Officer: Comm's Reg 185.2 (a) (1)<br/>Yearly Appointment No Stipend</p>                      | <p>_____</p> <p>Sharon Hillis</p> <p>_____</p>               |
| <p>h) Asbestos (LEA) Designee: AHERA, Public 99-519<br/>Yearly Appointment No Stipend</p>                             | <p>_____</p> <p>Alfred Deguire III</p> <p>_____</p>          |
| <p>i) Pesticide Notification Officer<br/>Yearly Appointment No Stipend</p>  | <p>_____</p> <p>Alfred Deguire III</p> <p>_____</p>          |
| <p>j) Purchasing Agent: Comm's Reg 170.2<br/>Yearly Appointment No Stipend</p>  | <p>_____</p> <p>Superintendent of Schools</p> <p>_____</p>   |
| <p>k) Financial Advisors<br/>Yearly \$ 145 an hour</p>  | <p>_____</p> <p>Fiscal Advisors, Inc.</p> <p>_____</p>       |

**V      Designations (Consent Agenda)**

**Mrs. Castle made a motion to Appoint the following Designations (Consent Agenda) Items.**  
**Mr. Hirokawa seconded the motion.**  
**Motion carried: 5/0**

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| <p>a) Official Bank Depository, All Funds: Ed. Law 2129,2130<br/>Comm's reg 170.2</p> | <p>_____</p> <p>M&amp;T Bank</p> <p>_____</p>   |
| <p>b) Regular Meetings: Ed. Law 1708 (at least once in each quarter), 2504</p>        | <p>_____</p> <p>July 2, 2020</p> <p>_____</p> <p>August 20, 2020</p> <p>_____</p> <p>September 17, 2020</p> <p>_____</p> <p>October 15, 2020</p> <p>_____</p> <p>November 19, 2020</p> <p>_____</p> <p>December 17, 2020</p> <p>_____</p> <p>January 21, 2021</p> <p>_____</p> <p>February 25, 2021</p> <p>_____</p> <p>March 18, 2021</p> <p>_____</p> <p>April 15, 2021</p> <p>_____</p> <p>May 20, 2021</p> <p>_____</p> <p>June 10, 2021</p> <p>_____</p> |
| <p>c) Official Newspapers: Ed. Law 2004; General Municipal Law 103</p>                | <p>_____</p> <p>Troy Record</p> <p>_____</p>  |

**VI      Authorizations (Consent Agenda)**

**Mr. Strang made a motion to Appoint the following Authorizations (Consent Agenda) Items.**  
**Mr. Hirokawa seconded the motion.**  
**Motion carried: 5/0**

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| <p>a) To Certify Payrolls: Ed. Law 1720,2523; Comm's Reg 170.2</p>  | <p>_____</p> <p>Superintendent of Schools</p> <p>_____</p> |
| <p>b) Conferences, Conventions, Payment Approval, Workshops Attendance: General<br/>Municipal Law 77b</p> | <p>_____</p> <p>Superintendent of Schools</p> <p>_____</p> |

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| c) To establish Petty Cash Funds: Ed. Law 1709-29; Comm's Reg 170.4<br>Business Office \$75.00 Main Office \$50.00 | <hr/> Mary Ellen Angrisano Business Office<br><hr/> Kathryn Fazioli Main Office<br><hr/> |
| d) Designation of Signatures on Checks: Ed. Lw 1720,2523   | <hr/> Mary Ellen Angrisano<br><hr/>  |
| e) Alternate designee for Signatures on Checks   | <hr/> Superintendent of Schools<br><hr/>   |
| f) Budget Transfers on Chief School Officer's approval:Comm's Reg 170.2  | <hr/> Superintendent of Schools<br><hr/>   |
| g) Superintendent to apply for Grants in Aid (State & Federal)<br>Ed Law 1711, 2508                                | <hr/> Superintendent of Schools<br><hr/>   |

