

WYNANTSKILL UNION FREE SCHOOL DISTRICT
Regular Meeting of the Board of Education
March 18, 2021 @ 7:00 PM
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Tentative 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	Absent
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

a. February 25, 2021

Mrs. Mack made the motion to approve the February 25, 2021 regular meeting minutes.
Mr. Strang seconded the motion.
Motion carried 4/0.

1.4 Acceptance of Financial Reports

- a. Internal Claims Auditor's Report (February 2021)
- b. Monthly Treasurer's Report with Budget Transfers

Mrs. Mack made the motion to approve the District Treasurer's Financial Reports.
Mr. Strang seconded the motion.
Motion carried 4/0.

1.5 Visitors and Communication

a. Communications to the Board of Education

Mrs. Mack recognized some cards that students had made for the Board of Education members during Spirit and Appreciation week. Dr. Yodis thanked BOE for their continued support.

b. Opportunity for the Public to be Heard

No comments or concerns were expressed in the ZOOM chat.

2.0 Reports to the Board of Education

2.1 Board of Education Reports & Updates
No updates

2.2 District / Superintendent Program Report

Budget Update- Dr. Yodis gave the attached slide presentation pertaining to the budget outlook. Mr. Lanese asked if the projected enrollments considered Little Red Students. Dr. Yodis reported that the North Greenbush District expects to have the new Grade 2 classroom up and running for the upcoming school year so we will not see the usual influx of students in Grade 2 enrollment next year. We could anticipate seeing an increase in the Grade 3 enrollment for the 2022-2023 school year.

Dr. Yodis reported on a fun and uplifting School Spirit and Week of Appreciation.

A third lock down drill conducted on 3/15/21, with appropriate changes to the normal routine in line with COVID 19 protocols.

Dr. Yodis reported that NYSED is still awaiting guidance from the Federal Government on testing waivers. NYSED is in the process of surveying districts and charter schools about their local approaches to student assessment. This information will be used to inform NYSED's conversations with the USDE regarding the administration of the federally required spring 2021 grades 3-8 ELA and math assessments, grades 4 and 8 science tests, and Regents Examinations. It is the intent of the Department to showcase the wide range of quality assessment practices that are taking place at the school and district level throughout New York State.

While no final decisions have been made on the Department's assessment waiver request the Department is planning ahead. Accordingly:

If USDE grants the Department's waiver request, the State's elementary- and intermediate-level assessments and all of its June and August 2021 Regents Examinations will be cancelled.

Should USDE not grant the waiver request or not respond prior to the scheduled test administration dates:

- the Department will administer **only** the Regents Examinations required under ESSA during the June 2021 administration, which are the ELA, Algebra 1, Earth Science and Living Environment Exams;
 - the August 2021 Regents Exams will be cancelled;
 - only Session 1 of the grades 3-8 assessments in Math and ELA will be required, a shift from the standard practice where these assessments are administered in two sessions; and
 - only the written test component of the Grades 4 and 8 Science Tests will be held; the performance tests will not be administered.
- a. Present Budget Updates for the 2021-2022 school year

Mr. Lanese asked about the testing of remote students.

Remote students will not be required to take the NYS Math, ELA or Science exams. Older students can come in to take the Regents exams.

Dr. Yodis invited Mr. Disotto to give a report on the potential return of sports to Gardener Dickinson. Our plan is to run a spring sports season as allowed. Interest inventory for Grades 7-8 baseball and softball indicate we would have enough students to have teams. Protocols, procedures, and logistics for running a program are being worked out. COVID metrics will ultimately determine the ability to run a program. Baseball is scheduled to begin April 28, softball is scheduled to begin May 3rd. The seasons would run to the end of June. Dr. Yodis reviewed Mr. Disotto's report then reminded families that we are excited to run the program but expect it to look very different from previous years due to pandemic protocols.

2.3 Principal's Report

Principal Cornell gave an update on student activities during School Spirit and Appreciation Week. She reviewed ongoing professional development opportunities for teachers. Thanks was extended to the PTA for the Chromebook covers. A review was given of the new *Securly* software. Principal Cornell conducted a schoolwide review of on device care. Appreciation was offered to the Technology Steering Committee for their recent work on technology initiatives.

2.4 PTA / SEPTA Update

PTA update attached.
SEPTA will host two upcoming events. 35 new members and nominating committee for new officers. An online drawing event on 4/11/21, and April 17 if there is enough room and a June Farms Field Trip on 5/22/21

3.0 Appointments and Authorizations

Consent agenda 3.1 – 3.10

Mr. Lanese asked to have items 3.2-3.3 approved separate from consent items 3.1 & 3.4-3.10.

3.1 Approve CSE/CPSE Recommendations as per attached.

3.2 Be It Resolved that pursuant to the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the following be appointed to tenure to the position to which they have served the required probationary period as specified below:

Name – Jamie O'Brien
Tenure Area – Elementary Education Teacher
Commencement of Tenure Appointment – 9/04/2021
Certification Status – Permanent

Mr. Strang made the motion to approve the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools to appoint tenure to Jamie O'Brien. Mrs. Castle seconded the motion.
Motion carried 4/0.

