

# Wynantskill UNION FREE SCHOOL DISTRICT

## Board of Education

Regular Meeting of the Board of Education

**(ANTICIPATED DELAY) September 21st, 2023, @ 7:30 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 the Regular Meeting of the Board of Education**

Mrs. Castle made a motion to appoint Darcy Mack as Chairman Pro-Tem for tonight's meeting.

Mr. Strang seconded the motion.

Motion carries 3-0

Mrs. Castle made a motion to appoint Mary Ellen Angrisano as District Clerk Pro-Tem for tonight's meeting.

Mr. Strang seconded the motion.

Motion carries 3-0

This meeting was called to order by Mrs. Mack at 7:30 pm

**1.2 Record of Attendance**

Mr. Lanesey Absent

Mrs. Hurbanek Absent

Mrs. Mack Present

Mrs. Castle Present

Mr. Strang Present

**1.3 Approval of Minutes of Previous Meetings**

**a. Regular BOE Meeting August 31st, 2023**

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

Mr. Strang seconded the motion.

Motion carries 3-0

**1.4 Acceptance of Financial Reports**

**a. Internal Claims Auditor's Report August 2023**

**b. Monthly Treasurer's Report with Budget Transfers August 2023**

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

Mrs. Castle seconded the motion.

Motion carries 3-0

## 1.5 Visitors and Communications

### a. Communications to the Board of Education

#### i. Policy Committee Update: First Reading

- a. Policy 8414.6 Bus Idling
- b. Policy 9420 Evaluation of Staff
- c. Policy 0100 Non-Discrimination and Equal Opportunity

Mrs. Castle commented on the policy committee update which she is leading: Policy meeting was held this week. Thank you for those on the policy committee this year: Andy Lanese, Michael Femia, Carol Crucetti, Mary Yodis and Kyle Barber. We are working on some of the bigger policies that will be on the agenda for next month.

### 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

None at this time.

### 2.2 District/Superintendent Program Report

Dr. Yodis spoke about a great start to the school year.

- Great start to the school year for faculty and staff. Conference Day focused on self-care, taking care of each other, and team building. Students are working on building connections and a positive climate.
- COVID is back and several students and staff are out with illness. We continue to follow our protocols and diligence with sanitizing, self-cleanliness, and parent notifications.
- Building Safety protocols with lockdown and fire drills are going very well. NG Police has been wonderful partnering with the new SRO.
- A big shout-out to Sergeant Joshia Deeb who has been such a great resource, is currently working with our security company and consults to ensure best practices. We thank him for keeping our district a priority.
- RECOV grants have been filed. Shout out to Kyle and Belle for their assistance. Social Worker and AIS specialists are what the District is hoping to receive from the grant.

### 2.3 Principal's Report

Ms. Toomey spoke about a variety of topics regarding the beginning of the school year.

- Smooth start for everyone. Assembly to apply language across grades regarding school rules & behaviors.
- Testing has been done, and data meetings are upcoming.
- Shout out to SRO John Yerry and the NG police for all their help with safety drills.
- Professional Development has already been taking place (SS, Science, ELA and ENL) - Preparing for October PD day.
- Code of Conduct being revised.
- Middle school - spirit days, field trip ideas.

### 2.4 Building, Grounds & Transportation

Mr. Mazzarello has been making adjustments as needed, has been very busy and things are going well.

2.5 PTA/SEPTA Update

- SEPTA - A couple ZOOM opportunities are available for parents and educators. Next meeting is Monday at 7pm.
- PTA Craft Fair - 11/18/2023

3.0 **Appointments and Authorizations**

**Consent Agenda 3.1 - 3.8**

3.1 Approve CSE/CPSE Recommendations as per attached.

3.2 Appoint Emily Wooten as Full-Time Special Education Teacher at step 1 of WTA contract effective September 25th, 2023

3.3 Approval of substitutes for the 2023-24 school year:

Ingrid Davis	Substitute Aide
Jamie Vooris (pending fingerprints)	Non-Certified Substitute Teacher

3.4 Second reading and adoption:  
0000 - Mission Statement  
0300 - Accountability  
1610 - Therapy Dogs  
5710 - Violent and Disruptive Incident Reporting

3.5 Appoint Emily Niro as long-term elementary substitute retroactive September 5th, 2023 to September 29th, 2023 at step 1 of the WTA contract

3.6 Appoint Emily Niro as part-time Remedial Reading Teacher for the 2023-24 school year effective October 2nd, 2023.

3.7 Approve use of baseball fields by DB Hitters Club at \$40/hr

3.8 Approve Lauren Curran and Katie Sheehan as Running Club Coaches at a rate of \$35/hr not to exceed 6 hours

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

Mr. Strang seconded the motion.

Motion carries 3-0

3.9 BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education approves the MOA by and between the District and the WTA as it relates to the SE teacher assigned to a private school.

Mrs. Castle made a motion to approve item 3.9.

Mr. Strang seconded the motion

Motion carries 3-0

3.10 BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education of the Wynantskill Union Free School District hereby appoints and employs Lacey Costantine to a term position as a Special Education Teacher for the maximum period September 14, 2023 to June 30, 2024, subject to earlier termination by the Board of Education. This is a term appointment and is not a probationary appointment. It is specifically acknowledged that Ms. Costantine has agreed to waive any rights she may have to a probationary appointment and consideration for tenure and such agreement is evidenced by a writing signed by both parties.

Mrs. Castle made a motion to approve item 3.10.

Mr. Strang seconded the motion

Motion carries 3-0

3.11 Appoint Joyce Lanese as a part-time building aide for the 2023-24 school year retroactive to September 5, 2023

Mrs. Castle made a motion to approve item 3.11.

Mr. Strang seconded the motion

Motion carries 3-0

#### **4.0 Informational**

4.1 Regular BOE Meeting October 19th, 2023 @ 7 pm

4.2 Opportunity for the Public to be Heard.

No one at this time.

#### **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.   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 arrived at 8:10 pm

**6.0 Return to Open Session**

8:52 pm - motion made by Mrs Castle to return to regular session. Seconded by Mr. Strang. All in favor - motion passes.

**7.0 Adjournment**

8:52 pm - motion made to adjourn by Mr Strang, Seconded by Mrs Castle - All in favor - motion passes.

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