

**Board of Education**

Regular Meeting of the Board of Education  
April 20th, 2023, @ 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

Mrs. Mack called the meeting to order at 7pm

1.2 Record of Attendance

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

**2.0 PUBLIC HEARING - FIREFIGHTERS AND AMBULANCE TAX EXEMPTION**

**☐ Volunteer Firefighter & Ambulance Worker Tax Exemption Proposal - Wynantskill UFSD March 2023**

Mr. Lanese made a motion to close the public hearing at 7:08pm.

Mrs. Hurbanek seconded the motion.

Motion carries 4/0

**3.0 Call to Order**

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

Mrs. Mack called the regular meeting to order at 7:09pm

3.2 Review of Agenda/Additions to Agenda

No new additions to the agenda.

However, Dr. Yodis presented a surprise Royal Recognition to Mrs. Angrisano and Mr. Barber! Dr. Yodis referred to them and her left and right hands for the continuing support they each provide.

- Mrs Angrisano has been serving the district for 25 years and has always provided invaluable, trustworthy support and knowledge on budget issues. She is always ready to answer questions and provide clarifications as needed for board members as well.
- Mr Barber joined us last year and has worked diligently to increase communications and improve use of social media for district activities, provides support for board meetings and most recently actively getting students involved in media productions.

Dr. Yodis and the board recognize and appreciate each of them for their hard work. Congratulations!

### 3.3 Approval of Minutes of Previous Meetings

#### a. March 16, 2023

Mrs. Hurbanek made a motion to approve the March 16th minutes.

Mr. Lanesey seconded the motion.

Motion carries 4/0

### 3.4 Acceptance of Financial Reports

#### a. Internal Claims Auditor's Report March 2023

#### b. Monthly Treasurer's Report with Budget Transfers

#### c. Extra Classroom Report

Mr. Lanesey made a motion to accept the financial reports.

Mrs. Castle seconded the motion.

Motion carries 4/0

### 3.5 Visitors and Communications

#### a. Communications to the Board of Education

WTA wrote a note thanking the board for lunch on the staff Professional Development day in March. Each board member has to sign a party fraud questionnaire from the internal auditor.

#### b. Opportunity for the Public to be Heard

No one signed up at this time.

## 4.0 Reports to the Board of Education

### 4.1 Board of Education Reports & Updates

The New York State School Boards Assn. (NYSSBA) finished the review of all district policies, and provided comments as to whether they were ok as is, or additions needed. The policy committee can now begin their review..

### 4.2 District/Superintendent Program Report

#### a. Budget Presentation

 BOE Budget Presentation April 20, 2023 MINUTES

### 4.3 Principal's Report

- Gardner-Dickinson held a successful lockdown drill on Wednesday! The drill happened during a time the school has not practiced yet, which showed the school what things it needs to adjust to be the safest they can be!
- Little Red orientation was held on Wednesday, 5-6 families have already registered for next year.
- PreK and K orientation was held on Tuesday.

### 4.4 Building, Grounds & Transportation

Mr. Goyer:

- announced the arrival of a new bus that was on backorder from last year.
- We are stable on staffing, Joyce Lanesey got her license and started driving this week. Robert Zieske will be joining the staff soon if all of his testing goes well and will be available as a substitute. Mark Ahern has returned from his leave of absence.
- Vanderhyden requested transportation for their field trips. They also inquired about donating old buses.

#### 4.5 PTA/SEPTA Update

PTA: The Digital Safety Talk was held on April 4 and a North Greenbush officer was able to attend and discuss safety measures and prevention to take online. Additional information from National PTA was also presented.

SEPTA: 4 J's farms field trip on April 29.

