

WYNANTSKILL UNION FREE SCHOOL DISTRICT

Special Meeting of the Board of Education

August 23, 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 Special Meeting of the Board of Education

Special Meeting of the Board of Education was called to order at 7:02 p.m. by Mr.Lanesey.

1.2 Record of Attendance

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

1.3 Review of Agenda/Additions to Agenda

Dr. Yodis reviewed the agenda.

1.4 Approval of Minutes of Previous Meeting

a. August 12, 2021

Tabled the minutes until the September meeting

1.5 Visitors and Communication

a. Communications to the Board of Education- None

b. Opportunity for the Public to be Heard - No

2.0 Reports to the Board of Education

2.1 Board of Education Reports & Updates

2.2 District / Superintendent Program Report - Shared the back-to-school reopening plans.

See attached letter from Dr. Yodis.

3.0 Appointments and Authorizations

Consent agenda 3.1 – 3.13

3.1 BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education of the Wynantskill Union Free School District hereby appoints and employs John Lantz to a term position as a Fifth Grade Teacher, for a term not to exceed September 1, 2021 to June 30, 2022. This is a term appointment and is not a probationary appointment. It is specifically acknowledged that John Lantz has agreed to waive any rights he may have to a probationary appointment and consideration for tenure and such agreement is evidenced by a writing signed by both parties. This resolution shall supersede any prior resolution appointing Mr. Lantz to employment.

3.2 BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education of the Wynantskill Union Free School District hereby appoints and employs Sara Friday to a term position as a Third Grade Teacher, for a term not to exceed September 1, 2021 to June 30, 2022. This is a term appointment and is not a probationary appointment. It is specifically acknowledged that Sara Friday has agreed to waive any rights she may have to a probationary appointment and consideration for tenure and such agreement is evidenced by a writing signed by both parties. This resolution shall supersede any prior resolution appointing Ms. Friday to employment.

3.3 BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education of the Wynantskill Union Free School District hereby appoints and employs Erica Cawthon to a term position as a Middle School CTE and ELA Teacher, for a term not to exceed September 1, 2021 to June 30, 2022. This is a term appointment and is not a probationary appointment. It is specifically acknowledged that Erica Cawthon has agreed to waive any rights she may have to a probationary appointment and consideration for tenure and such agreement is evidenced by a writing signed by both parties.

3.4 Approve a leave of absence for Alicia Travis, from her role as Teacher Aide, to fulfill a student teaching requirement, effective September 7, 2021 thru December 10, 2021.

3.5 RESOLVED, that the Board of Education hereby creates 1.0 FTE Physical Education position effective September 1, 2021. Be it further resolved that the Board of Education approve and appoint Jeffrey Muller for a four-year probationary term as a full-time Physical Education Teacher, effective September 1, 2021 @ Step 2 as per the WTA Contract.

3.6 Appoint Kate Mercado as part-time, probationary Teacher Aide effective September 1, 2021 for 6.5 hrs./day, at a rate of \$16.33/hr., per the WTAA contract.

3.7 Appoint Joyce Lanese as part-time, probationary Teacher Aide effective September 1, 2021, for 6.5 hrs./day at a rate of \$16.33/hr., per the WTAA contract.

3.8 Appoint Nicole Manzer as a probationary Bus Driver, at the base new hire rate of \$19.00 an hour, effective September 1, 2021.

3.9 Appoint Nicole Manzer as a part-time Teacher Aide, for 2 hours a day at the rate of \$16.33/hr. for the 2021-2022 school year.

3.10 Appoint Patricia Rowe as a part-time Teacher Aide, for 2 hours a day at the rate of \$19.00/hr. for the 2021-2022 school year.

3.11 Appoint the following Extra-Curricular appointment for the 2021-22 school year as per the WTA Contract:

Soccer Coach	Jeff Muller
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3.12 Appoint substitutes for the 2021-2022 school year:

Non- Certified Building Substitute at a rate of \$92/day Substitute Teachers Aide/Non-Certified Teacher, Clerical, Recess, and Kitchen
Karina Baranski
Brandon Crosier
Sarah Flagg
Stephanie Green
Hanah Godson
Sonya Hanlon
Maria Rice
Stephanie Ryan
Samantha Schmidt

Certified Teacher Substitute at a rate of \$102/day.
Hailey Shoemaker

Substitute Bus Driver at a rate of \$18/hour.
Brenda Alderman

3.13 Accept the resignation of Kate Morgan, Teacher Aide, effective August 23, 2021.

3.14 Approve the disposal of 300 orange chairs.

Mrs. Mack made a motion to approve consent agenda items 3.1-3.6 & 3.8-3.14. Mrs. Castle seconded the motion.

Motion carried 4/0.

Mrs. Castle made a motion to approve consent agenda items 3.7. Mr. Hirokawa seconded the motion. Mr. Lanesey recused himself.

Motion carried 3/0.

4.0 Informational

4.1 Regular BOE Meeting September 23, 2021 @ 7 pm

4.2 Opportunity for the Public to be Heard

Mr. Akots- Shared that adversity has happened in the past for years and that he is looking forward to moving ahead and having the best physical education program possible next year with GD's newly appointed PE teacher. He believes that is all about ensuring that when kids come around the corner of the hallway towards the gym, that they have big smiles on their faces.

Mr. and Mrs. Carey- shared concerns about lack of communication last year from teachers in the middle school with COVID restrictions and lack of parent-teacher open house events. He also shared concerns that push-in AIS services were not provided at the elementary level. Mr. Carey is concerned that children will have to wear masks in school, especially kindergarten students.

Dr. Yodis appreciated the feedback and stressed that the district will be working with all teachers on how to increase the communication on student progress and all issues more efficiently and effectively as we move into another challenging year when visitations to the school may be limited once again. She also explained that additional faculty were hired in order to restore AIS services while still allowing small class sizes at all grade levels. As far as masks in schools, Dr. Yodis explained that it is looking like a NYS mandate coming soon but stressed that since desks are going to be 6 feet apart, we would be able to take more masks breaks than if we were 3 feet apart. Kindergarten students were resilient and did a better job wearing their masks than the middle school students.

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. 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 -8:19pm

7.0 Adjournment

Mr. Hirokawa made a motion to adjourn at 8:19 pm.

Mrs. Mack seconded the motion.

Motion carried 4/0.

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.