

**WYNANTSKILL UNION FREE SCHOOL DISTRICT**

**Regular Meeting of the Board of Education**

**June 10, 2021 @ 7:00 PM**

**Gardner-Dickinson School Media Center**

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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 PM by Mr. Lanesey.

**1.1 Record of Attendance**

Mrs. Castle	Present
Mr. Hirokawa	Present
Mr. Lanesey	Present.
Mrs. Mack	Joined via Zoom for Executive Session
Mr. Strang	Present joined 7:20 PM

**1.2 Review of Agenda/Additions to Agenda**

Dr. Yodis reviewed the agenda. The focus is planning for the summer Aspire program, transportation, and staff appointments for next year.

**1.3 Approval of Minutes of Previous Meeting**

**a. May 20, 2021**

Mrs. Castle made a motion to approve the May 20, 2021, Board of Education Regular Meeting Minutes.

Mr. Hirokawa seconded the motion.

Motion Carried: 3/0

**1.4 Acceptance of Financial Reports**

- a. Internal Claims Auditor's Report May 2021**
- b. Monthly Treasurer's Report with Budget Transfers**

Mr. Hirokawa made a motion to approve the Financial Reports.

Mrs. Castle seconded the motion.

Motion Carried: 3/0

**1.5 Visitors and Communication**

- a. Communications to the Board of Education**
  - I. Dowd Scholarship Update**

The District is in receipt of a check for the award in memory of former teacher, Kevin Dowd. Funds to be granted at graduation. Mrs. Castle recognized that the award criteria represented what Mr. Dowd stood for as a teacher.

## II. Update on Virtual Meetings

Executive orders allow for virtual meetings through June 24, 2021.

An update was provided from the NYS Assembly on the designation of June 19th as a public holiday.

### b. Opportunity for the Public to be Heard

No comments were entered in the Zoom chat.

## 2.0 Reports to the Board of Education

### 2.1 Board of Education Reports & Updates

#### 2.2 District / Superintendent Program Report

Dr. Yodis recognized faculty and staff for their efforts to successfully provide in-person and remote learning throughout the school year in spite of all the additional challenges presented by the pandemic. It is amazing what has been accomplished and she is overwhelmed with pride over the successful and productive school year that has occurred. Appreciation was offered to the Board of Education, faculty, staff, students and families for an amazing year. An update was given regarding the changes to the outdoor mask mandate. Baseball and softball are wrapping up with the last games occurring June 10, 2021. Appreciation was given to Athletic Coordinator, Dan DiSotto and Coach Bateman for helping make the season happen for the students. Appreciation was also given to outgoing PTA officers Nicole Hubanek (President), and Meghan Allen (Treasurer), Paul Koniowka (Vice President), and Jennie Brown (Secretary) for their service. Mr. Koniowka and Mrs. Brown were welcomed to their new roles as PTA President and Vice President. Melinda Darling and Jennifer O'Loughlin were welcomed as PTA Treasurer and Secretary. Eighth Grade graduation will be held on June 24th at 7:00 PM. COVID protocols will be in place.

#### 2.3 Principal's Report

Dr. Yodis gave an update on behalf of Principal Cornell highlighting the assessments that are taking place in the building. Fountas and Pinell and NWEA assessments are being administered, as is the NYS 4th Grade Science Exam. Classroom placements will go home in August instead of the last day of school.

#### 2.4 PTA / SEPTA Update

See attached report.

## 3.0 Appointments and Authorizations

3.1 BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education of the Wynantskill Union Free School District hereby reduces one (1) position in the physical education tenure area from a 1.0 FTE to a 0.60 FTE, effective June 30, 2021. The Superintendent is directed to notify the affected staff member of this action.

3.2 BE IT RESOLVED, the Board of Education hereby approves the request for FMLA for Sarah Sepp, commencing on September 1, 2021 and ending October, 29 2021, followed by an unpaid child rearing leave of absence through the remainder of the 2021-2022 school year.

3.3 BE IT 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, WHEREAS, for the 2021-2022 school year only, the District would like to amend the arrival and dismissal times for WTA bargaining members so to allow the District to comply with all federal, state and local COVID-19 requirements; as per attached MOA.

