



WHITNEY POINT CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

Board of Education Meeting

Whitney Point High School Building

High School Library

P.O. Box 249

Whitney Point, NY 13862

MINUTES

Tuesday, February 18, 2020

7:00 p.m.

District Mission:

To provide an excellent education ensuring that all children maximize their potential, become contributing citizens, and pursue lifelong learning.

District Beliefs:

- All children possess unique qualities and come to school eager to learn and be successful.
- We respect all people within our community and treat them with dignity at all times.
- Learning is a partnership that includes school staff, parents, family and the community.
- Knowledge allows for critical thinking and effective decision-making.
- The community is well served by maximizing the use of available resources and by the responsible stewardship of assets.
- Purposeful and intentional change is a constant that leads to educational improvement and positive results.
- Compliance with state and federal regulations is critical to School District success.

District Vision:

- To be a community of excellence achieved through a commitment to HIGH performance, morale, and involvement.

Meeting called to order at 7:00 p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance was presented by Ethan French, Maddox Kurtz, Charlie Pratt, and Cole Thompson of the Boy Scouts of America Troop 248.

		<u>Present</u>	<u>Absent</u>
Stephanie Champney	President	X	
Kathleen Driscoll	Vice-President	X	
Brian Jeker	Member	X	
Eddie Maslin	Member	X	
Katie Perry	Member	X	
Thomas Tasber	Member	X	
Christine Widdall	Member	X	
Patricia Follette	Superintendent of Schools	X	
Jo-Ann Sexton	Assistant Superintendent	X	
Zachary Woodard	School Business Executive	X	
Cynthia Burchell	District Clerk		X

Others in attendance: Christine Baker, Chris Gray, Pat Griffin, John Harvey, Murphee Hayes, Jeffrey Isaacs, Talitha Johnston, Aaron Kaminsky, Jo-Anne Knapp, Julie Lamuraglia, Daniel Sweeney, John Whalen

A. PROPOSED EXECUTIVE SESSION

None

B. CORRESPONDENCE

None

C. POLICIES 1ST READING

None

D. POLICIES 2ND READING

None

E. COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

None

F. COMMENDATIONS

Dr. Follette commends:

- Ms. Brenna Bough for being selected to the 2020 U.S. Under 16 Women’s National Field Hockey Team.
- Ms. Leanne Bough for being selected to the 2020 U.S. Under 21 Women’s National Field Hockey Team.
- Mrs. Teresa Ellerson for being selected as the NYSAAA Judith A. Martens Secretarial Award of Excellence for Chapter IV.
- Whitney Point Field Hockey Coach Nicole Huston for being selected as the 2018-19 Northeast Section Field Hockey Coach of the Year.
- Mr. Gene Jordan for his recognition in serving on the Association of Mathematics Teachers of NYS Executive Board as the Vice-President and Annual Conference Coordinator which is a voluntary position.
- Ms. Jenny Gac, Ms. Heather Pudish, Ms. Nicole Carstens, the Tioughnioga Riverside Academy Drama Club and the many community members who helped with *The Music Man* Production held at the TRA Auditorium on January 24 and January 25, 2020.
- Ms. Jillian Saddlemire, Ms. Lindsay Gilligan and the many other members of the PTA for an inspiring kick-off on January 27, 2020 to the annual PARP program that concludes with a major evening event on February 27th at the CEA.
- The following Tioughnioga Riverside Academy students for their induction into the TRI-M Music Honor Society on February 11, 2020:

Hunter Briggs
 Taryn Hitt
 Destiny Keller
 Breanna Lee
 Calleigh Nichols
 Michelle Sabin

Kali-Marie Bryden
 Max Juraska
 Isabelle Kiehle
 Billie Leet
 Kimberly Peterson
 Hannah Somers

- Mrs. Bucinell, Ms. Carstens, Ms. Crosier, Mr. Davis, Ms. Knapp, Mr. Gaydorus, Ms. Donnelly, Mr. Johnson and Mr. Kraly as well as other staff and community members for a successful Science Fair held on Wednesday, February 12, 2020, and Thursday, February 13, 2020 at the TRA.

