

Wynantskill

UNION
FREE
SCHOOL
DISTRICT

Board of Education

Regular Meeting of the Board of Education
November 16th, 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
- 1.2 Record of Attendance

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

2.0 **PUBLIC HEARING - CODE OF CONDUCT**

Mrs. Hurbanek made a motion to end the public hearing at 7:05pm.
Mrs. Mack seconded the motion.
Motion carries 5/0.

3.0 **Call to Order**

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

The meeting was called to order by Mr. Lanesey at 7:05pm

- 3.2 Review/Additions to the Agenda
- 3.3 Approval of Minutes of Previous Meetings
 - a. Regular BOE Meeting October 19th, 2023

Mrs. Castle made a motion to approve the previous minutes. Mrs. Hurbanek seconded the motion.
Motion carries 5/0.

- 3.4 Acceptance of Financial Reports
 - a. Internal Claims Auditor's Report October 2023
 - b. Monthly Treasurer's Report with Budget Transfers October 2023
 - c. School Tax Report 2023-24

Mrs. Mack made a motion to approve the financial reports. Mr. Strang seconded the motion.
Motion carries 5/0.

- 3.5 Visitors and Communications
 - a. Communications to the Board of Education

i. Capital Project Update - Ed Anker

CJ Goodwin from SchoolHouse Construction and Ed Anker updated the board regarding the roof capital project.

- NYSED is reviewing the project as of yesterday, which means one step further to getting the project started.
- They will be asking the board to authorize Dr. Yodis to approve contracts to get contractors rolling in their respective roles.
- They explain there's a benefit to being able to pick the contractors to work with as they've worked with them before and know how well they work together.
- Mr. Goodwin mentions that he's hoping to get started sooner than anticipated, perhaps during spring break to expedite the process and alleviate any deadline pressure.
- Weekly or bi-weekly meetings will be held during the construction with administration to keep them updated on progress of the project.

ii. Policy Committee Update

a. First Reading

- i. Policy 1741 - Home Schooled Students
- ii. Policy 1120 - School Records
- iii. Policy 1530 - Smoking on School Grounds
- iv. Policy 4526.1 - Internet Safety

Policy Committee met earlier this week and have a great process going so far!

b. Opportunity for the Public to be Heard

4.0 Reports to the Board of Education

4.1 Board of Education Reports & Updates

- Board Docs
- Transportation

4.2 District/Superintendent Program Report

Dr. Yodis provided updates on many initiatives and practices that are happening within the district this year, including:

- Superintendent/Parent Teacher Conference Days
- CARE = Cultivating Awareness and Resilience in Education
- COMPASS Institute
- Restorative Justice Practices
- Positive Behavioral Interventions & Supports
- Social Emotional Learning Supports
- Suicide Prevention Grant Awarded to GD
- New academic standards, assessments, grading, etc.
- Middle School Initiatives
- Grading Policy Review - PreK-8

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4.3 Principal's Report

Ms. Toomey gave an overview on some of the NYS testing scores that were released, and is looking to post this information once all of it is available.

4.4 Building, Grounds & Transportation

Rocco Mazzarello gave his report for the Building, Grounds and Transportation departments.

- Lots of leaves are being picked up every day to make sure the grounds look in top shape.
- The buildings, grounds and transportation crews are preparing for the colder temperatures.

4.5 PTA/SEPTA Update

PTA is looking forward to the Holiday Craft Fair being held this Saturday from 10-4pm! Other fundraisers are finishing up and looking strong.

SEPTA had a support chat this week, nothing else planned until January!

5.0 Appointments and Authorizations

Consent Agenda 5.1 - 5.6

- 5.1 Approve CSE/CPSE Recommendations as per attached.
- 5.2 Second reading and adoption:
0110 Sexual Harassment
0115 Student Harassment and Bullying Prevention and Intervention
5300 Code of Conduct
- 5.3 Approve Heather Williams, transportation consultant, at \$100.00 per hour not to exceed \$4,000.00 for analysis of costs and shared services agreements.
- 5.4 Appoint Martha Ryan as Middle School Newspaper Club teacher at \$40/hr not to exceed \$360.
- 5.5 Appoint Heather Watroba as part-time AIS teacher at step 3 as per WTA contract retroactive November 2nd, 2023.
- 5.6 Accept the Corrective Action Plan (CAP) for Financial Statements & Audit ending June 30, 2023.

Mrs. Mack made a motion to approve the consent agenda. Mrs. Castle seconded the motion.
Motion carries 5/0.

- 5.7 Approve Superintendent, Dr. Mary Yodis, to apply for access to the OMNIA partnership on behalf of the Wynantskill Union Free School District.

Mrs. Castle made a motion to approve the item 5.7. Mr. Strang seconded the motion.
Motion carries 5/0.

5.8 Approve Superintendent, Dr. Mary Yodis, to apply for access to the Purchasing Cooperative of America on behalf of the Wynantskill Union Free School District.

Mrs. Mack made a motion to approve the item 5.8. Mrs. Castle seconded the motion.
Motion carries 5/0.

5.9 Approve the proposal from SchoolHouse Construction Services to award state contracts to Farrell Roofing, Stark Tech and Trane Technologies.

