

WYNANTSKILL UNION FREE SCHOOL DISTRICT
Regular Meeting of the Board of Education
November 19, 2020 @ 7:00 PM
Gardner-Dickinson School Conference Room
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Draft Minutes

1.1 Call to Order and Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag

Regular Meeting of the Board of Education was called to order at 7:03 p.m. by Mr. Lanesey.

1.2 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. Yodis reviewed the agenda.

1.3 Approval of Minutes of Previous Meeting

October 15, 2020 @ 7:00 PM

Mrs. Mack made a motion to approve the September 17, 2020 regular meeting minutes. Mr. Hirokawa seconded the motion.
Motion carried 5/0.

1.4 Acceptance of Financial Reports

- a. Internal Claims Auditor's Report
- b. Monthly Treasurer's Report with Budget Transfers, Quarterly Revenue & Extra Classroom Reports, ending 9/30/20.

Mr. Strang 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
No one wished to speak

2.0 Reports to the Board of Education

2.1 Board of Education Reports & Updates

There were no reports/updates.

2.2 District / Superintendent / Principal Program Report

The first quarter at GD was a success. Report cards went home last Friday at the end of 10 weeks. We were thrilled with the progress our students have made in their transition back to school after being out for 6 months. The students have done a great job learning and following the new safety procedures as well as building their social, emotional and academic skills. Our teachers and staff are doing amazing things as well. They are managing all of the safety logistics while providing instruction in all areas so students in the building as well as those who are virtual. Managing all of the new technologies has been an enormous undertaking and they are doing an excellent job. Our staff is dedicated to making sure that students are safe, happy and growing in all areas. We are committed to doing everything we possibly can do to keep our students in school.

Although our commitment is to keep our students in school for in person learning, there is the chance that we may have to pivot to remote instruction for short or longer periods of time for some or all of our students. Our staff is working diligently to ensure that transitions to remote instruction will happen seamlessly. This means using Google Classroom, Google Meets, Our new Google Learning Suite that allows students to hand work in back and forth with their teacher all online. Our teachers have had training with new technologies all this week and will be working next week to attempt to refrain from using paper and pencil.

Today we had our 1st positive COVID case. A student in the middle school tested positive. This student has not been in the building since November 10th. We worked with the Rensselaer County Department of Health to determine which students and staff would need to be quarantined. Luckily, none of the students exposed have become systematic and the quarantine period is just about completed. The about 60 students and 9 staff members were placed on quarantine for the next 3 full days.

Sue Stoya's update: 1-to-1 Computers Going home- Starting tomorrow, our students in grades 1-8 will take their computers back and forth each day for the remainder of the year. They will bring their computers, and chargers back and forth and should charge them at night coming into school with a fully charged computer.

A huge thank you to Anthony Vesico, and Peter Mesh for working so hard to get these procedures and training into place for the students and staff. Thank you to the additional technology committee members, Matt Lutz, Sam Swart, and Kaelyn Madelone for your collaboration and support. Kaelyn thank you for creating a parent friendly remote schedule for each teacher.

2.3 PTA / SEPTA Update

Nichole Hurbank provided the PTA report to the Board of Education. There was no SEPTA report.

3.0 Appointments and Authorizations

Consent agenda 3.1 – 3.11

Mrs. Castle made a motion to approve the consent agenda item numbers 3.1-3.11

Mr. Strang seconded the motion.

Motion carried 5/0.

- 3.1 Approve CSE/CPSE Recommendations as per attached.
- 3.2 Accept the Resignation of Gary Nicoll as School Bus Driver, effective November 6, 2020.
- 3.3 Accept the Resignation of Isabella Pirri as Custodial Worker, effective November 6, 2020.
- 3.4 Accept the Resignation of Kate Morgan, as Secretary to the Superintendent (part-time) and Clerk of the Board of Education, effective October 25, 2020.
- 3.5 Accept the Resignation of Michael Bornt as Teacher Aide, effective November 6, 2020.
- 3.6 Approve Request for leave of Absence for DelMarie Moore from her Teacher Aide position.
- 3.7 Approve the Appointment of Kate Morgan as Teacher Aide, effective October 26, 2020.
- 3.8 Approve the Appointment of Michael Bornt as Custodial Worker, effective November 9, 2020.
- 3.9 Approve the Appointment of Alicia Travis as Teacher Aide for the Aspire Classroom, effective November 12, 2020.
- 3.10 Approve the Appointment of Heidi Hallock as Part-Time Secretary to the Superintendent,

and Clerk of the Board of Education (pro-rated), effective November 30, 2020.

3.11 Approval of Substitutes: Maria Rice, Non-Certified Teacher/Teacher Aide.

Mr. Strang made a motion to approve the resolution to appoint Suzann Cornell as the K-8 Principal
Mr. Hirokawa seconded the motion.

Motion carried 5/0.

3.12 **RESOLVED:** that the Board of Education hereby appoints Suzann Cornell as the K-8 Principal for a three-year probationary term effective November 30, 2020 in the tenure area of K-8 Principal; and that the Board of Education hereby authorizes the President of the Board of Education to enter into a terms and condition agreement for the employment of Suzann Cornell as the K-8 Principal.

Mrs. Mack made a motion to enter into cooperative agreements through OCM BOCES for electricity purchase.

Mr. Hirokawa seconded the motion.

Motion carried 5/0.