ADDENDA

- *The Girls' Varsity Basketball Team for winning their division. They will play for the IAC Championship Title on Friday, February 21st at TC3 College in Dryden, NY.*
- *The Boys' Varsity Basketball Team Senior Tanner Kallfelz for being nominated by the IAC league as the North Large Division MVP.*
- *The Boys' Varsity Basketball Team Seniors Levi Burn and Hunter James for being selected to the IAC North Division All Star Team.*
- *All three Boys Varsity Senior recognized above will participate in the IAC Senior game.*

G. OLD BUSINESS

None

H. NEW BUSINESS

1. BOCES Administrative and Capital Budget Presentation

Mr. John Harvey, Broome-Tioga BOCES Chief Operating Officer presented the 2020-2021 BOCES Administrative and Capital Budgets. He stated the Administrative Budget remains the same from last year. Mr. Harvey reviewed the historical percentage increase and/or decrease in the administrative budget. He discussed the District's apportionment by Resident Weighted Average Daily Attendance (RWADA), and stated the RWADA is up for the Whitney Point District. He reviewed the Capital Budget Components and stated the projection for 2020-2021 is a slight increase.

2. Introduction of New Capital Project Planning Team

Chris Gray and Pat Griffin from Turner Construction Company and Ed McGraw from Ashley McGraw Architects introduced themselves and briefly described some of their thinking and strategies around the district's next capital project. They both expressed their excitement and gratitude for being selected to work with the district and for being awarded this opportunity.

3. TRA Strategic Plan Initiatives

Mr. John Whalen, TRA Principal, and Mrs. Julie Lamuraglia, TRA Assistant Principal, presented the current TRA Strategic Plan Initiatives. Mr. Whalen stated the TRA focuses on meeting the needs of the whole child in the areas of attendance, academics, social emotional learning, discipline and response to intervention. Mr. Whalen and Mrs. Lamuraglia explained in detail the approach to each area and how it is implemented with the 4th-8th grade students in the Whitney Point School District.

4. 2020-2021 Budget Presentation

Dr. Follette gave a 2020-2021 Budget Overview Presentation. She discussed in detail the number of students, various programs and numerous employees required to educate the students and operate the district.

She presented the current budget goals. She reviewed the distribution of revenue within the district and explained state aid makes up approximately 72.78% of the budget and the tax levy makes up

approximately 22.05%, while other revenue sources make up the remaining percent. She also discussed the distribution of expenditures. Dr. Follette confirmed the Board of Education would maintain the same goals while developing the 2020-2021 Budget: focus on education, build a sustainable budget, and develop a reasonable tax levy within the applicable regulations.

Dr. Follette provided an overview of the current budget. She discussed the Financial Component of the Governor's Executive Budget Proposal. She stated in recent years, the Governor has proposed collapsing certain expenditure driven aids into Foundation Aid, the primary formula-driven aid. She stated the proposal for 2020-2021 is the first year that this is shown as such in the aid runs. She stated ten expenditure driven aides were collapsed into Foundation Aid. She stated the five that are relevant to our district are BOCES aid, textbook aid, software aid, library materials aid and computer hardware aid. She explained for 2020-2021 the calculation of each aid would occur as in the past but then would be paid as foundation aid. She stated in future years, these aids would no longer be calculated and would be included in the Foundation Aid base – essentially frozen for all time. Dr. Follette stated districts would no longer see an increase in aid even if expenditures related to these areas increase. She reviewed the projected 2020-2021 expenditures resulting in a current budget GAP of \$661,102. She explained it is very early in the budget season and we will continue to monitor the Governor's budget to see what changes there might be from the initial proposal. She stated the next Budget Update will be at the March 17th Board Meeting.

