

December 21st 2023 Regular Board of Education Meeting (Thursday, December 21, 2023)

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1. Meeting Opening

Procedural: 1.1 Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Mr. Lanese at 7:00pm

Procedural: 1.2 Attendance

Mr. Lanese - Present
Mrs. Hurbank - Present
Mr. Strang - Present
Mrs. Mack - Present
Mrs. Castle - Present

Procedural: 1.3 Pledge of Allegiance

2. Special Reports

Recognitions: 2.1 Royal Recognition - Ms. Mahoney

Congratulations to Ms. Mahoney on being named News Channel 13's Top Teacher! This well-deserved recognition is a testament to her dedication, passion, and outstanding educational contributions. Her commitment to shaping young minds and fostering a positive learning environment has not gone unnoticed. Congratulations from the Wynantskill Board of Education and the entire GD community!

3. Public Comment

Procedural: 3.1 Public Comment Statement

4. District Reports

Reports: 4.1 Board of Education Updates

- Mr. Lanese commented how great our school bus looked in the NG parade and how excited all the students were!
- He also loved both concerts that were held this month!
- Kyle Barber gave a quick update on the status of Boarddocs, and the ways we've learned to hold more efficient board meetings through the platform and by speaking to NYSSBA.

Reports: 4.2 Superintendent's Report

- Working diligently on Electric Buses, making sure to maximize transportation aid.
- The Superintendents of each high school that GD students have the option to choose-visited our school to discuss a better way to allow students to gather information about their choices for high school. The goal is to allow students to get more information about their potential high schools sooner and in more detail. Superintendents also discussed beginning a process of sharing information with Dr Yodis regarding the progress of our students at their schools.
- Each faculty and staff member has had a meeting with Dr. Yodis to discuss how the year has been for them and what is working well so far. They mentioned very often that the communication and climate in the school have increased exponentially this year.

- Mrs. Madelone gave a presentation with updates on surveys that were sent to students, faculty and parents and how they will use those answers to improve GD's culture and climate.
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Reports: 4.3 Principal's Report

- Alongside COMPASS, other groups have met and have been doing great work as a team, including the Restorative Justice Practices Committee & Grading/Report Card Committee.
- Basketball has begun and both teams have picked up a victory and are playing very hard!
- Computer-based testing is upcoming.

Reports: 4.4 Buildings, Grounds & Transportation Report

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Reports: 4.5 PTA/SEPTA Update

- Great success with the Holiday Craft Fair! Many vendors have reached out expressing an interest in returning next year.

5. Approval of Previous Minutes

Action: 5.1 November 16th, 2023 Minutes

Recommended Action: I move to approve the Regular Board Meeting Minutes, as recommended by the Superintendent of Schools.

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

6. Business Office Reports

Action (Consent): 6.1 Internal Claims Auditor's Report November 2023

Recommended Action: I move to Approve Business Office Reports for November 2023

Action (Consent): 6.2 Treasurer's Report November 2023

Mrs. Hurbanek made a motion to approve the business office reports. Mrs. Mack seconded the motion. Motion carries 5/0.

7. Consent Actions

Action (Consent): 7.1 CSE/CPSE Recommendations

Recommended Action: Approve CSE/CPSE Recommendations as per attached.

Action (Consent): 7.2 Facilities Use Request - East Greenbush Softball

Recommended Action: Approve the facilities use request for East Greenbush Softball for the period of 12/7/23 - 3/31/24

Action (Consent): 7.3 Resignation - Meleigha Kugler

Recommended Action: Approve the resignation of Meleigha Kugler, Educational Aide position effective 12/8/2023

Action (Consent): 7.4 Appointment - Jamie Vooris

Recommended Action: Appoint Jamie Vooris as an Educational Aide at a rate of \$17.33/hr retroactive 12/11/23

Action (Consent): 7.5 Approval of Substitutes

Recommended Action: Approve the following substitutes for the 2023-24 school year as detailed:

Meleigha Kugler - Non certified substitute	\$100/day
Kimberly Schreck - Non certified substitute	\$100/day
Daniel Pickett - Certified substitute (pending fingerprints)	\$110/day

Action (Consent): 7.6 Policies: Second Reading and Adoption

Recommended Action: The Board recommends to adopt the following policies: Policy 1741 - Home Schooled Students Policy 1120 - School Records Policy 1530 - Smoking on School Grounds Policy 4526.1 - Internet Safety

Action (Consent): 7.7 Leave of Absence - Timothy Flannery

Recommended Action: Approve the Leave of Absence for Timothy Flannery from third-grade teacher for the period of 9/5/23-6/26/24

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

8. Individual Actions**9. Informational**

Information: 9.1 Regular BOE Meeting - January 18th, 2024 @ 7pm

Information: 9.2 PTA Meeting - January 9th, 2024 @ 6pm

10. Public Comment Period

Information: 10.1 Public Comment Statement

11. Request for Executive Session

Mrs. Mack made a motion to enter executive session at 7:53pm for the purpose of discussing matters leading to the appointment of a particular employee. Mr. Strang seconded the motion. Motion carries 5/0.

12. Return to Open Session

Mr. Strang made a motion to return to open session at 9:00pm, Mrs. Castle seconded the motion. Motion carries 5-0.

13. Adjourn

Mrs. Castle made a motion to return to open session at 9:00pm, Mr. Strang seconded the motion.
Motion carries 5/0.