

WYNANTSKILL UNION FREE SCHOOL DISTRICT
Regular Meeting of the Board of Education
August 25, 2022, @ 7:00 PM
Gardner-Dickinson School Library Media Center
Minutes

1.0 **Call to Order and The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag**

1.1 The Regular Meeting of the Board of Education was called order at 7:07p.m.

1.2 Record of Attendance

Mrs. Castle

Mr. Lanesey

Mrs. Mack

Mr. Strang

Mrs. Hurbanek

1.3 Review of Agenda/Additions to Agenda

Dr. Yodis reviewed the agenda with the Board. Mr. Lanesey asked that the revision from June be placed on the agenda as item 3.27.

1.4 BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education of the Wynantskill Union Free School District hereby appoints Nichole Hurbanek to fill the vacant Board of Education seat effective August 25, 2022, until the next general election.

Mrs. Castle made a motion to appoint Nichole Hurbanek to fill the vacant Board of Education seat, effective August 25, 2022, until the next general election.

Mr. Lanesey seconded the motion.

Motion passed 4-0.

a. The Oath of Faithful Performance in Office was administered to Mrs. Hurbanek.

1.5 Approval of Minutes of Previous Meeting

a. June 16, 2022 (with revision) July 5, 2022

Mr. Lanesey made a motion to accept the minutes from June 16, 2022 (with revision), and July 5, 2022.

Mrs. Castle accepted the motion,

Motion passed 5-0.

1.6 Acceptance of Financial Reports

a. Internal Claims Auditor's Reports (July 2022 & August 2022)

b. June & July Treasurer's Report with Budget Transfers

Quarterly Revenue Report June 30, 2022

Extra Classroom Quarterly Report June 30, 2022

c. Corrective Action Plan for the NYS Comptroller's Audit

Mr. Strang made a motion to accept the Financial reports.

Mrs. Castle seconded the motion.

Motion passed 5-0.

1.7 Visitors and Communication

- a. Communications: Edwin Anker presented the Building Condition Survey (including incidentals Budget Worksheet) with the Board of Education and offered suggestions as to what anticipated trouble areas the building may be facing in the near future which would need attention. Ed also discussed anticipated upcoming building project and estimated costs.
- b. Opportunity for the Public to be Heard: No one asked to speak at this time.

2.0 **Reports to the Board of Education**

2.1 Board of Education Reports & Updates

Mrs. Mack reported that the Board had just attended their annual retreat led by Lee Bordick just prior to the meeting and discussed areas that they will be working on as a Board.

2.2 District/Superintendent Program Report

Dr. Yodis spoke about the upcoming school year and the changes in the COVID protocols and how the staff and school community will adjust to the changes. Dr Yodis also discussed ways to provide remote instruction in the case a student does become ill as well as how the District will again this year have a COVID Coordinator to help with communication and reporting as needed (This will be available through funding from the county).

2.3 Principal's Report

Mrs. Cornell expressed her excitement about the opening of school. She stated she has given many tours to new incoming students who seem excited as well to begin at GD. Mrs. Cornell talked about the upcoming PTA day, and the two in person Open Houses which will take place in the first couple weeks of school. Mrs. Cornell also thanked Dr. Yodis for the Professional Development opportunities provided for teachers over the summer.

2.4 Building, Grounds & Transportation (Nothing to report at this time)

2.5 PTA/SEPTA Update (No reports at this time)

3.0 **Appointments and Authorizations (Consent Agenda 3.1 - 3.24)**

3.1 Approve CSE/CPSE Recommendations (No recommendations at this time)

3.2 Approval of the District-Wide School Safety Plan.

3.3 Approval of the Professional Development Plan.

3.4 Approval of the 2022-2023 Wynantskill UFSD Code of Conduct for staff, students, parents, visitors, and community members.

3.5 Approval of rates for New Drivers at \$19.57 per hour, and Driver Trainees at \$18.54 per hour for the 2022-2023 school year.

3.6 Approval of the following Extra-Curricular appointments for the 2022-2023 school year as per the WTA contract:

Tutor	Mary Therese Bucher
Chaperone	Mary Therese Bucher
8th Grade Advisor	Mary Therese Bucher
Girl's Soccer Coach	Kristen Parker

