

WHITNEY POINT CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

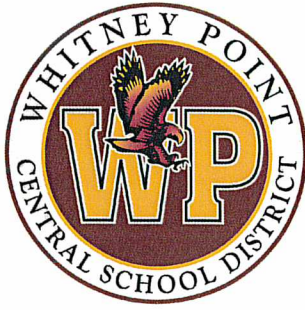
Board of Education Meeting

Whitney Point High School Building

Library

P.O. Box 249

Whitney Point, NY 13862



WORK SESSION MINUTES

Tuesday, January 14, 2020

6:30 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 6:31 p.m.

		<u>Present</u>	<u>Absent</u>
Stephanie Champney	President	X	
Kathleen Driscoll	Vice-President	X	
Brian Jeker	Member	X	
Katie Perry	Member	X	
Eddie Maslin	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: None

A. WORK SESSION

Whitney Point Central School District Business Executive Zachary Woodard discussed the District’s long-range financial plan. He provided a Whitney Point Central School District Budget Process Overview. He discussed the District’s budget expenses providing an outlay for basic assumptions of budget increases based on the reasonable cost of living. He stated barring no changes, it is easy to assume one million dollars in expenses from year to year. He discussed the many variances that come and go that drive the budget costs from month to month. Mr. Woodard explained 72% of the District’s revenue comes from state aid. He explained a portion of this aid is foundation aid the state gives to the District to use for operations, unlike building, BOCES, and our reimbursement-based aid.

Mr. Woodard stated the District usually does not know the foundation aid until the first week in April and we have to approve a budget a few weeks after that. He pointed out the State is looking at a structural deficit this year. He stated the seven-year average increase in foundation aid for our District is 2.25%, which projects to about \$400,000 more for our District. He explained the problem is we are trying to close a one-million-dollar gap. He also stated the impact of raising taxes is not enough to close the gap.

Mr. Woodard also discussed the long-range plan and stated the District’s current \$657,000.00 deficit will need to be addressed. He stated this deficit would not be sustainable without substantial changes over the next five years.

B. ADJOURNMENT

Ms. Follette recommends Board approval of the motion to adjourn the public workshop at 6:58 p.m.

Moved by Kathleen Driscoll

Seconded by Eddie Maslin

6 Aye 0 Nay 0 Abstained

APPROVED

Respectfully submitted,



Cynthia Burchell
District Clerk