5. Approval of Consent Agenda

BE IT RESOLVED upon recommendation of the Superintendent that the Board of Education of the Whitney Point Central School District approve the following Consent Agenda items:

- a. **Work Session Minutes** – January 14, 2020
- b. **Board of Education Minutes** – January 14, 2020
- c. **Resignation** – Amy Timmins, Teacher's Aide, effective January 21, 2020
- d. **Resignation** – Laurie Ward, Shared CEA Technology Integrator, effective January 24, 2020
- e. **Appointment** – Nadine Ferguson, Sole CEA Technology Integrator, effective, January 25, 2020
- f. **Appointment** – 2020 Spring Coach, Jesse Hartley, Track and Field Assistant, effective February 19, 2020
- g. **Appointment** – Coach Without Pay, Sydney Chaffee, Track and Field, effective February 19, 2020
- h. **Appointment** – Coach Without Pay, Tonya Ellerson, Girls Modified Lacrosse, effective February 19, 2020
- i. **Unpaid Leave of Absence** – Randy Crooks, effective March 9 - 11, 2020
- j. **Unpaid Leave of Absence Amendment** – Alyx Kirchner-Couch, effective March 6 and March 12, 2020
- k. **Field Trip Request** – FCCLA New Jersey State Conference, March 19– March 20, 2020
- l. **Field Trip Request** – FCCLA NYS Conference, March 31 – April 1, 2020
- m. **Field Trip Request** – Five Points Correctional Facility, April 23, 2020
- n. **Field Trip Request** – HS Concert and Jazz Band, Pittsburg, PA, May 2– May 3, 2020
- o. **Treasurer's Report** – January 2020
- p. **Extra-Classroom Treasurer's Reports** – January 2020
- q. **Meat and Cheese Bid** – Renzi, Ginsberg, SYSCO and Lupo's, BC Provisions, Slate Farms as low bidders for the March 1, 2020 to April 30, 2020 Meat and Cheese Bid as prepared by Broome Tioga BOCES Food Service Program.
- r. **Committee on Special Education**

Moved by Kathleen Driscoll

Seconded by Brian Jekker

7 Aye 0 Nay 0 Abstained

APPROVED

6. Appointment

BE IT RESOLVED upon recommendation of the Superintendent that the Board of Education of the Whitney Point Central School District approve the appointment of **Julie Slaven**, Bus Monitor, effective February 19, 2020.

Moved by Christine Widdall

Seconded by Katie Perry

7 Aye 0 Nay 0 Abstained

APPROVED

7. Retirement Resignation(s)

BE IT RESOLVED upon recommendation of the Superintendent that the Board of Education of the Whitney Point Central School District approve of the retirement resignation of **Mary DeMann**, Math Teacher, effective June 30, 2020.

Dr. Follette stated Ms. DeMann is known for her organization and ability to engage students in the classroom. She will be missed.

Moved by Kathleen Driscoll

Seconded by Eddie Maslin

7 Aye 0 Nay 0 Abstained

APPROVED

BE IT RESOLVED upon recommendation of the Superintendent that the Board of Education of the Whitney Point Central School District approve of the retirement resignation of **Janice Dean**, Science Teacher, effective June 30, 2020.

Moved by Thomas Tasber

Seconded by Christine Widdall

Dr. Follette stated Mrs. Dean is known being very conscientious, thorough, and for her professional approach to the classroom. She will be missed.

7 Aye 0 Nay 0 Abstained

APPROVED

BE IT RESOLVED upon recommendation of the Superintendent that the Board of Education of the Whitney Point Central School District approve of the retirement resignation of **William Dean**, PC LAN Technician and the District's Surveillance and Safety Manager, effective June 30, 2020.

Moved by Eddie Maslin

Seconded by Kathleen Driscoll

Dr. Follette stated Mr. Dean is known for being self-motivated with an outstanding work ethic and communication skills. She stated he will be missed.

7 Aye 0 Nay 0 Abstained

APPROVED

BE IT RESOLVED upon recommendation of the Superintendent that the Board of Education of the Whitney Point Central School District approve of the retirement resignation of **Kathryn Fisher**, Elementary Teacher, effective September 28, 2020.

Moved by Thomas Tasber

Seconded by Brian Jeker

Dr. Follette stated Ms. Fisher is known for her ability to establish clear and productive routines and procedures, maximizing instructional growth and for building relationships with students and families. She will be missed.

