

# Wynantskill UNION FREE SCHOOL DISTRICT

## Gardner-Dickinson School

Regular Meeting of the Board of Education  
January 19th, 2023, @ 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 Call to order the Regular Meeting of the Board of Education

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

#### 1.2 Record of Attendance

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

#### 1.3 Review of Agenda/Additions to Agenda

No new additions. Agenda includes some retirements and substitutes being approved.

#### 1.4 Royal Recognition

The Wynantskill UFSD would like to recognize Dom “M’er” Martino and Pat Martino for their longstanding support of not only Gardner-Dickinson but the entire Wynantskill community.

#### 1.5 Approval of Minutes of Previous Meetings

##### a. December 15th, 2022

Mrs. Hurbanek motioned to accept the Dec. 15th minutes. Mr. Lanese seconded.  
Motion passes 4/0

#### 1.6 Acceptance of Financial Reports

- a. Internal Claims Auditor’s Report December 2022
- b. Monthly Treasurer’s Report with Budget Transfers

Mr. Strang made a motion to accept the financial reports. Mrs. Hurbanek seconded the motion. Motion passes 4/0.

#### 1.7 Visitors and Communications

- a. Communications to the Board of Education
- b. Second Quarter Classroom Activity Fund (12/31/22)
- c. Quarterly Revenue Report (12/31/22)

d. Opportunity for the Public to be Heard

Ms. Dinan

- commends the Royal Recognition for Mr. and Mrs. Martino as she details the values that Dom and Pat personify.
- She congratulates Mrs. Horacek on a great career and specifically mentions her humor and wit.
- Notes that BOE agendas should be posted two days prior to the meeting as per policy.

2.0 **Reports to the Board of Education**

2.1 Board of Education Reports & Updates

No reports at this time.

2.2 District/Superintendent Program Report

- Dr. Yodis is excited to have Joyce Lanese begin her bus driver training as she is doing a wonderful job, and will hopefully start in the spring. Three other potential candidates have been interviewed and also look promising. Kathy Laverdiere has been a great addition to our transportation team.
- Science club is wrapping up and was a great experience for the students, and Lego club will begin soon, which many students are excited about.
- This Friday the school will be celebrating national fun at work day, many activities are planned including a big game of Family Feud and a photo booth set up for the day.
- The transportation department will also be joining the school for a breakfast tomorrow to honor the retirement of Tony C.

2.3 Principal's Report

F&P training was today, Pre-K - 5 worked together with the new guided reading program.

2.4 Building, Grounds & Transportation

2.5 PTA/SEPTA Update

Mr. Lanese asked about sending out a message of some kind when we have delays and/or early dismissal in regard to schools that we transport to, even when those schools don't have a delay/early dismissal. Dr. Yodis discussed this matter with Mr. Goyer earlier this week and will work on a solution/notification.

3.0 **Appointments and Authorizations**

**Consent agenda 3.1 - 3.5**

3.1 Approve Kathy Laverdiere for retroactive aide work from 12/19/22 - 12/22/22 at a rate of \$16.82/hr

3.2 Approval of chaperones for the 2022-23 school year as per WTA contract

John Lantz (retroactive 1/13/23)
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3.3 Approval of substitutes for the 2022-23 school year

Joshua White (retroactive 1/18/23)	Non-Certified Substitute Teacher (rate of \$100/day)
Angel Clark (pending fingerprint clearance)	Non-Certified Substitute Teacher (rate of \$100/day)
Jason Alston (pending fingerprint clearance)	Substitute Maintenance/Painter (rate of \$40/hr)

Mirevic Centeno (retroactive 1/13/23)	Non-Certified Substitute Teacher (rate of \$100/day)
Michael Klein	Certified Substitute Teacher (rate of \$110/day)
Gregory Castoria (pending fingerprint clearance)	Non-Certified Substitute Teacher (rate of \$100/day)
Sam Molik (pending fingerprint clearance)	Non-Certified Substitute Teacher (rate of \$100/day)

3.4 Accept the resignation of Tony Ciampolillo from the position of Bus Driver for the purpose of retirement effective January 27th, 2023.

3.5 Accept the resignation of Laura Horacek for the purpose of retirement effective June 30th, 2023.

Mrs. Hurbanek made a motion to approve the consent agenda. Mr, Strang seconded. Motion passes 4/0. The board sends congratulations to Tony and Laura on their retirements!

Dr. Yodis comments that we are bringing on more subs continuously as others go back to school or accept positions elsewhere, but the candidates we find are awesome, and she can't wait for them to start.

3.6 Appoint Joyce Lanese as a bus driver trainee at a rate of \$18.54 retroactive to January 5th, 2023

Mr. Strang made a motion to approve item 3.6. Mrs. Hurbanek seconded the motion. Mr. Lanesey abstained. Motion passes 3/0.

#### **4.0 Informational**

4.1 Regular BOE Meeting February 16, 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 executive session.

## **6.0 Return to Open Session**

## **7.0 Adjournment**

Mr. Lanesey made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:26pm. Mr. Strang seconded the motion. Motion passes 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.