

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, January 14, 2020

District Mission:

7:00 p.m.

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.

Girl Scouts of America Troop 30307 presented pledge of Allegiance.

		<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: Shannon Blazavich, Riley Burke, Hayden Clapper, Mackenzie Harvey, Murphee Hayes, Colleen Hilderbant, Jeffrey Isaacs, Talitha Johnston, Emily Jordan, Eleanora Jordan, Aaron Kaminsky, Jo-Anne Knapp, Julie Lamuraglia, Colleen Langton, Cortney Murrer, Mackenzie Price, Madisyn Ryan, Alivya Sessions, Alyssa Shafer, Vanessa Shafer, Aubrey Smith, Jordan Stearns, Daniel Sweeney, Madelyn Tyler, John Whalen, Taylor Wood

A. PROPOSED EXECUTIVE SESSION

None

C. POLICIES 1ST READING

None

D. POLICIES 2ND READING

None

E. COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

None

F. COMMENDATIONS

Ms. Follette commends:

- The Whitney Point High School Student Council for donating 70 food baskets to the community. Dr. Follette read the list of community organizations that donated.
- The Tioughnioga Riverside Academy Band and Chorus for their festive Winter Concert held on December 12, 2019.
- The Whitney Point High School Chorus for their delightful Concert held on December 16, 2019.
- The Whitney Point High School Band for their Festival of Music held on December 19, 2019.
- The Whitney Point High School Chorus for their performance at Radio City Music Hall on January 4, 2020. Dr. Follette shared a short video of their performance.

Eddie Maslin stated he heard a grandparent say how pleased they were that the students had this opportunity.

Dr. Follette stated she was thankful the Music Boosters Club and Ken Jones were able to provide this opportunity and partnered with the high school provide school-owned uniforms for students.

- Tioughnioga Riverside Academy Music Teacher Kris Gilbert for being selected to present at the International Music Education Summit in June of 2020, the Associate of Popular Music Education Conference in Edinburgh, Scotland in July of 2020 and at the NYSSMA Summer Conference in August of 2020.

G. OLD BUSINESS

None

H. NEW BUSINESS

1. Mental Health Mandates and Social/Emotional Learning (SEL) Standards Presentation

Ms. Murphee Hayes gave a presentation on Mental Health Mandates and Social/Emotional Learning (SEL) Standards. She noted that while she had the privilege of presenting on these efforts the work to implement this instruction involved many professionals across the school

district. Ms. Hayes reviewed the requirements for mental health instruction, the key areas in the standards and then detailed how the instruction is being delivered across the grade levels. She noted that this implementation been a collective effort which tapped into the expertise of Whitney Point's school social workers, school counselors, school psychologists and school nurses.

Mrs. Knapp stated the CEA offers a systematic process of social emotional training with kindergarteners by implementing a program with special services. She stated the program consists of lessons and choice time blocked off to give instruction through daily activities. She stated they have seen good growth.

Mr. Whalen stated the leadership at the TRA has been working on SEL standards and where to incorporate them into classroom instruction.

Ms. Sexton stated that the effort across the district is to move from stand-alone lessons to a more integrated approach.

Mr. Maslin stated he was impressed.

Ms. Hayes stated the students have been very receptive. She explained she even had students want to be part of the planning and ideas. She stated the students are seeing the value and opportunity of how to make a difference.

Ms. Champney stated the more adults are open the more the students will be open.

Ms. Hayes stated they are working on eliminating the stigma around mental health.

Mrs. Driscoll stated it is fantastic and it is an opportunity to discuss with family members without stigma as well.

Ms. Hayes stated the District's outside agency partnerships also allow for family engagement.

The Board of Education thanked her.

2. Approval of Consent Agenda

Items under the Consent Agenda will be enacted under one motion. There will be no separate discussion of these items prior to the time of the Board vote, unless a Board member requests an item to be removed from the consent Agenda for separate discussion and action.

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. Safety Plan Hearing Minutes** – December 10, 2019
- b. Board of Education Minutes** – December 10, 2019
- c. Unpaid Leave of Absence – Tammy Underwood**, effective January 2, 2020
- d. Unpaid Leave of Absence – Alyx Kirchner**, effective March 6, March 7 & March 8th, 2020
- e. 2020 Spring Coaching Recommendations**

<i>Boys Baseball</i>	
Varsity	Stephen Samsel
Junior Varsity	Steve Morgan
Modified	Craig Richards
<i>Golf</i>	
Varsity	Matt Poyer
<i>Girls Softball</i>	
Varsity	David Horton
Junior Varsity	Thomas Kraly
Modified	Ethan Leet
<i>Boys Lacrosse</i>	
Varsity	Trevor Erb
Modified	Gene Jordan
<i>Girls Lacrosse</i>	
Varsity	Danielle Montesano
Modified	Samantha Driscoll
<i>Track & Field</i>	
Varsity	Murphee Hayes
Assistant	Valerie Priscott
Assistant	Troy Rounds
Assistant	POSITION OPEN