**VII Official Undertakings (Bonds) (Consent Agenda)**

**Mr. Strang made a motion to Appoint the following Official Undertakings (Consent Agenda) Items.**  
**Mr. Hirokawa seconded the motion.**  
**Motion carried: 5/0**

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| a) District Clerk:Ed. Law 2527   | <hr/> Sharon Hillis<br><hr/>             |
| b) District Treasurer: Ed Law 2122,2130,2527,Comm's Reg 170.2  | <hr/> Mary Ellen Angrisano<br><hr/>      |
| c) Deputy Treasurer: Ed. Law 1720  | <hr/> Superintendent of Schools<br><hr/> |
| d) District Tax Collector:Ed Law 2124,2527;Comm's Reg 170.2  | <hr/> Denise Fitzgerald<br><hr/>         |
| e) Central Treasurer Activity Funds: Comm's Reg 172.5  | <hr/> Denise Fitzgerald<br><hr/>         |
| f) Internal Claims Auditor:Ed Law 2527; Comm's reg 1702.2  | <hr/> Thomas Martin<br><hr/>             |
| g) All persons and positions required by law or regulation to be bonded:<br>Public Officers Law, section 11;Comm's Reg 170.2 permit use of Faithful<br>Performance Blanket and in lieu of specific official undertakings |  |

**VIII Other Items: (Consent Agenda)**

**Mr. Strang made a motion to Appoint the following Official Undertakings (Consent Agenda) Items.**  
**Mr. Hirokawa seconded the motion.**  
**Motion carried: 5/0**

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| a) Readoption of all Policies and Codes of Ethics in effect during previous<br>year: Implied in Ed Law 1709, 2503 |   |
| b) Establish Mileage Reimbursement Rate: Ed Law 2118  | <hr/> IRS established rate<br><hr/>   |
| c) Acting Superintendent<br>\$125 a Day in addition to Principal Salary upon assignment                           | <hr/> Dr. Mary Yodis<br><hr/>   |
| e) Driver Physicals/Drug Screening<br>Yearly Contract DOT Physical \$125 19A Physical \$100 Drug Screening \$70   | <hr/> St. Peters Health Partners<br><hr/>   |
| f) Establishment of School Breakfast/Lunch rates for 2020-2021  | <hr/> \$1.70 Breakfast / \$3.09 Lunch<br>Adult \$2.46 Breakfast / \$4.59 Lunch<br><hr/> |
| g) Set rates for Substitutes:   | <hr/>   |
| Substitute Teachers / Teaching Assistant  | \$100/cert; \$90/non-cert   |
| Substitute Teacher Aide   | \$90.00/day   |
| Substitute Custodian  | \$12.50/hour  |
| Substitute Nurse  | \$100.00/day  |
| Substitute Food Service Helper  | \$12.50/hour  |
| Substitute Recess Aide  | \$12.50/hour  |
| Substitute Clerical   | \$12.50/hour  |
| Substitute Bus Driver   | \$14.00/hour  |

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**IX Additional Appointments (Consent Agenda)**

**Mr. Strang made a motion to Appoint the following Additional Appointments (Consent Agenda) Items.**  
**Mr. Hirokawa seconded the motion.**  
**Motion carried: 5/0**

a) CSE, CPSE Committee  
 Yearly Appointment No Stipend

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 Ms. Rebecca Davis  
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 Brenda Alderman  
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 Speech Therapist  
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 Dr. Mary Yodis  
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 TBA Advanced Therapy (OT)  
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 TBA Advanced Therapy (PT)  
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 Amy Murphy  
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 W.U.F.S.D. Teachers  
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 Ann Hansen (Rensselaer County)  
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 All A.S.E.Ps / County Approved Providers  
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b) Section 504 Compliance Officer  
 Yearly Appointment No Stipend

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 Dr. Mary Yodis  
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c) Impartial Hearing Officers  
 Yearly Appointment  
 \$40 an hour