7 Aye 0 Nay 0 Abstained

APPROVED

ADDENDA

1. Retirement Resignation

BE IT RESOLVED upon recommendation of the Superintendent that the Board of Education of the Whitney Point Central School District approve of the retirement resignation of **Sharon Crosier**, Elementary Teacher, effective June 30, 2020.

Moved by Kathleen Driscoll

Seconded by Christine Widdall

Ms. Follette stated Ms. Crosier is known for engaging students her involvement with the TRA Science Fair. She will be missed.

7 Aye 0 Nay 0 Abstained

APPROVED

8. Authorization to Unseal and Open Ballot Box and Destroy Ballots from the May 21, 2019 Budget Vote and Bus Vote.

BE IT RESOLVED, pursuant to Education Law 2034(6) (b) that at least six months have elapsed since the Budget Vote and Bus Vote, and upon information and belief of the Board of Education, there has been no challenge or proceeding commenced and, as such, the Board of Education of the Whitney Point Central School District does and hereby authorizes the District Clerk to unseal and open the wooden ballot box and destroy the official ballots contained therein, together with the unused ballots; if any.

Moved by Brian Jeker

Seconded by Kathleen Driscoll

7 Aye 0 Nay 0 Abstained

APPROVED

9. Resolution for Bus Proposition

BE IT RESOLVED upon recommendation of the Superintendent that the following bus proposition be placed before the voters for consideration at an Annual Meeting of the District to be held on Tuesday, May 19, 2020, between the hours of 1:00 p.m. and 8:00 p.m., and that the District Clerk be directed to take all necessary steps to arrange for the publishing of the notice of such meeting and all required actions associated therewith:

Proposition

Shall the following resolution be submitted to the voters:

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of Whitney Point Central School District, located in the counties of Broome, Chenango, Cortland and Tioga, New York, is hereby authorized to purchase three (3) new 71 passenger diesel buses at a cost not to exceed (\$129,557.00) each for a total not to exceed (\$388,671.00), and one (1) new 5 passenger gas Dodge Durango (or equivalent) at a cost not to exceed (\$38,685.00), and to expend therefore not to exceed the estimated total cost of (\$427,356.00) including incidental expenses in connection therewith; and that such sum, or so much thereof as may be necessary, shall be raised by the levy of a tax upon the taxable property of said School District and collected in annual installments as provided by Section 416 of the Education Law; and in anticipation

of such tax, the Board of Education is hereby authorized to issue bonds or other obligations of the School District in the aggregate principal amount of up to (\$427,356.00).

Moved by Kathleen Driscoll

Seconded by Christine Widdall

7 Aye 0 Nay 0 Abstained

APPROVED

10. Whitney Point Central School District Notice of School Budget Hearing and Annual Budget Vote

WHEREAS, the New York State Education Law prescribes the requirements for the annual school board election and budget vote along with other propositions that may be submitted;

WHEREAS, the New York State Education Law prescribes certain notice requirements; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools that:

A public hearing, budget vote, election of board members, and consideration of submitted propositions shall occur as stated in the NOTICE OF SCHOOL BUDGET HEARING AND ANNUAL BUDGET VOTE, as set forth below, and it is further,

RESOLVED that the NOTICE OF SCHOOL BUDGET HEARING AND ANNUAL BUDGET VOTE is approved and shall be published as required by law.

**Whitney Point Central School District
Notice of School Budget Hearing and Annual Budget Vote**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Annual Meeting of the inhabitants of the Whitney Point Central School District, at which time will occur the Budget Vote, the Annual Election of Board of Education members, a vote upon certain propositions, including a proposition for the purchase of buses, and to authorize the levy of taxes will be held at the High School Cafeteria, 10 Keibel Road, Whitney Point, New York, on Tuesday, May 19, 2020, from 1:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m., for the purpose of transacting of such business as is authorized by the Education Law.

NOTICE IS ALSO GIVEN that the proposed 2020-21 School Budget will be presented at the annual Budget Hearing to be held on Tuesday, May 5, 2020, at 7:00 p.m., High School Library, 10 Keibel Road, Whitney Point, NY.

