

Board of Education

Regular Meeting of the Board of Education
May 18th, 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 Approval of Minutes of Previous Meetings
 - a. Regular BOE Meeting April 20th, 2023
 - b. QUESTAR III Budget Vote, April 25, 2023
 - c. Budget Hearing, May 4, 2023

 - 1.5 Acceptance of Financial Reports
 - a. Internal Claims Auditor's Report April 2023
 - b. Monthly Treasurer's Report with Budget Transfers
 - c. Quarterly Revenue Status Report, 3/31/2023

 - 1.6 Visitors and Communications
 - a. Communications to the Board of Education
 - b. Ed Anker and Eric Robert - Capital Project Update
 - c. 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 - 3.7

- 3.1 Approve CSE/CPSE Recommendations as per attached.

- 3.2 Approve MOU between Wynantskill UFSD and WTA regarding CSE Chairperson

- 3.3 Approve Lauren Curran and Katie Sheehan as Running Club Coach at a rate of \$30/hr not to exceed 5 hours.

3.4 Declare the following as surplus:

School Bus 70 - 49,504 miles - some mechanical issues

3.5 Accept the resignation of Brenda Alderman as CSE Secretary effective May 26th, 2023

3.6 Appoint Robert Zieske as a bus driver at a rate of \$19.57/hr.

3.7 Appoint Sal Sceechitano as a bus driver trainee at a rate of \$18.54/hr

3.8 WHEREAS, pursuant to Real Property Tax Law Section 466-a, the Board of Education of the Wynantskill Union Free School District desires to offer a school tax exemption on the primary residence of eligible volunteer firefighters and ambulance workers residing within the school district and who have served a minimum of 2 years; and

WHEREAS, a public hearing was held on this matter on April 20th, 2023; and

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Board of Education hereby adopts the Property Tax Exemption for eligible volunteer firefighters and ambulance workers, permitting residential property exemptions of 10% for eligible volunteer firefighters and ambulance workers residing within the School District and who have served a minimum of 2 years.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that pursuant to Real Property Tax Law Section 466-a, the Board of Education shall provide a lifetime property tax exemption of 10% on the primary residence of eligible volunteer firefighters and ambulance workers with twenty (20) years of service within the school district and who maintain their primary residence within the same school district; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board of Education shall provide a property tax exemption of 10% to eligible un-remarried spouses of deceased eligible volunteer firefighters and ambulance workers, subject to the requirements of Real Property Tax Law Section 466-a; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board of Education shall provide a property tax exemption of 10% to eligible un-remarried spouses of deceased eligible volunteer firefighters and ambulance workers who died in the line of duty, subject to the requirements of Real Property Tax Law Section 466-a; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, this local law shall be effective immediately, available to eligible volunteer firefighter and ambulance workers for the 2023-2024 school year and shall continue until rescinded or amended by resolution of the Board of Education.

3.9 Approve the agreement between the Wynantskill UFSD teacher aides and the Chief Executive Officer of the Wynantkill UFSD.

3.10 RESOLVED, that the Board of Education hereby approves the memorandum of agreement by and between the Wynantskill Union Free School District and the Wynantskill Teachers' Association for a successor collective bargaining agreement covering the period of time commencing July 1, 2023 and ending June 30, 2026, and authorizes payment thereunder

3.11 RESOLVED: that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education hereby appoints Shannon Toomey as the PreK-8 Principal for a four-year probationary term effective July 1, 2023 and ending June 31, 2027, subject to the requirements of Education Law 3012-d, in the tenure area of PreK-8 Principal, and authorizes the terms and conditions of Ms. Toomey as it relates to her employment as PreK-8 principal, including any payment thereunder.

3.12 RESOLVED, that the Board of Education accepts the results of the May 16, 2023 district voting as follows:

PROPOSITION #1 - Passed-135 YES / 25 NO

PROPOSITION #1 the 2023-2024 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 2023-2024 and to levy the necessary tax therefore.

PROPOSITION #2 - Passed-132 YES / 29 NO

PROPOSITION #2, the 2023-24 Bus Proposal 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 (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.

BOARD OF EDUCATION-Reelected

Eric Strang 148 Votes

Nichole Hurbanek 143 Votes

3.13 Accept the resignation of Joyce Lanese as a full-time aide retroactive 4/18/23.

3.14 Appoint Joyce Lanese as a part-time recess aide retroactive 4/18/23.

3.15 Approve INTERMUNICIPAL AGREEMENT between Wynantskill UFSD and Rensselaer County Sheriffs for SRO (3 years).

4.0 Informational

4.1 Regular BOE Meeting June 15th, 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 potential; empower all to achieve personal excellence; and encourage a lifelong love of learning.