3.13 **WHEREAS**, Article 5-G of the New York State General Municipal Law authorizes municipal corporations to enter into cooperative agreements for the performance or exercise of services, functions, powers or activities on a cooperative or contract basis among themselves or one for the other, and

WHEREAS, Section 119-n of the General Municipal Law defines the term "municipal corporation" for the purposes of Article 5-G as a county outside the city of New York, a city, a town, a village, a board of cooperative educational services, a fire district or a school district; and

WHEREAS, *Wynantskill Union free School District* (hereinafter sometimes referred to as "Participant") is a "municipal corporation" as defined above; and

WHEREAS, this Board wishes for this municipal corporation to become or remain a Participant pursuant to the Municipal Cooperation Agreement for Energy Purchasing Services dated the 1st day of May 2005 (the "Agreement"), among municipal corporations collectively identified as the New York School and Municipal Energy Consortium ("NYSMEC") upon the terms of the Agreement and further wishes to authorize participation as an energy consumer as specified below.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that this Board hereby determines that it is in the interests of the *Wynantskill Union Free School District* to participate in the NYSMEC, and authorizes and directs Mary Yodis, Superintendent/Purchasing Agent to sign the Agreement/and or the Billing Schedule and Agreement for electricity on its behalf; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this Board authorizes the Administrative Participant (as defined in the Agreement) to prepare, advertise, disseminate and open bids pursuant to the General Municipal Law and to award, execute and deliver binding contracts on behalf of this Board for the purchase of electricity delivered to the delivery point of the local utility distribution company for the Participant's facility or facilities, on a firm basis, for this Participant to the lowest responsible bidder as is determined by the Administrative Participant at a price for such commodity electricity not to exceed \$0.0736 cents per kWh for a term of at least one year and no more than three years commencing May 1, 2021, and other terms and conditions, all as may be determined by the Administrative Participant, or to reject any or all such bids; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this Participant agrees to advertise said bid as may be directed by the Administrative Participant; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the officers and employees of this Participant are authorized to execute such other confirming agreements, certificates and other documents and take such other actions as may be necessary or appropriate to carry out the intent of this resolution.

This Resolution shall take effect immediately.

Mrs. Mack made a motion to enter into a cooperative agreement through OCM BOCES for natural gas purchase.

Mr. Hirokawa seconded the motion.

Motion carried 5/0.

- 3.14 **WHEREAS**, Article 5-G of the New York State General Municipal Law authorizes municipal corporations to enter into cooperative agreements for the performance or exercise of services, functions, powers or activities on a cooperative or contract basis among themselves or one for the other, and
WHEREAS, Section 119-n of the General Municipal Law defines the term "municipal corporation" for the purposes of Article 5-G as a county outside the city of New York, a city, a town, a village, a board of cooperative educational services, a fire district or a school district; and
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NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that this Board hereby determines that it is in the interests of the Wynantskill Union Free School District to participate in the NYSMEC, and authorizes and directs Mary Yodis, Superintendent/Purchasing Agent to sign the Agreement/and or the Billing Schedule and Agreement for natural gas on its behalf; and
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this Board authorizes the Administrative Participant (as defined in the Agreement) to prepare, advertise, disseminate and open bids pursuant to the General Municipal Law and to award, execute and deliver binding contracts on behalf of this Board for the purchase of natural gas delivered to the city gate of the local utility distribution company for the Participant's facility or facilities, on a firm basis, for this Participant to the lowest responsible bidder as is determined by the Administrative Participant at a price for such commodity natural gas not to exceed \$0.583 cents per therm for a term of at least one year and no more than three years commencing May 1, 2021, and other terms and conditions, all as may be determined by the Administrative Participant, or to reject any or all such bids; and
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this Participant agrees to advertise said bid as may be directed by the Administrative Participant; and
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the officers and employees of this Participant are authorized to execute such other confirming agreements, certificates and other documents and take such other actions as may be necessary or appropriate to carry out the intent of this resolution.
This Resolution shall take effect immediately.

Mrs. Mack made a motion to deny the resolution regarding boundary amendment.

Mr. Hirokawa seconded the motion.

Motion carried 5/0.

- 3.15 **RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education of the Wynantskill Union Free School District hereby denies the request made by certain District residents to have the school boundary line amended to exclude the property located at 55 Whiteview Road and place it within the North Greenbush Common School District.

4.0 **Informational**

4.1 Regular BOE Meeting December 17, 2020 @ 7 pm

4.2 Opportunity for the Public to be Heard

No one wished to speak.

5.0 **Request for Executive Session**

No request for Executive Session was made.

Recommended Action: That the Board of Education adjourns into Executive Session, if needed, for the purpose of discussing one or more of the following subjects:

1. _____ Matters that will imperil the public safety if disclosed.
2. _____ Any matter that may disclose the identity of a law enforcement agent or informer.
3. _____ Information relating to current or future investigation or prosecution of a criminal offense that would imperil effective law enforcement if disclosed.
4. _____ Discussion involving proposed, pending, or current litigation.
5. _____ Collective negotiations pursuant to article 14 of the Civil Service Law.
6. _____ 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.
7. _____ The preparation, grading, or administration of exams.
8. _____ The proposed acquisition, sale, or lease of real property or the proposed acquisition, sale, or exchange of securities, but only when publicity would substantially affect the value of these things (Pub. Off. Law § 105(a-h)).

6.0 Return to Open Session

N/A

7.0 Adjournment

Mrs. Castle made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:35 pm.

Mr. Strang seconded the motion.

Motion carried 5/0.