Mrs. Mack made a motion to approve the item 5.9. Mr. Strang seconded the motion.
Motion carries 5/0.

5.10 Approve Facilities Use Request by St Jude's CYO Basketball for the period of November 6th 2023 to March 6th 2024 at a rate of \$10/hr

Mrs. Hurbanek made a motion to approve the item 5.10. Mrs. Castle seconded the motion.
Motion carries 5/0.

5.11 WHEREAS, Article 5-G of the New York State General Municipal Law authorizes municipal corporations to enter into cooperative agreements for the performance or exercise of services, functions, powers or activities on a cooperative or contract basis among themselves or one for the other, and

WHEREAS, Section 119-n of the General Municipal Law defines the term "municipal corporation" for the purposes of Article 5-G as a county outside the city of New York, a city, a town, a village, a board of cooperative educational services, a fire district or a school district; and

WHEREAS, Wynantskill Union Free School District , (hereinafter sometimes referred to as "Participant") is a "municipal corporation" as defined above; and

WHEREAS, this Board wishes for this municipal corporation to become or remain a Participant pursuant to the Municipal Cooperation Agreement For Energy Purchasing Services dated the 1st day of May, 2005 (the "Agreement"), among municipal corporations collectively identified as the New York School and Municipal Energy Consortium ("NYSMEC") upon the terms of the Agreement and further wishes to authorize participation as an energy consumer as specified below.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that this Board hereby determines that it is in the interests of the Wynantskill Union Free School District to participate in the NYSMEC, and authorizes and directs Dr. Mary Yodis to sign the Agreement/and or the Billing Schedule and Agreement for natural gas on its behalf; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this Board authorizes the Administrative Participant (as defined in the Agreement) to prepare, advertise, disseminate and open bids pursuant to the General Municipal Law and to award, execute and deliver binding contracts on behalf of this Board for the purchase of natural gas delivered to the city gate of the local utility distribution company for the Participant's facility or facilities, on a firm basis, for this Participant to the lowest responsible bidder as is determined by the Administrative

Participant at a price for such commodity natural gas not to exceed \$.656 cents per therm for a term of at least one year and no more than three years commencing May 1, 2024, and other terms and conditions, all as may be determined by the Administrative Participant, or to reject any or all such bids; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this Participant agrees to advertise said bid as may be directed by the Administrative Participant; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the officers and employees of this Participant are authorized to execute such other confirming agreements, certificates and other documents and take such other actions as may be necessary or appropriate to carry out the intent of this resolution.

This Resolution shall take effect immediately.

Mr. Strang made a motion to approve the item 5.11. Mrs. Mack seconded the motion.
Motion carries 5/0.

5.12 WHEREAS, Article 5-G of the New York State General Municipal Law authorizes municipal corporations to enter into cooperative agreements for the performance or exercise of services, functions, powers or activities on a cooperative or contract basis among themselves or one for the other, and

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NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that this Board hereby determines that it is in the interests of the Wynantskill Union Free School District to participate in the NYSMEC, and authorizes and directs Mary Yodis, Superintendent, to sign the Agreement/and or the Billing Schedule and Agreement for electricity on its behalf; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this Board authorizes the Administrative Participant (as defined in the Agreement) to prepare, advertise, disseminate and open bids pursuant to the General Municipal Law and to award, execute and deliver binding contracts on behalf of this Board for the purchase of electricity delivered to the delivery point of the local utility distribution company for the Participant's facility or facilities, on a firm basis, for this Participant to the lowest responsible bidder as is determined by the Administrative Participant at a price for such commodity electricity not to exceed \$.0845 cents per kWh for a term of at least one year and no more than three years commencing May 1, 2024, and other terms and conditions, all as may be determined by the Administrative Participant, or to reject any or all such bids; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this Participant agrees to advertise said bid as may be directed by the Administrative Participant; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the officers and employees of this Participant are authorized to execute such other confirming agreements, certificates and other documents and take such other actions as may be necessary or appropriate to carry out the intent of this resolution.

This Resolution shall take effect immediately.

Mrs. Hurbanek made a motion to approve the item 5.12. Mrs. Mack seconded the motion.
Motion carries 5/0.

6.0 Informational

- 6.1 Regular BOE Meeting December 21st, 2023 @ 7 pm
- 6.2 PTA Holiday Craft Fair November 18th @ 10am
- 6.3 Opportunity for the Public to be Heard.

Ms. Dinan believes BoardDocs would be money well spent and is user-friendly. She also appreciates more supporting documents being shared online.

Ms. Saulpaugh thanks everyone for all the information which was provided tonight.

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. ☒ 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. Hurbanek made a motion to enter executive session at 8:41pm. Mrs. Mack seconded the motion.
Motion carries 5/0.

8.0 Return to Open Session

Mr. Strang made a motion to return to open session at 10:16 pm. Mrs. Mack seconded the motion.

Motion carries 5/0.

9.0 Adjournment

Mrs. Castle made a motion to adjourn at 10:16 pm. Mrs. Hurbanek seconded the motion.
Motion carries 5/0.

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