3.3 Be It Resolved that pursuant to the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the following be appointed to tenure to the position to which they have served the required probationary period as specified below:

Name – Katie Sheehan
Tenure Area – Remedial Reading Teacher
Commencement of Tenure Appointment – 9/04/2021
Certification Status – Permanent

Mrs. Castle made the motion to approve the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools to appoint tenure to Katie Sheehan. Mrs. Mack seconded the motion.
Motion carried 4/0.

- 3.4 Accept the resignation of John Oathout, custodial worker effective April, 6, 2021 for the purpose of retirement.
- 3.5 Appoint Dan Disotto Athletic Director for the remainder of the 2020-2021 school year @ a stipend of \$1,424.00 (1/3 of the WTA Contract).
- 3.6 Approve Kaelyn Madelone (Third Grade Teacher) for a combination paid/unpaid leave of absence for child rearing starting on March 15, 2021, returning for the start of the 2020-2021 school year.
- 3.7 Approve Snow Plowing Service Season Contract to High Tech Lawn & Snow Service Ltd. for the 2021-2022 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.
- 3.8 Approve Transportation Maintenance, Storage of Vehicles & Vehicle Service Contract to Mulsons Garage for the 2021-2022 School Year for Storage @ \$3,00.00 for the year plus cost of electricity, preventive maintenance inspection @ \$ 85.00/per bus, DOT inspection @ \$90.00/per bus, and cost of other service and repair @ 90.00/ per hour.
- 3.9 Approve Refuse Removal Service Contract to Twin Bridges Waste & Recycling for the 2021-2022 School Year @ \$365.00 per month.
- 3.10 Approve Consulting Service Agreement with Joseph Reilly Technical Planning for client technology and planning and submissions @ \$60.00/hr, not to exceed 20/hrs (\$1,200.00).

Mrs. Mack made the motion to approve the consent agenda items 3.1 & 3.4-3.10.
 Mrs. Castle seconded the motion.
 Motion carried 4/0

- 3.11 First Reading of Board of Education Policy
 - a. 4511 Textbook Selection and Adoption, 2nd revision
 - b. 4513 Library Materials Selection, 2nd revision
 - c. 5100 Student Attendance, 2nd revision
 - d. 5151 Homeless Children, 3rd revision
- 3.12 Second Reading and Approval of Board of Education Policy
 - a. 0101 Gender Neutral Single Occupancy Bathroom

Mrs. Mack made the motion to approve Board of Education Policy 0101. Mrs. Castle seconded the motion. Motion carried 4/0.

4.0 Informational

- 4.1 Candidate Petitions Due April 19, 2021 by 5 pm
- 4.2 Candidate Position Ballot Draw April 20, 2021 @ 9:30 am
- 4.3 Questar III Budget Vote April 20, 2021 @ 9 am
- 4.4 Regular BOE Meeting April 15, 2021 @ 7 pm
- 4.5 Opportunity for the Public to be Heard

Zoom participants offered congratulations to Jamie O'Brien and Katie Sheehan on their tenure appointments.

5.0 Request for Executive Session

Mr. Lanesy made a motion to enter into executive session for the purpose of 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.

Mrs. Mack seconded the motion.

Motion carried 4/0

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. x _____ 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

Mrs. Castle made a motion to return to open session at 9:34 pm.

Mrs. Mack seconded the motion.

Motion carried 4/0.

7.0 Adjournment

Mrs. Castle made the motion to adjourn at 9:35 pm.

Mr. Strang seconded the motion.

Motion carried 4/0.

Respectfully submitted,

Heidi Hallock

Clerk of the Board of Education

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.

Wynantskill PTA

Report to the Board of Education – 3/18/21

1. Membership
 - a. 119 members
 - i. On 3/11/21, WPTA received the Founders Day Award badge from NYS PTA for adding at least 10 members on the NYS Great PTA Sign Up Day in February:
2. Current Fundraisers
 - a. Fundraising will be minimized for 2020/2021
 - i. Smaller/favorite fundraisers may still occur
3. Current Supported Events
 - a. Book fair 3/22 – 4/4/21
 - i. PreK – 8
 - ii. Online
4. Funded Field Trips – N/A
5. Information
 - a. Posted info. to WPTA FaceBook and District social media to announce all Officer positions available for a term of July 2021 – June 2023
 - b. WPTA meeting scheduled for 5/4/21 @ 6:30p (Zoom)
 - i. Officer nominations
6. Future Fundraisers/Supported Events
 - a. Booster event 5/20 or 5/21/21
 - i. Chairpersons working on details
 - ii. Coach Akots and Coach Bateman assisting (THANK YOU!)
 - iii. Specific/directed fundraising - TBD

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