NOTICE IS ALSO GIVEN that a copy of the statement of the amount of monies which will be required for the 2020-21 school year for school purposes may be obtained by any School District resident during the seven (7) days prior to the budget hearing, Tuesday, May 5, 2020 except Saturday or Sunday upon request, at any School District building and the School District offices between the hours of 7:45 a.m. and 3:45 p.m., at any public library or free associate library within the district, and on the School District's internet website. A copy of such statement may be obtained by any resident in the district at any School District building during the fourteen (14) days immediately prior to the Annual Meeting, May 19, 2020, and on the day of the Election except Saturdays, Sundays or holidays between the hours of 7:45 a.m. and 3:45 p.m.

NOTICE IS ALSO GIVEN that Absentee Ballots are available from the office of the District Clerk, by mail or in person. Mailed requests must be received seven (7) days before the vote at PO Box 249, Whitney Point, NY, 13862. Requests made in person, must be made at the District Office, 10 Keibel Road, Whitney Point, NY between 7:45 a.m. and 3:45 p.m., Monday through Friday and must be made no later than the day before the vote. A list of persons to whom absentee ballots have been issued will be available for inspection in the District Clerk's office during each of the five (5) days

preceding the vote, except Saturdays, Sundays or holidays, during regular office hours until the day of election.

NOTICE IS ALSO GIVEN that petitions nominating candidates for the office of member of the Board of Education must be filed with the School District Clerk between the hours of 7:45 a.m. and 3:45 p.m. not later than April 20, 2020 at the District Offices, High School Building, 10 Keibel Road, Whitney Point, NY 13862.

Candidates must be a citizen of the United States, eighteen (18) years of age, able to read and write, a legal resident of the School District one (1) year prior to the election, not an employee of the Whitney Point Central School District, and remain a qualified School District voter throughout the term of office.

The following vacancies are to be filled:

- (1) A three (3) year term ending June 30, 2023, presently held by Stephanie Champney
- (2) A three (3) year term ending June 30, 2023, presently held by Kathleen Driscoll
- (3) A three (3) year term ending June 30, 2023, presently held by Thomas Tasber
- (4) A one (1) year term ending June 30, 2021, presently held by Eddie Maslin

Each petition must be directed to the School District Clerk, be signed by at least twenty-five (25) qualified voters of the District, or by two percent (2%) of the number of voters who voted in the previous election, whichever is greater, shall state the residence of each signer, shall state the name and residence of each candidate and whether such candidates are nominated for full terms or for un-expired portions of such terms. The candidates receiving the largest number of votes shall be declared elected in accordance with Education Law (2018b). No person shall be nominated by petition for more than one specific office.

NOTICE IS ALSO GIVEN that another proposition on the ballot would authorize that the Board of Education of Whitney Point Central School District, located in the counties of Broome, Chenango, Cortland and Tioga, New York, is hereby authorized to purchase three (3) new 71 passenger diesel buses at a cost not to exceed (\$129,557.00) each for a total not to exceed (\$388,671.00), and one (1) new 5 passenger gas Dodge Durango (or equivalent) at a cost not to exceed (\$38,685.00), and to expend therefore not to exceed the estimated total cost of (\$427,356.00) including incidental expenses in connection therewith; and that such sum, or so much thereof as may be necessary, shall be raised by the levy of a tax upon the taxable property of said School District and collected in annual installments as provided by Section 416 of the Education Law; and in anticipation of such tax, the Board of Education is hereby authorized to issue bonds or other obligations of the School District in the aggregate principal amount of up to (\$427,356.00).

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that another proposition on the ballot would authorize the Board of Education of the Whitney Point Central School District to levy and collect an additional twenty two thousand dollars (\$22,000) in annual taxes, year after year, separate and apart from the annual school district budget, thereby authorizing a total annual tax in the amount of one hundred sixty two thousand dollars (\$162,000), of which ninety seven thousand dollars (\$97,000) shall be paid to the Mary Wilcox Memorial Library for the support and maintenance of the library and sixty-five thousand dollars (\$65,000) will be paid to the Lisle Free Library for the support and maintenance of the library; with this appropriated amount to be the annual appropriation until thereafter modified by a future vote of the electors of the Whitney Point Central School District.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that any other propositions that are required to be included for vote at the Annual Meeting shall be submitted in writing by means of petition signed by at least twenty-five (25) qualified voters, or five percent (5%) of the number of voters of the District who voted in the previous annual election, whichever is greater, and shall state the residence of each

signer. Any proposition may be rejected by the Board of Education if the purpose of the proposition is not within the powers of the voters or where the expenditure of money is required by the proposition and such expenditures fail to include the necessary specific appropriation.

