

# Wynantskill UNION FREE SCHOOL DISTRICT

## Gardner-Dickinson School

Regular Meeting of the Board of Education  
February 16th, 2023, @ 7:00 PM  
Gardner-Dickinson School Library Media Center

### Agenda

- 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
  - 1.2 Record of Attendance
  - 1.3 Review of Agenda/Additions to Agenda
  - 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. January 19th, 2023
- 1.6 Acceptance of Financial Reports
  - a. Internal Claims Auditor’s Report January 2023
  - b. Monthly Treasurer’s Report with Budget Transfers
- 1.7 Visitors and Communications
  - a. Communications to the Board of Education
    - i. BOCES Annual Meeting Invitation
    - ii. Dan DiSotto - Athletics Update
  - b. Opportunity for the Public to be Heard

- 2.0 **Reports to the Board of Education**
  - 2.1 Board of Education Reports & Updates
  - 2.2 District/Superintendent Program Report
  - 2.3 Principal’s Report
  - 2.4 Building, Grounds & Transportation
  - 2.5 PTA/SEPTA Update

### 3.0 **Appointments and Authorizations**

#### Consent agenda 3.1 - 3.6

- 3.1 Approve CSE/CPSE Recommendations as per attached.
- 3.2 Approve 2023-2024 Board of Education Calendar
- 3.3 Appoint Kristen Parker as girl's softball coach for 2022-23 season as per WTA contract.
- 3.4 Approval of substitutes for the 2022-23 school year

<b>Non-Certified Substitute Teachers (\$100/day)</b>
Andrew Hoffman (retroactive 2/10/23)
Jeffrey Pierre-Louis (retroactive 2/9/23)
Belinda Freeman (retroactive 2/9/23)
Alexander Kirsch (pending fingerprints)
Jenna Fennelly
Meleigha Kugler

3.5 Accept the resignation of Karen Keane from the position of special education teacher for the purpose of retirement effective June 30, 2023

3.6 Appoint Tracy Owes as a full-time bus driver at a rate of \$22.60/hr retroactive 2/9/23 and aide at a rate of \$16.82/hr.

3.7

APPROVE A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE WYNANTSKILL UNION FREE SCHOOL DISTRICT, RENSSELAER COUNTY, NEW YORK, TO PAY THE COST TO RENOVATE, RECONSTRUCT AND CONSTRUCT IMPROVEMENTS TO THE GARDNER-DICKINSON SCHOOL BUILDING AND FACILITIES, AT A MAXIMUM ESTIMATED COST OF \$4,977,950 AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$3,643,222 SERIAL BONDS OF SAID SCHOOL DISTRICT TO PAY A PORTION OF THE COST THEREOF.

WHEREAS, at the Special District Election held on December 13, 2022, the qualified voters of the Wynantskill Union Free School District approved a proposition authorizing the School District to renovate, reconstruct and construct improvements to the Gardner-Dickinson School building and facilities, together with site work, and original furnishings, equipment, machinery, apparatus, appurtenances and incidental improvements and expenses in connection therewith, at a maximum estimated cost of \$4,977,950; and

WHEREAS, such project has been determined to be a "Type II Action" pursuant to the regulations of the State Environmental Quality Review Act promulgated pursuant to the State Environmental Quality Review Act the implementation of which as proposed it has been determined, as such, will not result in any significant adverse environment impact; and

WHEREAS, it is now desired to authorize said capital improvement and the financing thereof, NOW, THEREFORE,

BE IT RESOLVED, by the affirmative vote of not less than two-thirds of the total voting strength of the Board of Education of the Wynantskill Union Free School District, Rensselaer County, New York, as follows:

**Section 1.** The renovation, reconstruction and construction of improvements to the Gardner-Dickinson School building and facilities, together with site work and original furnishings, equipment, machinery, apparatus, appurtenances and incidental improvements and expenses in connection therewith, in and for the Wynantskill Union Free School District, Rensselaer County, New York, at a maximum estimated cost of \$4,977,950, is hereby authorized.

**Section 2.** The plan for the financing of the aforesaid \$4,977,950 maximum estimated cost shall consist of:

a) the issuance of not to exceed \$3,643,222 serial bonds of said School District hereby authorized to be issued therefor, pursuant to the provisions of the Local Finance Law; and

b) the expenditure of \$1,334,728, 2019 Capital Reserve Fund monies, hereby authorized to be expended therefor.

**Section 3.** It is hereby determined that the period of probable usefulness of the aforesaid specific object or purpose is thirty (30) years, pursuant to subdivision 97 of paragraph a of Section 11.00 of the Local Finance Law as a “school construction project eligible for the apportionment of aid” pursuant to Section 3602 (6) of the Education Law.

**Section 4.** The faith and credit of said Wynantskill Union Free School District, Rensselaer County, New York, are hereby irrevocably pledged for the payment of the principal of and interest on such bonds as the same respectively become due and payable. An annual appropriation shall be made in each year sufficient to pay the principal of and interest on such bonds becoming due and payable in such year. There shall annually be levied on all the taxable real property in said School District, a tax sufficient to pay the principal of and interest on such bonds as the same become due and payable.

**Section 5.** Subject to the provisions of the Local Finance Law, the power to authorize

the issuance of and to sell bond anticipation notes in anticipation of the issuance and sale of the bonds herein authorized, including renewals of such notes, is hereby delegated to the President of the Board of Education, the chief fiscal officer. Such notes shall be of such terms, form and contents, and shall be sold in such manner, as shall be prescribed by said President of the Board of Education, consistent with the provisions of the Local Finance Law.

**Section 6.** All other matters except as provided herein relating to the bonds herein authorized including the date, denominations, maturities and interest payment dates, within the limitations prescribed herein and the manner of execution of the same, including the consolidation with other issues, and also the ability to issue bonds with substantially level or declining annual debt service, shall be determined by the President of the Board of Education, the chief fiscal officer of such School District. Such bonds shall contain substantially the recital of validity clause provided for in Section 52.00 of the Local Finance Law, and shall otherwise be in such form and contain such recitals, in addition to those required by Section 51.00 of the Local Finance Law, as the President of the Board of Education shall determine consistent with the provisions of the Local Finance Law.

**Section 7.** The validity of such bonds and bond anticipation notes may be contested only if:

- 1) Such obligations are authorized for an object or purpose for which said School District is not authorized to expend money, or
- 2) The provisions of law which should be complied with as of the date of publication of this resolution are not substantially complied with, and an action, suit or proceeding contesting such validity is commenced within twenty days after the date of such publication, or
- 3) Such obligations are authorized in violation of the provisions of the Constitution.

**Section 8.** This resolution shall constitute a statement of official intent for purposes of Treasury Regulations Section 1.1502. Other than as specified in this resolution, no monies are, or are reasonably expected to be, reserved, allocated on a long-term basis, or otherwise set aside with respect to the permanent funding of the object or purpose described herein.

**Section 9.** This resolution, which takes effect immediately, shall be published in summary form in the official newspaper of said School District for such purpose, together with a notice of the School District Clerk substantially in the form provided in Section 81.00 of the Local Finance Law.

#### **4.0 Informational**

- 4.1 Regular BOE Meeting March 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)).

#### **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.