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|------------------|----------------------|
| Linda Agoston    | Lynn Almeleh         |
| Robert Briglio   | Jaclyn Brillling ESQ |
| Diane Cohen      | Audrey Daniel        |
| Maryanne Dimeo   | Lana Flame           |
| Vanessa Gronbach | George Kandilakis    |
| Jeanne Keefe     | Martin Kohoe         |
| Dora Lassinger   | Michael Lazan        |
| Nancy Lenderman  | James McKeever       |
| Tina Millman     | James Monk           |
| Christine Moore  | Leah Murphy          |
| Karen Norlander  | Kenneth Ritzenberg   |
| Jerome Schad     | Jeffery Schiro       |
| Judith Schneider | Craig Tessler        |
| Aaron Turetsky   | James Walsh          |
| Marion Walsh     | Mindy Wolman         |

d) Title IX Compliance Officer                      Yearly Appointment No Stipend

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 Amy Murphy  
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e) Legislative Liaison for NYSSBA, CAPSBA  
 Yearly Appointment No Stipend

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 Eric Strang  
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f) Homeless Liaison Coordinator  
 Yearly Appointment No Stipend

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 Amy Murphy  
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g) Special Education Preschool Programs

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 Capital District Beginnings  
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 Early Childhood Education Center  
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 Story Place Preschool  
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 A Child's Place at Unity House  
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 Achievements  
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 Spotted Zebra Preschool  
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h) Dignity for All Co-Coordinators  
 Yearly Appointment No Stipend

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 Amy Murphy & Rebecca Davis  
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i) Audit Committee  
 Yearly Appointment No Stipend

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 Sally Lauletta  
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 Andrew Lanesey  
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 Darcy Mack  
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j) Chief Emergency Officer  
 Yearly Appointment No Stipend

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 Superintendent of Schools  
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l) Data Compliance Office  
 Yearly Appointment No Stipend

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 Anthony Vescio

**X Instructional Contracts (Consent Agenda)**

**Mrs. Castle made a motion to Appoint the following Instruction Contracts (Consent Agenda).**

**Mr. Hirokawa seconded the motion.**

**Motion carried: 5/0**

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| a) Brunswick                          | \$8,435 for General Education  |         |     |         |         |         |     |
|                                       | Actual Cost for Special Education  |         |     |         |         |         |     |
| b) East Greenbush                     | \$9,325 for General Education  |         |     |         |         |         |     |
|                                       | Actual Cost for Special Education  |         |     |         |         |         |     |
| c) Averill Park                       | \$8,495 for General Education  |         |     |         |         |         |     |
|                                       | Actual Cost for Special Education  |         |     |         |         |         |     |
| d) Troy                               | TBD State Set Rates for General Education  |         |     |         |         |         |     |
|                                       | TBD State Set Rates for Special Education  |         |     |         |         |         |     |
| e) Little Red Tuition                 | <table border="0" style="margin-left: auto; margin-right: auto;"> <tr> <td style="text-align: center;">K-6</td> <td style="text-align: center;">7-8</td> <td style="text-align: center;">Spec Ed</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="text-align: center;">\$7,250</td> <td style="text-align: center;">\$8,016</td> <td style="text-align: center;">TBD</td> </tr> </table> | K-6     | 7-8 | Spec Ed | \$7,250 | \$8,016 | TBD |
| K-6                                   | 7-8  | Spec Ed |     |         |         |         |     |
| \$7,250                               | \$8,016  | TBD     |     |         |         |         |     |
| f) Tuition to Attend Wynantskill UFSD | Grades K-8 NY State Set Tuition Rates  |         |     |         |         |         |     |

**XI Other (Consent Agenda)**

**Mr. Strang made a motion to Adopt the District Handbooks and Safety Plan (Consent Agenda).**

**Mr. Hirokawa seconded the motion.**

**Motion carried: 5/0**

- a.) Code of Conduct
- b) District Safety Plan
- c) Athletic Handbook