Moved by Kathleen Driscoll

Seconded by Katie Perry

6 Aye 0 Nay 1 Abstained (*Stephanie Champney*)

APPROVED

11. Notice of Public Meeting and Nomination Form for the BOCES Board of Trustees

BE IT RESOLVED upon recommendation of the Superintendent that the Board of Education of the Whitney Point Central School District nominate three members to the Broome-Delaware-Tioga Board of Educational Services. The Broome-Delaware-Tioga Board of Education currently has two, three-year positions vacant, and one, two-year position vacant. The Board may nominate individuals at large, leave a nomination vacant, and/or nominate Peter Nowacki, who is seeking re-election and William Powell who is seeking re-election to fill the two-year term.

THREE-YEAR POSITIONS:

Nominee #1 Peter Nowacki

Moved by Christine Widdall

Seconded by Katie Perry

7 Aye 0 Nay 0 Abstained

APPROVED

Nominee #2 Leave Blank

Moved by Kathleen Driscoll

Seconded by Christine Widdall

7 Aye 0 Nay 0 Abstained

APPROVED

TWO-YEAR POSITION

Nominee #1 William Powell

Moved by Christine Widdall

Seconded by Eddie Maslin

7 Aye 0 Nay 0 Abstained

APPROVED

I. BOARD OF EDUCATION GOALS

None

J. SUPERINTENDENT'S UPDATE

- Dr. Follette stated the School District's accountability status is in good standing.

ADDENDA

- Possible change in High School Graduation/Awards' Night Procedure – Dr. Follette stated that Mr. Sweeney is looking at holding a special formal Senior Awards Night and eliminating awards at the graduation ceremony.

- Whitney Point CSD Membership in the Chamber of Commerce – Dr. Follette stated that the Whitney Point Central School District is a member of the Broome County Chamber of Commerce. The district and students benefit from this collaboration.
- Early Eagles Program – Dr. Follette stated that through the efforts of Jo-Ann Sexton, and funded by two grants through Binghamton University and The Community Foundation for South Central New York, the district has implemented a focused community outreach to families with children ages 0-3. Two part-time Community School Coordinators, funded through the Binghamton University Grant are working on this initiative. Early Eagles onesies, t-shirts, book bags and books were purchased from funds provide by The Community Foundation for South Central New York.

K. COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

L. ADJOURNMENT

BE IT RESOLVED upon recommendation of the Superintendent that the Board of Education of the Whitney Point Central School District approve the motion to adjourn the Public Meeting at 9:07 p.m.

Moved by Kathleen Driscoll

Seconded by Brian Jeker

7 Aye 0 Nay 0 Abstained

APPROVED

M. FYI

FCCLA State Conference Invitation

February 21, 2020 – PTA Movie Night, CEA Café, 7 p.m.

February 25, 2020 – Cabaret, HS Auditorium, 7 p.m.

February 26, 2020 – Cabaret, HS Auditorium, 7 p.m.

February 26, 2020 – PARP Evening Event, CEA 6 p.m.

March 2, 2020 – Read Across America Day, CEA all day

March 6, 2020 – Father/Daughter Dance, CEA, 6-8 p.m.

March 8, 2020 – Daylight Savings Time

March 12 & 13, 2020 – NO SCHOOL, Spring Recess

March 17, 2020 – Board of Education Work Session, HS Library, 6:30 p.m.

March 16, 2020 – Board of Education Meeting, HS Library, 7:00 p.m.

March 27, 2020 – HS Musical, HS Auditorium, 7 p.m.

March 28, 2020 – HS Musical, HS Auditorium, 7 p.m.

Submitted by,

Cynthia Burchell
District Clerk