- 3.7 Approval of the Student and Adult Breakfast/Lunch prices for the 2022-2023 school year:
 Students: Breakfast- \$2.00 Adults: Breakfast- \$2.20 + .19 tax = \$2.39
 Lunch- \$3.30 Lunch- \$4.12 + .32 tax = \$4.44
- 3.8 BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education of the Wynantskill Union Free School District hereby appoints and employs Sarah Friday to a term position as a Special Education Teacher, for the maximum period September 1, 2022 to June 30, 2023, subject to earlier termination by the Board of Education. This is a term appointment and is not a probationary appointment. It is specifically acknowledged that Ms. Friday has agreed to waive any rights he/she may have to a probationary appointment and consideration for tenure and such agreement is evidenced by a writing signed by both parties. Ms. Friday will receive salary and benefits as outlined in the Letter Agreement by and between Ms. Friday and the Superintendent of Schools.
- 3.9 Appoint Kristen Parker as a full-time PE teacher effective August 31, 2022 @ Step 3 per the WTA Contract.
- 3.10 Appoint Roberta Gillis as a full-time teacher's aide effective August 31, 2022 for the 2022-2023 school year, at \$16.82 per hour.
- 3.11 Appoint Debra Baker as an aide, 6.5 hours per day at \$16.82 per hour for the 2022-2023 school year.
- 3.12 Appoint Sydney Geoghan as a part-time aide, 5 hours per day at \$16.82 per hour, for the 2022-2023 school year.
- 3.13 Appoint Michelle Eisendhandler as a bus driver and aide, effective August 31, 2022, at \$19.57/\$16.82 per hour (pending driver's test passage).
- 3.14 Appoint Christina Plath as a part-time aide for the 2022-2023 school year, at \$16.82 per hour.
- 3.15 Approval of Andrea LaCross as an aide, 1.5 hours per day at \$16.82 per hour for the 2022-23 school year.
- 3.16 Approval of Dom and Pat Martino as recess volunteers for the 2022-2023 school year.
- 3.17 Approval of Substitutes for the 2022-2023 school year as follows:

Karina Rodriquez - Non-Certified Substitute
Neil Bhutani - Non-Certified Substitute
James Trofa - Non-Certified Substitute
Logan Simonian - Non-Certified Substitute
Lindsay Becker - Substitute Aide
Nicole Manzer - Substitute Aide
Chelsi-Ann Bezjian - Non-Certified Substitute (pending fingerprint clearance)
Aleta Chapelle - Non-Certified Substitute (pending fingerprint clearance)
Shaye Gardinier Non-Certified Substitute
Jaye Evangelista - Certified Substitute

- 3.18 Approval of Jacob Fisch as a boys soccer coach for the 2022-2023 school year. (pending fingerprint clearance)
- 3.19 Approve the appointment of Jacob Ballmes as a full-time Occupational Therapist beginning September 6, 2022. at Step 3, as per the WTA contract.
- 3.20 Accept the resignation of Nicole Hurbanek from the Audit Committee, effective

immediately.

- 3.21 Appoint Michael Femia to the Audit Committee for the 2022-2023 school year.
- 3.22 Accept the letter of resignation from Meghan Doherty as the Occupational Therapist, effective August 3, 2022.
- 3.23 Accept the letter of resignation from Lori Metallo-Hotaling as School Psychologist, effective August 30, 2022.
- 3.24 Accept the letter of resignation from Tricia Gibbs as School Nurse, effective September 16, 2022.

Mr. Lanesey made a motion to accept the consent agenda items 3.1 - 3.24.

Mr. Strang seconded the motion.

Motion passed 5-0.

- 3.25 BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education of the Wynantskill Union Free School District hereby accepts the recommendation of the Superintendent to terminate the employment of Barbara Miller, effective August 31, 2022.

Mrs. Castle made a motion to accept the recommendation of the Superintendent to terminate the employment of Barbara Miller, effective August 31, 2022.

Mr. Lanesey seconded the motion.

Motion carried 5-0.

- 3.26 Whereas the Board of Education of Wynantskill Union Free School District has been authorized by the voters at the Annual District Meeting to raise for the current budget of the 2022-2023 school year a sum not to exceed \$5,782,093.00. 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	2022-2023 Tax Rate	2022-2023 School Levy By Town
Brunswick	\$2,900	20.80%	\$94.51	\$274.11
North Greenbush	\$63,871,627	21.75%	\$90.39	\$5,776,196.08
Poestenkill	\$55,600	19.44%	\$101.13	\$5,622.67
Total	\$63,930,127			\$5,782,093

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, 2022, and end October 31, 2022, giving the tax warrant and effective period of sixty days at the expiration of which time the tax collector shall make accounting in writing to the board:

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

1st 30 days: No penalty

2nd 30 days: 2% Penalty

Mr. Lanese made a motion to accept the tax warrant and tax rates for the 2022-2023 tax year.

Mrs. Castle seconded the motion.

Motion passed 5-0.

- 3.27 Appoint Summer School Bus Drivers Allison Smith, 7/6/22-8/16/22, 30 days, 4 hrs/day, \$20.75/hr (Wildwood).

Mr. Lanese made the motion to appoint Allison Smith as summer driver, 7/6/22 - 8/16/22, 30 days, 4 hrs/day at \$20.75 per hour.

Mrs. Hurbanek seconded the motion.

Motion carried 5-0.

4.0 Informational

4.1 Regular BOE Meeting September 15, 2022, @ 7 pm

4.2 Opportunity for the Public to be Heard

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)).

Mr. Strang made a motion to go into Executive Session.

Mrs. Castle seconded the motion.

Motion carried 5-0.

6.0 Return to Open Session

7.0 Adjournment

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.

