

# Wynantskill UNION FREE SCHOOL DISTRICT

## Board of Education

Regular Meeting of the Board of Education  
**October 19th, 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 the Regular Meeting of the Board of Education

The meeting was called to order by Mr. Lanesey at 7:03pm.

#### 1.2 Record of Attendance

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

#### 1.3 Approval of Minutes of Previous Meetings

##### a. Regular BOE Meeting September 21st, 2023

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

Mrs. Hurbanek seconded the motion,

Motion carries 4-0

#### 1.4 Acceptance of Financial Reports

- a. Internal Claims Auditor's Report September 2023
- b. Monthly Treasurer's Report with Budget Transfers September 2023
- c. Quarterly Revenue Status Report September 2023
- d. Extra-Classroom Activity Quarterly Report

Mrs. Mack made a motion to approve the financial reports.

Mrs. Castle seconded the motion,

Motion carries 4-0

#### 1.5 Visitors and Communications

- a. Communications to the Board of Education
  - i. Scott Preusser, External Audit Review

Scott Preusser says the district did a fantastic job with the audit review. So many schools have been delayed this year, but ours is always presented on time and provided correctly. Nothing is out of compliance. A consistent budget year to year. A great big thanks to the business office for always being on top of things.

- ii. Stacey Giordano, Questar III, Science Specialist

Attendees were able to take part in hands-on science activities related to some of the new science curriculum.

- iii. Policy Committee Update
  - a. First Reading
    - i. 0110 Sexual Harrassment
    - ii. 0115 Student Harrassment and Bullying Prevention and Intervention
    - iii. 5300 Code of Conduct

- b. Opportunity for the Public to be Heard

## 2.0 Reports to the Board of Education

### 2.1 Board of Education Reports & Updates

- Discussion about May 2024 meeting date

Mrs. Mack made a motion to move the May 2024 meeting from May 16th to May 23rd.

Mrs. Castle seconded the motion.

Motion carries 4-0

### 2.2 District/Superintendent Program Report

- As this week is Board Appreciation week, Dr. Yodis starts her report with a recognition of our Board of Education members for everything they do for our school and community.
- Dr. Yodis thanks Ms. Toomey for facilitating an excellent Superintendent Conference day on October 6th, where staff learned and discussed topics such as Restorative Justice Practices, Writing Curriculum, new Grading Policies, and more.
- Thank you to the Wynantskill Fire Department for holding two different assemblies for our elementary and middle school students about fire prevention!
- Thank you to Kathleen Lill from the Rensselaer Department of Health and her team from the Rens Co. Medical Reserve Corps for training our staff on “Stop the Bleed” procedures.
- Extended Teacher Days on Wednesday’s have been a great addition to the year, a wide variety of committees are able to meet in this time frame including Wellness, Arts in Education & Technology!

### 2.3 Principal’s Report

- Ms. Toomey echoed the same sentiments from Dr. Yodis’ report regarding the Superintendent Conference Day, Wynantskill FD assemblies, Stop the Bleed, and Extended Teacher Days!
- 8th graders took a trip today to HVCC for Career Jam. Thank you to Dr. Yodis & Mrs. Fecura for organizing and Mrs. Murphy and Mrs. Ryan for attending.
- Upcoming events: planning for the Pumpkin Run on Oct. 31st with great excitement, BCA/Pink Spirit Day on Oct. 27th, and Middle School Night Out also on Oct. 27th.
- The code of conduct has been updated with NYSSBA guidelines and look forward to adopting it next month if all looks well.
- Working to ensure student safety with new traffic expectations- no parking in loop in front of the school, including after school activities.

### 2.4 Building, Grounds & Transportation

### 2.5 PTA/SEPTA Update

- The WPTA is currently at 77 members.
- The Hallady Barn fundraiser is set to end on Nov. 3rd.

- The Holiday Craft Fair is scheduled for Nov. 18th with over 50 vendors signed up so far!
- Funded field trips to Liberty Ridge and Bowman’s Orchards!
- Currently supporting pumpkin carving contest and pumpkin run

**3.0 Appointments and Authorizations**

**Consent Agenda 3.1 - 3.11**

3.1 Approve CSE/CPSE Recommendations as per attached.

3.2 Second reading and adoption:  
 Policy 8414.6 Bus Idling  
 Policy 9420 Evaluation of Staff  
 Policy 0100 Non-Discrimination and Equal Opportunity

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

Sherly Jourdain	Non-Certified Substitute Teacher
Richard Sagar	Non-Certified Substitute Teacher
Timothy Barber (pending fingerprints)	Substitute Maintenance
Heather Watroba	Certified Substitute Teacher
Noah Garvey	Substitute Cafeteria Aide

3.4 Appoint Logan Simonian and Vincent Petitti as boys basketball coaches for the 2023-24 season as per WTA contract.

3.5 Appoint Emily Erickson and Ryan Kasuba (pending fingerprints) as girls basketball coaches for the 2023-24 season as per WTA contract.

3.6 Accept the 2022-2023 External Audit Report

3.7 Approve 2024-25 Budget Development Calendar.

3.8 Accept letter of resignation from Emily Niro from the position of part-time AIS teacher effective October 20th, 2023.

3.9 Approve the disposal of forty (40) 2009 ‘Teen Health’ textbooks.

3.10 Approve Gina Mahoney as Cheer Club Coach at \$35/hr.

3.11 Approve the following Extra-Curricular Appointments For the 2023-2024 school year as per the WTA contract:

Chaperones: Kristen Parker, John Lantz, Martha Ryan, Amy Murphy, Therese Bucher, Matt Lutz, Pia Biondo, Tania de Rosier, Karin Carmody

Mrs. Hurbanek made a motion to accept the consent agenda.

Mrs. Castle seconded the motion.

Motion carries 4-0

3.12 BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Wynantskill Union Free School District hereby appoints Shawna LeClair as a long term substitute to fill the position held by Timothy Flannery who is on a leave of absence. Ms. LeClair's appointment will be effective September 27, 2023 and, provided she renders satisfactory service, will continue, as needed, until June 26, 2024. No term of employment is conferred by this resolution of appointment and Ms. LeClair's employment may be terminated at any time.

Mrs. Hurbanek made a motion to approve item 3.12

Mrs. Mack seconded the motion.

Motion carries 4-0

#### **4.0 Informational**

4.1 Regular BOE Meeting November 16th, 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.   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)).

Mrs. Mack made a motion to enter into executive session at 8:08pm  
Mrs. Castle seconded the motion.  
Motion carries 4-0

#### **6.0 Return to Open Session**

Mrs. Mack made a motion to return to open session at 9:13pm.  
Mrs. Castle seconded the motion.  
Motion carries 4-0.

#### **7.0 Adjournment**

Mrs. Hurbanek made a motion to adjourn at 9:14pm.  
Mrs. Mack seconded the motion.  
Motion carries 4-0.

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