

WHITNEY POINT CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT  
Board of Education Meeting  
Whitney Point, NY

Video Conference Special Meeting via Zoom

MINUTES

Tuesday, May 26, 2020

6:00 p.m.

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Meeting called to order at 6:05 p.m.

*Pledge of Allegiance was recited*

		<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: Naomi Collins, Jeff Isaacs, Mary Hibbard, Aaron Kaminsky, Jo-Anne Knapp, Julie Lamuraglia, Bob Prentice, Daniel Sweeney, John Whalen

## Annual Meeting and Budget Hearing

The Public Budget Hearing was called to order at 6:06 p.m. by the Board President, Mrs. Stephanie Champney.

### I. Annual Meeting Chairperson

It is appropriate to select a chairperson for this Annual Election and Budget Vote. This Chairperson will conduct the meeting.

**BE IT RESOLVED** upon recommendation of the Superintendent that the Board of Education of the Whitney Point Central School District appoint Cynthia Burchell as Annual Meeting Chairperson.

Moved by Kathleen Driscoll

Seconded by Christine Widdall

7 Aye

0 Nay

0 Abstained

Approved

Mrs. Champney will turn the meeting over to the Chairperson.

### II. Budget Review

The Chairperson introduced the Board Members and Dr. Follette. Dr. Follette reviewed the Proposed Budget for the 2020-2021 school year and explained the Bus Proposition.

A discussion ensued regarding the library proposition.

Robert Prentice asked why the library proposition was not discussed during the Budget Presentation.

Mrs. Champney stated the Library Proposition is separate and unaffiliated with the school district. She stated the Library will be holding its own public budget presentation via Zoom on Thursday night.

Mr. Prentice asked why the school district is purchasing diesel buses when it was pursuing propane buses years ago.

Mr. Woodard stated the district's propane fueling station is currently running at capacity for the current propane buses in our fleet.

Mr. Prentice expressed his concern over the ballot delivery in the US mail going to Syracuse before delivery.

Mr. Woodard stated we listened to a Post Office webinar which stated they are expediting mail for absentee ballots.

Dr. Follette stated some people already received their ballots last Friday and are calling in for additional ballots. There should be plenty of time.

A discussion ensued about ballots and ballot envelopes.

## **A. PROPOSED EXECUTIVE SESSION**

None.

## **B. COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC**

None

## **C. COMMENDATIONS**

Dr. Follette commends

- Whitney Point High School graduating seniors who received college credits through CollegeNow.
- Senior High Valedictorian Ethan French, and Salutatorian, Liam Lynch. Congratulations on your achievements.
- The following Whitney Point High School Seniors for their placement in the top ten of the Whitney Point Senior High School graduating class of 2020:
  1. Ethan French
  2. Liam Lynch
  3. Madilyn Tiderencel
  4. Katie Arseneau
  5. Alfonso Perna II
  6. Lindsey Glezen
  7. Victoria Petrie
  8. Zachary Tucker
  9. Trenton James
  10. Madison Wayman
- The Whitney Point Central School District staff, Eagles Nest Booster Club and community for the celebration of the Whitney Point Central School District Class of 2020.

## **D. OLD BUSINESS**

None

## **E. NEW BUSINESS**

### **1. Emergency Response Plan Update**

Dr. Follette, Superintendent, reviewed the updates to the Emergency Response Plan. She explained the main changes to the plan include personnel updates and the addition of the pandemic operation plan. She commended Safety Officer, Mr. Dean, and School Resource Officer, Mr. Noyes, for their dedication to the district's safety plan.

## 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. **Board of Education Minutes** – April 20, 2020
- b. **Board of Education Minutes** – May 12, 2020
- c. **Resignation** – **Ashleigh Catalfamo**, Special Education Teacher, effective June 30, 2020
- d. **Extra-Classroom Treasurer's Reports** – **April 2020**
- e. **Treasurer's Report** – **March 2020**
- f. **Treasurer's Report** – **April 2020**
- g. **Committee on Special Education Recommendations**

Moved by Kathleen Driscoll

Seconded by Katie Perry

7 Aye 0 Nay 0 Abstained

APPROVED

## 3. Appointments

**BE IT RESOLVED** upon recommendation of the Superintendent that the Board of Education of the Whitney Point Central School District approve the following list of poll workers and rate of pay for the 2020 Annual Meeting for the sole purpose of the Budget, Bus, Library and Board of Education Member Vote.

Rate of pay \$11.80 per hour

**Christina Bolson**  
**Cathy Cornell**  
**Teresa Ellerson**  
**Gwyn Hust**  
**Brittany Mau-Lantry**

**Marcia Roma**  
**Ellen Russell**  
**Katie Rutkowski**  
**Mari Standish-Warpus**

Moved by Thomas Tasber

Seconded by Brian Jeker

7 Aye 0 Nay 0 Abstained

APPROVED

## 4. Resolution to Create Position

**BE IT RESOLVED** upon recommendation of the Superintendent that the Board of Education of the Whitney Point Central School District create one (1) position in the **Maintenance Supervisor** area effective July 1, 2020 and subject to meeting Maintenance Supervisor Civil Service requirements.

Moved by Christine Widdall

Seconded by Eddie Maslin

Dr. Follette stated with the retirement of Terry Dean the district has made the decision not to fill his position to help with budget costs. She stated they would still need someone to supervise the custodial and maintenance staff. She explained they would be shifting some of the higher-level administrative duties to Zachary Woodard. This new position would oversee the day to day supervision of the maintenance staff.