- f. **Field Trip** – Destination D.C., May 19, 20 & 21, 2020
- g. **Treasurer’s Reports** - November and December 2019
- h. **Extra-Classroom Treasurer’s Reports** – November and December 2019
- i. **Committee on Special Education**

Moved by Katie Perry

Seconded by Kathleen Driscoll

6 Aye 0 Nay 0 Abstained

APPROVED

3. Tenure Recommendation

BE IT RESOLVED upon recommendation of the Superintendent that the Board of Education of the Whitney Point Central School District approve of the tenure recommendation for **Shannon Blazavich**, Elementary Teacher, effective February 1, 2020.

Moved by Brian Jeker

Seconded by Katie Perry

Ms. Follette commended Shannon for her work.

Ms. Blazavich thanked the Board of Education and stated she was glad to be part of the Whitney Point Central School District family. She thanked the Board of Education for the opportunity.

6 Aye 0 Nay 0 Abstained

APPROVED

The Board of Education congratulated her on her tenure approval.

4. Management Construction Contract

BE IT RESOLVED, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent that the Board of Education of the Whitney Point Central School District approve the pre-referendum contract for construction management services with Turner Construction Company for the anticipated 2020 Capital Project Vote at a cost not to exceed \$16,500.00.

Moved by Thomas Tasber

Seconded by Eddie Maslin

Ms. Follette stated the District and participating Board of Education Members interviewed four companies.

Mr. Woodard stated a representative of Turner Construction will be at the February Board of Education Meeting for introductions.

6 Aye 0 Nay 0 Abstained

APPROVED

I. BOARD OF EDUCATION GOALS

J. SUPERINTENDENT'S UPDATE

- Whitney Point Pre-k Update – Ms. Follette stated the District will have one new pre-k program starting at the end of January and two starting in September. She stated she is happy with the size of the program and feels it should include most three and four year old children in the Whitney Point District.

Ms. Sexton stated there are currently 14 three-year-old children on a wait list and there will be 18 starting at the end of the month at the WP Preschool. She stated that in the fall they should have a total of 93 slots for four year olds and 73 slots for three year olds.

Ms. Follette stated this program offers so many advantages for children and their families. She stated the Whitney Point District has implemented more UPK classes than any other school in our area. She stated she is very excited about what we can accomplish in our next capital project.

- Capital Project Update – Ms. Follette stated she spent some time with Ashley McGraw and visited the Groton and Windsor School Districts. She stated they looked at the STEAM rooms in the two districts to get ideas. She stated she would continue to visit other schools.

Mr. Woodard stated they will provide more updates on the capital project monthly and they are hoping for a vote next December.

- Split Bus Runs – Ms. Follette stated that with the addition of the UPK programs, the District is looking to see if it can function with two bus runs. She stated the thought is to keep the HS and the TRA at the same times, and making a second run for the Pre-K and CEA students. She stated there is a lot to look at contractually. She stated there are many advantages, and our school district encompasses a large geographical area. She stated she believes the District cannot always operate the way have done in the past, so she has been keeping an open mind while reviewing the situation.

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 7:49 p.m.

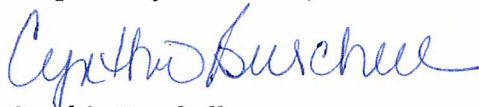
Moved by Kathleen Driscoll

Seconded by Brian Jeker

M. FYI

Joint Dinner Meeting – January 22, 2020, Susquehanna Valley CSD
January 20, 2020 – No School, Martin Luther King, Jr. Day
January 21 – January 24, 2020 – Regents Exams and Local Mid-Terms
January 24, 2020 – TRA Musical, TRA Auditorium, 7 p.m.
January 25, 2020 – TRA Musical, TRA Auditorium, 7 p.m.
January 27, 2020 – PARP Kick off, CEA Cafeteria, 8:30 a.m.
January 30, 2020 – Yearbook orders and ads due
February 7, 2020 – HS Musical, HS Auditorium, 7 p.m.
February 8, 2020 – HS Musical, HS Auditorium, 7 p.m.
February 11, 2020 – TRA Tri-M Inductions, 6:30 p.m.
February 14, 2020 – No School, Mid-Term Recess
February 17, 2020 – No School, President’s Day
February 18, 2020 – Board of Education Meeting, HS Library, 7:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Cynthia Burchell
District Clerk