#### 5.0 Appointments and Authorizations

##### Consent agenda 5.1 - 5.14

- 5.1 Approve CSE/CPSE Recommendations as per attached.
- 5.2 Approve Instructional Contract between Averill Park CSD and Wynantskill UFSD.
- 5.3 Accept a \$500 check from Utica National for the School Safety Excellence Award.
- 5.4 Approval of 2023-24 Non-Public Transportation Requests

Christian Brothers Academy- 2
Holy Names - 2
Lasalle Troy- 13
Latham Christian - 3
Our Savior Christian - 1
St. Judes - 4
St. Pius - 1
Susan O'Dell-Troy - 1
Woodland Hills Montessori - 2

5.5 Consideration for approval to adopt for presentation to the voters of the district, as PROPOSITION #1, the 2023-24 Budget as recommended by the Administration as follows: Shall the Board of Education of the Wynantskill Union Free School District, Rensselaer County, New York be authorized to expend the total amount of \$10,546,565 during the school year 2023-24 and to levy the necessary tax, therefore.

5.6 Consideration for approval to adopt for presentation to the voters of the district, as PROPOSITION #2, the 2023-24 Bus Proposal as recommended by Administration as follows: Shall the

Board of Education of the Wynantskill Union Free School District, Rensselaer County, New York be authorized to (1) acquire one SCHOOL BUS, at a maximum aggregate cost of \$146,000.00 (2) expend such sum, or so much thereof as shall be necessary; and (3) shall be paid from the current appropriation.

5.7 Accept the resignation of Suzann Cornell as Principal effective June 30, 2023.

5.8 Approve MOA between WTA and Wynantskill UFSD regarding teacher retirement incentives.

5.9 Accept the resignation of Lisa Hancock as middle school Spanish teacher for the purpose of retirement effective June 30, 2023.

5.10 Appoint Logan Simonian and Vincent Pettiti as Boys and Girls Basketball Club Coaches at \$30.00/hour not to exceed 15 hours.

5.11 Appoint John Lantz and Jacob Fisch as Boys and Girls Soccer Club Coach at \$30.00/hour not to exceed 15 hours.

5.12 Appoint Keith Akots and Rocco Mazzarello as assistant softball coaches at \$30.00/hour

5.13 Approve Transportation, Occupational Therapy, and Physical Education contract agreements with North Greenbush CSD.

5.14 Approval of Substitutes for the 2022-23 school year

<b>Non-Certified Substitute Teachers (\$100/day)</b>
Jennifer Pratt

Mrs. Castle made a motion to approve the consent agenda.

Mr. Lanese seconded the motion.

Motion Carries 4/0

- Dr. Yodis thanks Lisa Hancock for 17 years with the District! We wish her all the best and thank her for everything she's done for the District.
- Dr. Yodis commends the amazing performance from Principal Cornell, who looks to move on to a District Level position, as we wish her all the best!
- Dr. Yodis appreciates the help between Coach Akots and Mr. Mazzarello in their assistance with softball.

5.15 Appoint Joyce Lanese as a bus driver at a rate of \$19.57 retroactive to 4/18/23.

Mrs. Hurbanek made a motion to approve item 5.15.

Mrs. Castle seconded the motion.

Mr. Lanesey abstained.

Motion carries 3/0.

## **6.0 Informational**

6.1 Regular BOE Meeting May 18th, 2023 @ 7 pm

6.2 Questar III Budget Vote April 25, 2023, @ 8 am

6.3 Budget Hearing May 4, 2023 @ 7 pm

6.4 Budget Vote May 16, 2023 12-9 pm

6.5 Opportunity for the Public to be Heard.

Ms. Dinan:

- congratulates Mrs. Angrisano on 25 years in the District!
- encourages the board members to discuss the budget frequently so no one party influences the budget and commends using retirements in a positive way for the budget.
- is sorry to see Principal Cornell go as she has provided solid contributions to the school.

## **7.0 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. Lanesey made a motion to enter into executive session at 8:10pm.

Mrs. Castle seconded the motion.

Motion carries 4/0.

## **8.0 Return to Open Session**

Mrs. Castle made a motion to return to open session at 9:39pm.

Mr. Lanesey seconded the motion.

Motion carries 4/0.

## **9.0 Adjournment**

Mrs. Hurbanek made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:40pm.

Mr. Lanesey seconded the motion.  
Motion carries 4/0.