

Wynantskill UNION FREE SCHOOL DISTRICT

Gardner-Dickinson School

Regular Meeting of the Board of Education
December 15th, 2022, @ 7:00 PM
Gardner-Dickinson School Library Media Center
Draft Minutes

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

1.1 Call to order the Regular Meeting of the Board of Education

Mrs. Mack called the meeting to order at 7:00pm.

1.2 Record of Attendance

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

1.3 Review of Agenda/Additions to Agenda

Rocco Persico's appointment was added to the agenda this afternoon, along with a WTA MOA and a leave of absence for Mark Ahern as they were all finalized just a few hours ago.

1.4 Royal Recognition

The Wynantskill UFSD would like to recognize the hard work and effort two members of the Building Care System crew have put into Gardner-Dickinson. Lynnwood Maye and Tim Murphy have been exceptional in their willingness to help maintain the cleanliness of the building and assist in opening the gym up for after-school facility use. Congratulations!

Mr. Tim Murphy gladly accepted the awards, mentioning he never expects any kind of recognition and they do this job because they love the building and the staff here at GD.

1.5 Approval of Minutes of Previous Meetings

a. November 17, 2022

Mrs. Hurbanek made a motion to approve the November 17th minutes. Mr. Strang seconded the motion. Motion passes 5/0.

1.6 Acceptance of Financial Reports

- a. Internal Claims Auditor's Report November 2022
- b. Monthly Treasurer's Report with Budget Transfers
- c. Yearly Tax Collection Report

Mr. Strang made a motion to approve the financial reports. Mr. Lanesey seconded the motion. Motion passes

5/0.

1.7 Visitors and Communications

a. Communications to the Board of Education
No communications.

b. Opportunity for the Public to be Heard
No one signed up at this time.

2.0 **Reports to the Board of Education**

2.1 Board of Education Reports & Updates

No updates at this time.

2.2 District/Superintendent Program Report

- The Capital Project vote passed by 85% and Dr. Yodis appreciates the support from the community. The project can now get underway. A thank you to Kyle Barber who designed the newsletter and saved the district money as that project always had to be contracted out.
- The Books & Basketballs event was a great time, so many students took home books and loved that chance to take multiple books and read them at home.
- A successful Lockdown drill occurred on Wednesday, and we thank the North Greenbush police for the assistance in the drill.
- Winter concerts will happen next week and Mrs. Vanmaastricht is hard at work getting them ready.

2.3 Principal's Report

No report at this time.

2.4 Building, Grounds & Transportation

Mr. Goyer presented the Transportation report.

- Bus 66 sold for \$7,800, which is far beyond what most buses go for.
- We are a part of the early group of stop-arm cameras, and they could possibly be installed in the second week of January.
- Electric buses are still being looked into and Mr. Goyer is trying to get any information the State will provide on how we can get moving toward switching to electric buses.
- Staffing is still a tough task. The appointment of Kathy Lavierdere on the board agenda is a big help but other drivers are retiring. Mr. Goyer mentions we are doing everything we can to figure out how to keep moving forward when staffing is this big of an issue.

Mr. Mazzarello presented the Buildings & Grounds report.

- The issues with the November Lockdown drill were addressed at this past drill, including changing some door handles and locks.
- Some rugs we have are not fire retardant, however, can be sprayed to make them fire retardant and will be an easy fix.
- The first snow removal went well, including the plowing of the parking lots.

2.5 PTA/SEPTA Update

The iSmile Studios Family Photo Night Fundraisers were sold out and were a great success!

3.0 Appointments and Authorizations

Consent agenda 3.1 - 3.12

- 3.1 Approve CSE/CPSE Recommendations as per attached.
- 3.2 Approve Sue Stoya as substitute principal retroactive for a period of 10 days, December 5th - 15th, at \$60/hr not to exceed \$3,730.00.
- 3.3 Approve the disposal of:

Taber's Cyclopedic Medical Dictionary, Edition 12 (1973)
The Merck Manual, 13th Edition (1977)
Webster's New World Dictionary (1979)
Physician's Desk Reference, 2006 Edition (2006)
Mayo Clinic Family Health Book, 2nd Edition (1996)

3.4 Policy Update- Second Reading & Adoption

9240 Recruiting and Hiring
9700 Staff Development
5153 Student Assignment to Classes
4000 Student Learning Standards and Instructional Guidelines
4511 Textbook Selection and Adoption

3.5 Approval of substitutes for the 2022-23 school year:

Maria Malatesta	Non-Certified Substitute Teacher
Erin Mahar	Non-Certified Substitute Teacher

3.6 Appoint Kathryn Laverdiere as a full-time bus driver at a rate of \$22.60/hr and an aide at a rate of \$16.82/hr effective January 2nd, 2023.

3.7 Approve a contract for Evening Custodial Services with Building Care Systems for the 2022-2023 school year @ \$8,558.33/month.

3.8 Approve leave of absence for Mark Ahern beginning January 1st, 2023, and ending on April 10, 2023.

3.9 Approve MOA between Wynantskill UFSD and the WTA regarding retirement plan incentives.

3.10 Appoint Rocco Persico as School Psychologist .8 FTE effective January 3rd, 2023 at step 23 pro rated, per WTA contract.

3.11 Appoint Rocco Persico as alternate CSE/CPSE Chairperson at no additional stipend.

3.12 Declare the following item(s) as surplus

Piano (SKU A00077, 1106)

Mr. Strang made a motion to accept the consent agenda. Mr. Lanese seconded the motion. Motion passes 5/0.

Dr. Yodis mentions that Rocco Persico has been on contract for the past couple of months and has been a fantastic addition, and staff only have the best words to say about his work here.

3.13 RESOLVED, that the Board of Education accepts the results of the December 13, 2022 district voting as follows:

PROPOSITION #1- Pass - 111 YES / 21 NO

“Shall the Board of Education of the Wynantskill Union Free School District be authorized to: (1) reconstruct, renovate, and construct improvements to the Gardner-Dickinson School building and facilities, undertake site work, and acquire original furnishings, equipment, machinery, apparatus, and appurtenances required for the purpose for which such building is to be used and pay costs incidental thereto, at a maximum cost of \$4,977,950; (2) expend \$1,334,728 from the District’s 2019 Capital Reserve Fund monies to pay a portion of the costs of such purpose; (3) levy the necessary tax therefore, to be levied and collected in annual installments in such years and in such amounts as may be determined by the Board of Education taking into account state aid and the amounts expended from the Capital Reserve Fund; and (4) in anticipation of the collection of such tax, issue bonds and notes of the School District at one time or from time to time in the principal amount not to exceed \$ 3,643,222, and the levy of a tax to pay the principal of and interest on said obligations when due?”

Mrs. Castle made a motion to accept the results of the Capital Project vote. Mrs. Hurbank seconded the motion. Motion passes 5/0.

4.0 Informational

- 4.1 Regular BOE Meeting January 19, 2023 @ 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. _____ 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 for an executive session.

6.0 Return to Open Session

7.0 Adjournment

Mr. Lanesey made a motion to adjourn at 7:48pm Mrs. Castle second the motion. Motion passed 5/0.

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.