

Wynantskill UNION FREE SCHOOL DISTRICT

Board of Education

Regular Meeting of the Board of Education
July 5th, 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

The meeting was called to order by District Clerk Kyle Barber at 7pm.

1.2 Record of Attendance

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

1.3 Annual Organizational Meeting

Please see the additional minutes document.

1.4 Approval of Minutes of Previous Meetings

a. Regular BOE Meeting June 15th, 2023

Mrs. Castle made a motion to approve the previous minutes.

Mrs. Mack seconded the motion.

Motion carries 5/0.

1.5 Acceptance of Financial Reports

- a. Internal Claims Auditor's Report June 2023
- b. Extra-Classroom Activity Fund

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

Mrs. Mack seconded the motion.

Motion carries 5/0.

1.6 Visitors and Communications

a. Communications to the Board of Education

A communication was received from Erik Denny, Dr. Yodis responded to all of his questions.

b. Opportunity for the Public to be Heard

No one 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

Dr. Yodis gave her District/Superintendent Report.

- Only 5 days of school since our last board meeting.
- A great field day was held, thanks to Mr. DiSotto and Coach Akots for planning the day, and thanks to PTA for the snow cones and water slide!
- Various grades had great field trips during the last week of school. A wonderful 8th-grade graduation was held as well.
- Pia Biondo, the new Spanish teacher, visited and is so excited to begin working with all of the students!
- A big welcome to Ms. Toomey for officially starting with the District on July 1st!
- Lee Bordick would like to set up a board retreat to discuss board goals for next year.

2.3 Principal's Report

Ms. Toomey gave her Principal's Report.

- A very busy first few days! Nice to be in the building and in the scheme of things.
- Working hard on scheduling with Mr. Penman and Mrs. Murphy. We have been working with some restructuring of the current schedule based on the new middle school layout. I have been in contact with some teachers as well. The schedule is looking promising to be out later this week.
- Focusing on building relationships with students, teachers, and families is a big part of this year.
- Heard very consistent concerns but also positive feedback in the community.
- Would love to talk to the board at some point to discuss what they see as priorities for her this year.
- She is thrilled to be here and appreciates the warm welcome.

2.4 Building, Grounds & Transportation

Mr. Mazzarello will be presenting a report about the buildings and grounds and transportation next month.

- Dr. Yodis mentions that all classrooms have been emptied in order to clean the floors and the school won 25 gallons of free paint from TrueValue thanks to Mr. Mazzarello!
- Lots of painting will get done this summer.
- Pricing has been inquired upon for bleachers and basketball hoop backboards as well.

2.5 PTA/SEPTA Update

- PTA meeting and Meet and Greet with Ms. Toomey on July 20th, starting at 5 pm!
- SEPTA had 15 children attend an event at FunPlex!

3.0 **Appointments and Authorizations**

Consent Agenda 3.1 - 3.8

3.1 Approve CSE/CPSE Recommendations as per attached.

3.2 Approve updates to the 3-year employment agreements for 10 and 12-month employees

3.3 Approve the following Extra-Curricular appointments for the 2023-2024 school year as per

the WTA contract:

Builder's Club - Jeanine Mitchell

Chaperones - Kate Hamilton, Dan DiSotto

Yearbook Advisor - Kyle Barber

Middle School Advisor - Martha Ryan

Reading Coordinator - Kaelyn Madelone

All County Band, All County Chorus, NYSSMA Band, NYSSMA Chorus - Marie van Maastricht

CSE/CSPE Chairperson - Rocco Persico (No stipend)

3.4 Accept the resignation of Mary Bond from the position of part-time social worker.

3.5 Policy Update: Second Reading and Adoption

8121.1 - Narcan 5300.65 - Visitors to the School 1130 - Media Relations 1400 - Public Complaints

3.6 Appoint Kristen Martone as a Summer Bus Aide for the period of 7/3/23-8/11/23 at a rate of \$17.33/hr

3.7 Approve contract between Wynantskill UFSD and R.G. Timbs Inc. for Financial Advisor Services for the 2023-24 school year.

3.8 Approve 3-year contract between Wynantskill UFSD and Girvin & Ferlazzo, PC.

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

Mr. Strang seconded the motion.

Motion carries 5/0.

Mr. Strang asked about the change from the 8th-grade advisor to the middle school advisor job title.

- The job duties have changed to equal the job duties for all extracurricular positions. The new position is designed to help communicate with middle school parents and improve the culture in the middle school.

Mr. Strang also asked about what would happen without an Athletic Director (AD) in place at the moment in regards to students wanting to play up in a sport or something else along those lines.

- Dr. Yodis explains that she and Ms. Toomey would handle anything that comes about before an AD is in place.

- A survey was sent out to middle school students regarding what sports they are interested in playing next year to help determine if we can field certain teams or merge for certain sports.

3.9 RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Wynantskill Union Free School District hereby approves the July 5, 2023 addendum to the employment agreement of Dr. Mary Yodis, extending such contract through June 30, 2028, amongst other terms and benefits, and authorizes the payment of monies provided therein.

Mrs. Mack made a motion to approve item 3.9

Mr. Strang seconded the motion.

Motion carries 5/0.

Dr. Yodis thanks the board from the bottom of her heart, and the board is thankful to be able to keep Dr. Yodis for the foreseeable future!

3.10 Appoint Anthony Lanese as a Summer Bus Aide for the period of 7/3/23-8/11/23 at a rate of \$17.33/hr

Mr. Hurbaneck made a motion to approve item 3.10

Mrs. Castle seconded the motion.

Mr. Lanesey abstained.

Motion carries 4/0.

4.0 Informational

- 4.1 Regular BOE Meeting August 31st, 2023 @ 7 pm
- 4.2 PTA Meeting July 20th, 2023 @ 7 pm
- 4.3 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 at this time,

6.0 Return to Open Session

7.0 Adjournment

Mrs. Mack made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:57 pm.

Mrs. Hurbanek seconded the motion,

Motion carries 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 potential; empower all to achieve personal excellence; and encourage a lifelong love of learning.