

WYNANTSKILL UNION FREE SCHOOL DISTRICT
Regular Meeting of the Board of Education
June 16, 2022, @ 7:00 PM

Meeting 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 7:00 PM, by Mr. Lanesey.

1.1 Record of Attendance

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

1.2 Review of Agenda/Additions to Agenda

- Dr. Yodis stated we are planning for next year & looking forward to the presentation from Rick Timbs who has been working hard all year to give us a 5-year plan.

1.3 Approval of Minutes of Previous Meeting

- a. Regular meeting of the Board of Education, May 19, 2022.

Mrs. Mack made a motion to approve the May 19, 2022, Board of Education Regular Meeting. Mrs. Castle seconded the motion.

Motion Carried: 5/0

1.4 Acceptance of Financial Reports

- a. Internal Claims Auditor's Report (May 2022)
- b. Monthly Treasurer's Report with Budget Transfers
- c. Long Range Budget Outlook Study by Rick Timbs

Mrs. Castle made a motion to approve Financial Reports for the Internal Claims Auditor's Report (May 2022) and the Monthly Treasurer's Report with Budget Transfers. Mr. Hiraokawa seconded the motion.

Motion Carried: 5/0

Mr. Timbs, from R.J. Timbs, Inc. went over our 5-year financial plan.

Mrs. Mack made a motion to approve the Long Range Budget Outlook Study. Mr. Hiraokawa seconded the motion.

2.0 Reports to the Board of Education

2.1 Board of Education Reports & Updates

Mr. Lanese stated he would not be seeking another term as President. Would like to possibly be Vice-President.

2.2 District/Superintendent Program Report

Dr. Yodis stated that we had 2 lockdown drills this past week back to back at times where they have not been done before, lunch and recess. Thank you to NGPD and NYSP.

Dr. Yodis thanked everyone for a wonderful school year. We pushed through COVID.

2.3 Principal's Report

Mrs. Cornell stated that when we returned from Memorial Day break, the students and teachers jumped right into end-of-the-year assessments. Students took the NWEA math and ELA benchmark tests, along with our IXL diagnostic exam and Fountas and Pinnell reading. I will be meeting with our Academic Interventionists, Peter Mesh, Katie Sheehan, and Judy Dutton to look over our data to make informed decisions about our AIS programming for next year.

This month our talented students performed in the talent show, thank you to Darcy, for sharing your knowledge and passing it on to some new folks to keep going for years to come. Last week the elementary students had a blast during field day. There were relay races, tennis, kickball, a water slide, and make your own sundaes. The middle schoolers also enjoyed themselves on their field trip to Grafton State Park. There, they enjoyed a day of hiking, volleyball, swimming, and bonding with friends. Our Arts in Education committee sponsored our Petting Zoo on Monday, with a rabbit, chickens, horse, pony, and mischievous goats. Although this was an elementary school event, I couldn't help but let the middle schoolers visit during recess and they loved it!

2.4 Buildings & Grounds

Dr. Yodis stated they we are still moving ahead with the floor repairs and refinishing. Took away the 6 feet markers.

2.5 PTA / SEPTA Update

Mrs. Cornell stated that the next PTA meeting will be next week.

SEPTA

Nothing to report

3.0 Appointments and Authorizations

Consent agenda 3.1

3.1 Approve CSE/CPSE Recommendations as per attached.

Mr. Strang made a motion to approve the CSE/CPSE Recommendations as attached.
Mr. Hirakawa seconded the motion.

Appointments and Authorizations

Consent agenda 3.2- 3.22

3.2 Approve letter of resignation of Hannah Godson as a teacher's aide effective June 23, 2022.

3.3 Approve the appointment of Kyle Barber as Communications Specialist at \$20 per hour for special assignments, June 21 through June 30, 2022, and for the 2022-2023 school year at a yearly salary of \$50,000.00, effective July 1, 2022.

3.4 Approve the appointment of Erin Pengel as an Elementary Teacher for the 2022-2023 school year at Step 9, as per the WTA contract, effective September 1, 2022.

3.5 Approve the appointment of Meaghan Doherty as Occupational Therapist at \$56,883.00, effective September 1, 2022.

3.6 Approve the appointment of Ruth Richardson (Pratt) as a certified substitute teacher for the 2022-23 school year.

3.7 Approve the appointment of Roberta (Robyn) Gillis as a non-certified substitute teacher for the 2022-23 school year, beginning September.

3.8 Approve Funding of District Reserves using excess fund balance.

3.9 Approve 3-year employment agreements for 10 and 12-month employees.

3.10 Approve an increase in salary of 3% for school principal for the 2022-2023 school year.

3.11 Approve Head of Buildings, Grounds & Transportation to auction off a salter attachment from an obsolete Ventrac tractor.

3.12 Approve the recycling of old VHS & DVD players and picture tube televisions as electronic waste (20 each).

3.13 Approve the disposal of 847 Math In Focus Workbooks, Teachers' Editions and Teacher Resources books.

3.14 Approval to dispose of 108 titles from the library. Some were damaged during circulation and others were strategically removed in an effort to keep the collection up-to-date and relevant. (See attached)

3.15 Accept the bid and the contract between the District and Yankee Trails for the storage, maintenance, and repair of our fleet of 20 buses, as per the attached proposal.

3.16 Approve Amy Murphy (School Counselor) for up to ten days of summer work at a daily rate as per the WTA contract, and as needed/requested by the Superintendent.