3.4 Approve CSE/CPSE Recommendations as per attached.

- 3.5 Approve Funding of District Reserves using excess fund balance.
- 3.6 Motion to abolish the Pre-K agreement with *CEO*.
- 3.7 Approve 3% salary increases for 10 and 12 month employees, and school principal for the 2021-2022 school year.
- 3.8 Appoint Eric Audi as a Food Service Worker at a rate of 16.33/hr., 4 hours /day for the 2021-2022 school year.
- 3.9 Appoint Tina Albert Cafeteria Worker at a rate of \$17.74/hr for the 2021-2022 school year.
- 3.10 Appoint Robert Hurd as a Recess Aide at a rate of \$17.74/hr. for 2 hrs./day for the 2021-2022 school year.
- 3.11 Appoint Heidi Hallock as part-time Superintendent's Secretary at a rate of \$20.60/hr., 4 hours/day for the 2021-2022 school year.
- 3.12 Appoint Brenda Vermilya as Part Time (.60 FTE) School Nurse @ St. Jude beginning 9/1/2021- 6/30/22 @ Step 12 prorated.
- 3.13 Appoint Jean Marie Steffek as Summer School Teacher for 30 days, 4 hours/day at a rate of \$49.00 hour not to exceed \$6,200.00.
- 3.14 Appoint Alicia Travis as Teachers Aide for Summer School program for 30 days, 4 hours/day at a rate of \$16.33/hr.
- 3.15 Approve Kate Lansing for Summer Speech and Language Services at a rate of \$49.00/hour as needed/requested by the District.
- 3.16 Approve Amy Murphy (School Counselor) for up to ten days of summer work at a daily rate of \$ 414.20 as needed/requested by the Superintendent.
- 3.17 Appoint Robert Cushing, 19-A Examiner and a NYS School Bus Driver Instructor, as driver trainer at a rate of \$25.00/hr.
- 3.18 Appoint Marianne Lenseth, 19-A Examiner and SBDI School Bus Driver Trainer, at a rate of \$40.00 /hr.
- 3.19 Appoint Karen Keagan Permanent School Bus Driver, effective 2/2/21.
- 3.20 Appoint Michael Goyer as a Transportation Consultant at a rate of \$50.00/hour as needed for the 2021-2022 school year.
- 3.21 Adjust base School Bus Driver rate to \$20/hr. for existing permanent drivers hired prior to 6/30/2021, base new hire bus driver rate is \$19/hr. effective 9/01/21, substitute bus driver rate is \$18.00/hr. (amended for clarification following discussion, prior to approval).
- 3.22 Appoint Bus Driver Trainees at the substitute bus driver/driver training rate of \$18.00 per hour.
  - a. Bob Rowe
  - b. Patricia Rowe
  - c. Nicole Manzer
  - d. Brenda Alderman

3.23 Appoint Summer School Bus Drivers for July 6 thru August 16, for 4 hours/day as needed by their assigned bus runs. See attached assignments.

a. Nancy Ruffinen	b. Ralph Roberts	c. Bob Cushing	d. Debbie Hayes
\$20.35/hr	\$20.35/hr	\$20.25/hr	\$20.25/hr

**Discussion:**

Base new hire bus driver rate is \$19/hr. effective 9/01/21, existing bus driver rate is adjusted to \$20/hr. for those hired prior to 6/30/2021, substitute bus driver rate is \$18.00/hr.

MOA with the Wynantskill Teachers Union to adjust the hours of the school day helps with facilitating singular bus runs in the morning and afternoon. Arrival will be at 8:00 am and dismissal will be at 2:30. The District may request assistance from parents with transportation again if COVID protocols remain in place for busses.

Mr. Strang made a motion to approve items 3.1-3.23.

Mr. Hirokawa seconded the motion.

Motion carried: 4/0.

3.24 Approve Joyce Lanese Summer Bus Aide for July 6 thru August 16, 2021, 4 hours/day at a rate of \$16.33/hr.

3.25 Approve Joyce Lanese Bus Aide at a rate of \$16.33/hr. for the 2021-2022 school year.

Mrs. Castle made a motion to approve items 3.24-3.25.

Mr. Hirokawa seconded the motion.

Mr. Lanese recused himself from discussion and voting on items 3.24-3.25 due to a conflict of interest.

Motion carried: 3/0.

**4.0 Informational**

4.1 Organizational/Regular Meeting of the Board of Education July 6, 2021 @ 7:00 PM

4.2 Graduation Thursday June 24, 2021 @ 7:00 PM

4.3 Opportunity for the Public to be Heard

Sarah Sepp expressed gratitude to the Board of Education for granting her FMLA and unpaid leave of absence to follow. Dr. Yodis and the Board congratulated her on her growing family and thanked her for her service to the District. Everyone looks forward to her return at the end of her leave.

**5.0 Request for Executive Session**

Dr. Yodis made a request to adjourn into executive session for the purpose of discussion involving proposed, pending, or current litigation at 7:36 PM.

Mr. Hirokawa motioned to adjourn into executive session.

Mr. Strang seconded the motion.

Motion carried: 4/0.

**6.0 Return to Open Session**

Mrs. Castle made a motion to return to open session at 8:24 PM.  
Mr. Hirokawa seconded the motion.  
Motion Carried: 5/0

## 7.0 Adjournment

Mr. Hirokawa made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:25 PM  
Mr. Strang seconded the motion.  
Motion Carried: 5/0

Respectfully Submitted:

*Heidi Hallock*

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.