7 Aye 0 Nay 0 Abstained

APPROVED

## 5. Last Day of School Information

The last day of school information for the Whitney Point Central School District is as follows:

- The last day for **All** students will be Friday, June 12, 2020.
- The last day for the **Staff Unit (aides and food service workers)** will be Friday, June 12, 2020.
- Last day for **Teachers** will be Friday, June 19, 2020.

## 6. Payroll Dates

**BE IT RESOLVED** upon recommendation of the Superintendent that the Board of Education of the Whitney Point Central School District approve the payroll dates for 2020-2021 School Year.

Moved by Kathleen Driscoll

Seconded by Christine Widdall

Mr. Woodard explained the irregular payroll dates at the beginning of July were due to the fact that every 7 years or so, there is a three-week gap in payroll. He stated the district will be breaking out the first pay in July so no employee has to go three weeks without a paycheck.

7 Aye 0 Nay 0 Abstained

APPROVED

## 7. District Holidays

**BE IT RESOLVED** upon recommendation of the Superintendent that the Board of Education of the Whitney Point Central School District approve the district holidays for 2020-2021 School Year.

Moved by Eddie Maslin

Seconded by Katie Perry

Dr. Widdall asked about changing the name Columbus Day to Indigenous People Day on the school district calendar to honor Native Americans and their cultures.

Dr. Follette stated at this time she has not received any indication that they will be changing the name regionally but she would certainly look into it.

7 Aye 0 Nay 0 Abstained

APPROVED

## 8. Marathon Central School District Agricultural Program Agreement

**BE IT RESOLVED** upon recommendation of the Superintendent that the Board of Education of the Whitney Point Central School District approve the Agreement between the Marathon Central School District and the Whitney Point Central School District effective July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2021.

Moved by Thomas Tasber

Seconded by Kathleen Driscoll

7 Aye 0 Nay 0 Abstained

APPROVED

## 9. Employment Agreements

**BE IT RESOLVED** upon recommendation of the Superintendent that the Board of Education of the Whitney Point Central School District approve the 2020-2021 Employment Agreement between the Chief Executive Officer and the Whitney Point Administrators' Association.

Moved by Katie Perry

Seconded by Thomas Tasber

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 the 2020-2021 Employment Agreement between the Chief Executive Officer and the Whitney Point Staff Organization.

Moved by Kathleen Driscoll

Seconded by Eddie Maslin

7 Aye 0 Nay 0 Abstained

APPROVED

### **10. Change Order**

**BE IT RESOLVED** upon recommendation of the Superintendent that the Board of Education of the Whitney Point Central School District approve the following change order:

**GC-001** – Provide credit to the Owner for the unused General Construction Contract Contingency Allowance.

Total contract contingency allowance of \$5,000 will be subtracted from the original contract sum. Hence, the new contract sum will equal \$10,500.

Moved by Christine Widdall

Seconded by Kathleen Driscoll

7 Aye 0 Nay 0 Abstained

APPROVED

### **F. SUPERINTENDENT'S UPDATE**

- COVID 19 – Dr. Follette stated we know from the Governor there will be no face-to-face summer school instruction and there will be no summer enrichment for our students. She stated she has submitted five different graduation plans to the county, which she thinks are going to the State to see what kind of graduation we may or may not be allowed to have. She stated things are changing every day and we are at the mercy of the virus and the Governor's regulations, and the State Education Department.

A discussion ensued.

- Food Distribution - Dr. Follette stated the school district is serving approximately 700 students a day, which is 1,400 meals a day, six days a week mainly through people coming through and picking up the meals. She stated the district is delivering food to approximately 40 homes. Dr. Follette stated the Food Bank will do another distribution for the community on May 29<sup>th</sup>. During the month of June, food boxes will also be available for school-district families.

### **G. COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC**

Dr. Widdall asked if anyone has seen the new questionnaire that went out by the Governor's office on the reimaging of the education committee.

Dr. Follette stated she has not seen it on her superintendent listserv.

### **H. 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 recess the public meeting at 7:33 p.m. and adjourn to Executive Session to hear discussion on negotiations.

Moved by Kathleen Driscoll

Seconded by Christine Widdall

7 Aye 0 Nay 0 Abstained

APPROVED

**I. FYI**

2020 Budget Newsletter

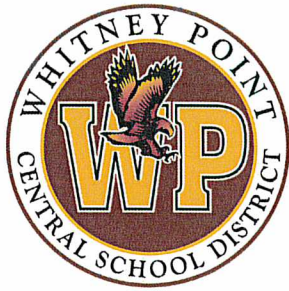
June 9, 2020 - Budget Vote and School Board Election via absentee ballot

June 9, 2020 - Board of Education Meeting, 6:00 p.m., Location/Access TBD

Respectfully submitted,



Cynthia Burchell  
District Clerk



**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**

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Katie Perry	Member		X
Thomas Tasber	Member		X
Christine Widdall	Member		X
Patricia Follette	Superintendent of Schools		X

**Executive Session**

For discussion about negotiations.



**Meeting Adjournment**

Stephanie Champney motioned to adjourn the Executive Session at 6:57 p.m.

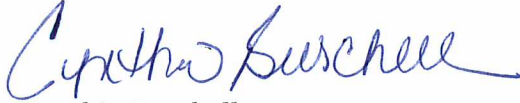
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Seconded by Katie Perry

7 Aye 0 Nay 0 Abstained

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