3.17 Appoint Eric Audi as a Food Service Worker at a rate of 16.82/hr., 4 hours per day, for the 2022-2023 school year.

3.18 Appoint Tina Albert Cafeteria Worker at a rate of \$18.28/hr for the 2022-2023 school year.

3.19 Appoint Brenda Vermilya as Part-Time FTE (.6) School Nurse @ St. Jude beginning 9/1/2022- 6/30/23 @ Step 12 (pro-rated).

3.20 Appoint Michael Goyer as a Transportation Consultant at a rate of \$50.00/hour as needed for the 2022-2023 school year, not to exceed \$30,000.00.

3.21 Appoint Summer School Bus Drivers as per the attached assignments/rates:

a. Allison Smith, 7/6/22-8/16/22, 30 days, 4 hrs/day, \$19.72/hr (Wildwood)

b. Nicole Manzer, 7/5/22-8/12/22, 29 days, 4 hrs/day, \$19.72/hr (Easter Seals)

c. Bob Cushing, 7/12/22-8/18/22, 18 days, 4 hrs/day, \$21.85/hr (NGCSD -Summer Camp),

and Bus Driver Trainer, as needed, at \$26.85/hour, beginning 6/24/2022

d. Debbie Hayes, 7/5/22-8/15/22, 30 days, 4 hrs/day, \$21.85/hr (LR - WSL ES Summer)

e. Chuck Claus, Substitute Driver as needed, \$22.95/hr

3.22 Appoint Neal Benassi as Summer Bus Aide for 7/6/22 - 8/16/22, 30 days, 4 hrs/day, \$20.75/hr (Wildwood).

Mrs. Mack made a motion to approve Consent Agenda Items 3.2-3.22.

Mr. Hirokawa seconded the motion.

Motion Carried: 5/0

Dr. Yodis introduced both Erin Pengel and Sharon Sumner our new Pre-K teachers. We are excited to offer Pre School to all of our families. We have two smaller classes for Pre-K. Dr. Yodis stated that we have one student who is a tuition-paying student going into Pre-K. Happy that we are able to use some of that pre-k expansion funding that Rick was talking about earlier.

Dr. Yodis stated that we are looking at 19 Kindergarteners and 20-21 first graders. Kaelyn Madelone has applied to be a literacy coach to help out with the new Literacy program that we will be rolling out and she will be working with Suzann. Dr. Yodis mentioned that if we do not get more students for those grades, we would have a second teacher who will be co-teaching and pulling students from those grades to help out.

Dr. Yodis was excited to have a new Communications Specialist on board, Kyle Barber. We have not had a Communications Specialist since September. As you know we have been using Questar for at least 10 years. Excited about having really positive communication with families, social media etc.

Dr. Yodis mentioned Meaghan Doherty, Occupational Therapist, and that we have always contracted out for therapies because we are small and had a lot of inconsistencies. We supply St. Judes using Advance, so some students went months without services because they could not find people to help. Dr. Yodis went over the schedule of splitting her time with St. Jude, Little Red, and WUFSD. We will split the cost with Little Red.

Dr. Yodis advised the BOE that Rocco & Bob are working on cleaning up old TVs that Questar will take away at no cost. The cleaning out classrooms of old textbooks that have been obsolete for over 10 years.

Dr. Yodis talked about our new program, Fountas, and Pinell and that we have boxes and boxes of new materials to unpack. A couple of trainers from that program were flown in to train the teachers on June 6th and 7th.

Dr. Yodis mentioned the new contract with Yankee Trails and the benefits. She also thanked Mulson's Garage for the hard work they have done to keep up our buses and keep them in good shape over the last 50+ years. Yankee Trails will give us room to grow with all they have to offer. The transition with Yankee Trails should start next Thursday. Mr. Lanese asked Dr. Yodis how many bids we had received and Dr. Yodis stated that there was just one, Yankee Trails.

4.0 Informational

4.1 Organizational/Regular BOE Meeting July 5, 2022, @ 7 pm

4.2 Opportunity for the Public to be Heard

Sue Czubek asked about COVID updates regarding social distancing. Will the 6,7 & 8th graders have regular & gym lockers again? Will we get the cafeteria tables back?

Dr. Yodis responded that we have no updated guidance right now. We are still asking everyone to social distance by 3 feet. As far as the lockers we will have to wait to see what the state advises. The cafeteria right now holds 90 students for lunch as to only 40 with the cafe tables. Right now lunch is spread out from roughly 10:30 to 1:00 o'clock.

Kate Mercado was curious about field trips for next year, especially for the 8th graders. While the Dutch Apple Cruise is nice it is not like going to D.C.

Dr. Yodis responded by saying that we really can't address that right now and that Mrs. Cornell will be meeting with teachers to discuss that.

Mr. Strang asked about advisors for next year and fundraising. Dr. Yodis stated that contracts were sent out for next year.

Michael Myer offered his services to join a committee for transitioning to electric buses that the State is requiring in the near future.

5.0 Request for Executive Session

Mrs. Mack motioned to enter into Executive Session for recommended action #6 at 9:03 p.m.

Mr. Hirokwa seconded the motion

Motion carried 5/0

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 motioned to return to open session at 9:50 p.m.

Mrs. Mack seconded the motion.

Motion carried 5/0

7.0 Adjournment

Mrs. Mack motioned to adjourn at 9:51 p.m.

Mrs. Castle seconded the motion

Motion carried 5/0

Respectfully submitted,

Barbara J. Miller
Clerk of the Board

For BOA approval on July 5, 2022