

WYNANTSKILL UNION FREE SCHOOL DISTRICT
The Board of Education
May 5, 2022
Budget Hearing @ 7:00 PM
Gardner-Dickinson School Media Center
Agenda

1.0 Call to Order and Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag

The meeting was called to order at 7:02 pm by Mr. Lanese

1.1 Recording of Attendance

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

1.2 Review of Agenda/Additions to Agenda

Dr. Yodis reviewed the agenda with no changes to the posted agenda.

2.0 Budget Hearing

Dr. Yodis shared presented the proposed budget in 3 parts; administrative, program, & capital. She began with the administrative budget which includes the superintendent, principal, and business office staff. She noted that the \$79,499 variance from last year was due to the addition of to full-time administrative secretary, data coordinator expenses, and employee benefits.

This program budget includes all staff salaries including bus drivers as well as increases from the NYS retirements systems, worker's compensation, and health/dental benefits. She noted that the variance of \$173,714 is actually less of an increase to the program budget than we typically see due to some teachers' retirements.

The capital budget is the operation of the plant which includes capital project construction.

Custodial benefits are included in this budget. The change in staffing, and structure of the custodial team resulted in a variance of -\$21,500.

This year's overall increase of \$231,713 is lower than average. The efficiency study conducted with consultant John Yagelski, utilization of retirement opportunities, grant opportunities, and consequent changes in staffing have allowed for the addition of more supports and services to students and staff with a lower than average increase to the budget.

Mr. Lanese noted that there will be the following budget propositions on the ballot:

- PROPOSITION #1, the 2022-2023 Budget as recommended by the Administration as follows: Shall the Board of Education of the Wynantskill Union Free School District, Rensselaer County, New York be authorized to expend the total amount of \$10,380,611.00 during the school year 2022-2023 and to levy the necessary tax, therefore.

- PROPOSITION #2, the 2022-23 Bus Proposal as recommended by the Administration as follows: Shall the Board of Education of the Wynantskill Union Free School District, Rensselaer County, New York be authorized to (1) up to two SCHOOL BUSES, at a maximum aggregate cost of \$179,165.00 (2) expend such sum, or so much thereof as shall be necessary; and (3) shall be paid from the current appropriation.

Dr. Yodis and the Board of Education offered thanks to the district treasurer, Mary Ellen Angrisano (Belle), for all of her assistance with the budget.

3.0 Meet the Candidates

Board of Education recumbent candidates Cathleen Castle and Andrew Laneseey were present.

CATHLEEN A CASTLE

Having lived in Wynantskill since 1977, my children both graduated from Gardner Dickinson School. As someone who was always involved in the school community during their time, I welcomed the opportunity to once again be an active participant in the school district, which my grandsons attend, as a member of the Board of Education. With your support, I am seeking reelection for another term.

COVID certainly provided challenges over the past two years, but our school community stayed strong and worked together to move forward in a safe learning environment. However, since many students were challenged during that time, it is important to continue to provide services and supports to meet the needs of all children regardless of their abilities. I will work with and support the administration to provide appropriate programming while also being fiscally responsible and responsive to our students and families.

ANDREW LANESEY

Hello, friends and neighbors of Wynantskill. My name is Andrew (Andy) Laneseey and I am running for re-election to the Board of Education for the Wynantskill UFSD. I have been a nearly lifelong resident myself, growing up in the halls of Gardner-Dickinson. I am a 21 plus years employee of New York State's Office of State Comptroller. My wife Joyce and I are proud that we are able to raise our children in such a great community. As a father of four beautiful children, I feel that it is especially important for our young minds to develop excellence in essential learning habits, critical thinking, leadership skills, and the means to be successful in life, starting from an early age. I feel that the small school setting that our great district provides is key to that success. It is with appreciation that I ask for your support in my bid for re-election to a seat on the Board of Education for the Wynantskill UFSD.

4.0 Informational

4.1 Annual School Board Election and Budget Vote May 17, 2022 Noon to 9 pm

4.2 Regular BOE Meeting May 19, 2022, @ 7 pm

4.3 Opportunity for Public Comment

Mrs. Castle made a motion to enter into executive session at 7:50 pm.

Mrs. Mack seconded the motion.

Motion carried 3/0.

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 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 the open session at 8:44 pm.

Mrs. Mack seconded the motion.

Motion carried 3/0.

7.0 Adjournment

Mrs. Mack made a motion to return to adjourn at 8:45 pm.

Mrs. Castle seconded the motion.

Motion carried 3/0.

Respectfully submitted,

Heidi Hallock

Clerk of the Board
For BOE Approval 5/19/22

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.