

# WYNANTSKILL UNION FREE SCHOOL DISTRICT

## Regular Meeting of the Board of Education

August 12, 2021 @ 7:00 PM

Gardner-Dickinson School Media Center

### Minutes

#### 1.0 Call to Order and Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag

##### 1.1 Call to Order the Regular Meeting of the Board of Education

Regular meeting of the Board of Education was called to order at 7:03 PM by Mr. Lanesey.

##### 1.2 Record of Attendance

Mrs. Castle	Present
Mr. Hirokawa	Present
Mr. Lanesey	Present
Mrs. Mack	Present
Mr. Strang	Present

##### 1.3 Review of Agenda/Additions to Agenda

Dr. Yodis reviewed the agenda. Mrs. Hallock noted corrections to Item 3.11-change the spelling of Lance to Lantz, and Item 3.15 corrected the salary rate to \$15.33/hr.

##### 1.4 Approval of Minutes of Previous Meeting

###### a. July 6, 2021

Mr. Hirokawa made a motion to approve the minutes from the July, 6 2021 Regular and Annual Organizational Meetings. Mrs. Mack seconded the motion. Motion carried 5/0.

##### 1.5 Acceptance of Financial Reports

###### a. Internal Claims Auditor's Report (July 21 & August 21)

###### b. June Treasurer's Report with Budget Transfers

Extra Classroom Reports 6/30/21

Mr. Strang made the motion to approve the District Treasurer's Financial Reports. Mr. Hirokawa seconded the motion.  
Motion carried 5/0.

#### 1.6 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

James, a concerned citizen, addressed the Board of Education regarding mask protocols for students. He cited articles on the detrimental effects of masks on children. Dr. Yodis explained the CDC guidance, and the regional efforts with QUESTAR component districts and the Department of Health regarding safety protocols. James asked the Board to reconsider the requirement for masks in the coming school year.

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

#### 2.1 Board of Education Reports & Updates

There were no reports or updates from the Board of Education.

#### 2.2 District / Superintendent Program Report

Dr. Yodis reviewed the ongoing effort to obtain solid guidance from the Department of Education and the Department of Health for updated reopening protocols. Through QUESTAR, the regional superintendents have drafted some common guidelines. Building level decisions will be left to the individual districts. A reopening meeting with faculty and staff is scheduled for Monday, August 16. This will be an opportunity to brainstorm ideas based on existing guidelines, and building level needs.

#### 2.3 Principal's Report

Principal Cornell was not present. Dr. Yodis reported that the primary focus has been on hiring for the upcoming school year.

#### 2.4 PTA / SEPTA Update

PTA see attached report.

SEPTA had nothing to report.

### **3.0 Appointments and Authorizations**

**Consent agenda 3.1 – 3.15**

- 3.1 Approve CSE/CPSE Recommendations as per attached.
- 3.2 Approve the 2022-2023 Budget Development Calendar.
- 3.3 Approve Athletic Handbook for the 2021-2022 school year.
- 3.4 Accept the resignation of Keith Bateman, Physical Education Teacher, effective August 10, 2021.
- 3.5 Accept the resignation of Delmarie Moore, Teacher Aide, effective July 21, 2021.
- 3.6 Accept the resignation of Joseph Miller, Bus Driver, effective July 30, 2021.
- 3.7 Accept the resignation of Patricia Rowe, Teacher Aide, effective August 26, 2021.
- 3.8 Appoint John Lantz, for a one-year temporary assignment as a Fifth Grade Teacher for the 2021-2022 school year, effective September 1, 2021 @ Step 2 as per the WTA Contract.
- 3.9 Appoint Sara Friday, for a one-year temporary assignment as a 3rd Grade Teacher for the 2021-2022 school year, effective September 1, 2021 @ Step 2 as per the WTA Contract.
- 3.10 Appoint Bethany Mueller, School Psychologist, as CSE/CPSE chairperson for the 2021-2022 school year as per the WTA contact.
- 3.11 Appoint the following Extra Curricular appointments for the 2021-22 school year as per the WTA Contract:

<b>Athletic Chaperone</b>	Dan Disotto Amy Murphy
<b>Dance Chaperone</b>	Amy Murphy
<b>Boys' Soccer Coach</b>	John Lantz Benjamin Pitan
<b>Girls' Soccer Coach</b>	Michelle French

- 3.12 Appoint probationary Bus Drivers, at the base new hire rate of \$19.00 an hour, effective September 1, 2021.

<b>Drivers</b>	Robert Rowe Patricia Rowe
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- 3.13 Appoint Erica Cowthon, Teacher Assistant, effective September 1, 2021 for a 1 year temporary term, concluding on June 23, 2022 as per WTA contract.
- 3.14 Appoint Lynne Denny, full-time Teacher Aide at a rate of \$16.33/hour, effective September 1, 2021.
- 3.15 Appoint Eric Riggins, Substitute Building and Grounds, at a rate of \$15.33/hour, retroactive July 19, 2021.

Mr. Strang made a motion to approve Consent agenda items 3.1-3.15. Mr. Hirokawa seconded the motion.

**Discussion:** Dr. Yodis and the Board of Education expressed their gratitude to Keith Bateman, Delmarie Moore, Joe Miller and Patricia Rowe for their service to the District and wished them well in future endeavors. Mrs. Rowe will continue to serve the District as a new member of the transportation department. Sara Friday, who was present at the meeting, was welcomed to her new teaching position.

Motion carried 5/0.

- 3.16 Whereas the Board of Education of Wynantskill Union Free School District has been by the voters at the Annual District Meeting to raise for the current budget of the 2021-2022 school year a sum not to exceed \$5,663,056. Therefore, be it resolved, that the board fix the equalized tax rates by towns and confirm the extension of taxes as they appear on the following tax roll:

Town	Total Assessed Levy Value	Equalization Rate	Tax Rate	2021-2022 School Levy By Town
Brunswick	\$2,900	23.50%	\$80.09	\$232.29
No. Greenbush	\$63,842,649	21.25%	\$88.57	\$5,658,172.37

Poestenkill	\$55,600	22.50%	\$83.65	\$4,651.34
Total	\$63,901,149			\$5,663,056.00

And be it hereby directed that the tax warrant of this board, duly signed shall be affixed to the above-described tax rolls authorizing the collection of said taxes to begin September 1, 2021 and end October 31, 2021, giving the tax warrant and effective period of sixty days at the expiration of which time the tax collector shall make an accounting in writing to the board:

And it is further directed that the delinquent tax penalties be fixed as follows:

- 1st 30 days' penalty-free period;
- 2nd 30 days' interest of 2 percent added.

Mrs. Mack made a motion to approve Consent Agenda items 3.16. Mr. Hirokawa seconded the motion.

**Discussion:** District Treasurer, Mary Ellen Angrisano, reviewed the formulas and figures presented in the chart.

Motion carried 5/0.

#### 4.0 Informational

4.1 Regular BOE Meeting September 23, 2021@ 7 pm

4.2 Opportunity for the Public to be Heard

Mrs. Castle asked about the technology disposal initiative. Dr. Yodis reported that several families were able to use the technology the District had identified for disposal, and the remaining items were being processed by a recycling business.

#### 5.0 Request for Executive Session

**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)).

No request was made for an Executive Session.

## **6.0 Return to Open Session**

## **7.0 Adjournment**

Mrs. Castle made a motion to adjourn at 7:33 pm.  
Mr. Strang second 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.