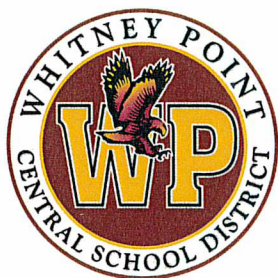


WHITNEY POINT CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
Board of Education Meeting
Whitney Point, NY



Video Conference Special Meeting via Zoom

MINUTES

Tuesday, June 9, 2020

6:00 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 6:03 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: Murphee Hayes, James Hogan, Jeffrey Isaacs, Jo-Anne Knapp, Julie Lamuraglia, Daniel Sweeney, Nicholas Vachon, Graci Standish-Warpus, Cortney Whalen, John Whalen, Christine Widdall

A. PROPOSED EXECUTIVE SESSION

None

B. COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

None

C. COMMENDATIONS

Dr. Follette commended:

- Coughlin & Gerhart for their donation to our school district in lieu of their annual Dollars for Scholars Golf Tournament.

D. OLD BUSINESS

None

E. NEW BUSINESS

1. 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:

- Board of Education Minutes** – May 26, 2020
- Part-Time Summer Food Service Helpers** effective June 15, 2020 – August 31, 2020:

Michelle Ballard
Sherry Ballard
Ashley Brown
Naomi Burlison
Amelia Fitzpatrick
Veronica Gober
Nichole Gumaer

Mary Karges
Brittany Newlen
Jody Ross
Karen Sabo
Sylvan Schroer
Julie Slaven
Amber Stissi-Shaff

Substitute:
Rebecca Pratt

P/T Head Cook:
Linda Beckwith
Melinda Mattia

- Bread Bid** award to Bimbo Foods for the 2020-2021 school year as prepared by Broome Tioga BOCES Food Service Program.
- Ice Cream Bid** award to Hershey's for the 2020-2021 school year as prepared by Broome Tioga BOCES Food Service Program.
- Milk Bid** award to Upstate Niagara Cooperative, Inc. for the 2020-2021 school year as prepared by Broome Tioga BOCES Food Service Program.
- Employment Agreement** – between the Board of Education and the Chief Executive Officer of the Whitney Point Central School District dated June 3, 2020.

g. Change Orders – MC-001 and MC-002

Moved by Christine Widdall

Seconded by Kathleen Driscoll

7 Aye 0 Nay 0 Abstained

APPROVED

2. Appointments

BE IT RESOLVED upon recommendation of the Superintendent that the Board of Education of the Whitney Point Central School District approve the four (4) year probationary appointment of **Cortney Whalen**, Elementary Teacher, in the Elementary Teacher tenure area effective September 1, 2020.

The expiration date provided herein is tentative and conditional only. Except to the extent required by the applicable provisions of Section 3012 of the Education Law, in order to be granted tenure the teacher must receive composite or overall annual performance review ratings, pursuant to Education Law Section 3012-d of either Effective or Highly-Effective in at least three (3) of the four (4) preceding years and if the teacher receives an Ineffective composite or overall rating in the final year of the probationary period, the teacher shall not eligible for tenure at that time.

Moved by Brian Jeker

Seconded by Katie Perry

Dr. Follette introduced Cortney Whalen and welcomed her to the District.

Mrs. Whalen stated she was thrilled to be part of the Whitney Point Community, and that she was excited to get started. She thanked the Board of Education.

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 four (4) year probationary appointment of **Graci Standish-Warpus**, Elementary Teacher, in the Elementary Teacher tenure area effective September 1, 2020.

The expiration date provided herein is tentative and conditional only. Except to the extent required by the applicable provisions of Section 3012 of the Education Law, in order to be granted tenure the teacher must receive composite or overall annual performance review ratings, pursuant to Education Law Section 3012-d of either Effective or Highly-Effective in at least three (3) of the four (4) preceding years and if the teacher receives an Ineffective composite or overall rating in the final year of the probationary period, the teacher shall not eligible for tenure at that time.

Moved by Thomas Tasber

Seconded by Kathleen Driscoll

Dr. Follette introduced Graci Standish-Warpus and welcomed her to the District.

Ms. Standish-Warpus stated she was excited to be part of the Whitney Point School District as a teacher.

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 four (4) year probationary appointment of **Nicholas Vachon**, Physical Education Teacher, in the Physical Education Teacher tenure area effective September 1, 2020.

The expiration date provided herein is tentative and conditional only. Except to the extent required by the applicable provisions of Section 3012 of the Education Law, in order to be granted tenure the teacher must receive composite or overall annual performance review ratings, pursuant to Education Law Section 3012-d of either Effective or Highly-Effective in at least three (3) of the four (4) preceding years and if the teacher receives an Ineffective composite or overall rating in the final year of the probationary period, the teacher shall not eligible for tenure at that time.

Moved by Christine Widdall

Seconded by Brian Jeker

Dr. Follette introduced Nicholas Vachon and welcomed him to the District.

Mr. Vachon stated he was very excited to be part of the Whitney Point School District and was looking forward to getting to know everyone.

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 four (4) year probationary appointment of **James E. Hogan**, Special Education Teacher, in the Special Education Teacher tenure area effective September 1, 2020.

The expiration date provided herein is tentative and conditional only. Except to the extent required by the applicable provisions of Section 3012 of the Education Law, in order to be granted tenure the teacher must receive composite or overall annual performance review ratings, pursuant to Education Law Section 3012-d of either Effective or Highly-Effective in at least three (3) of the four (4) preceding years and if the teacher receives an Ineffective composite or overall rating in the final year of the probationary period, the teacher shall not eligible for tenure at that time.

Moved by Kathleen Driscoll

Seconded by Thomas Tasber

Dr. Follette introduced James Hogan and welcomed him to the District.

Mr. Hogan stated he was looking forward to meeting everyone in person and thanked the Board of Education for the opportunity. He stated he was looking forward to getting started and building relationships with the students.

7 Aye 0 Nay 0 Abstained

APPROVED

3. Marathon Central School District Shared Services Agreement

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

Moved by Kathleen Driscoll

Seconded by Brian Jeker

Dr. Follette stated this contract is for the sharing of a Spanish Teacher. She explained the District has done this in the past and it is a benefit to both districts. She stated they are glad to continue their collaboration with Marathon.

7 Aye 0 Nay 0 Abstained

APPROVED

4. Amendment to the 2020 Building Condition Surveys & Five Year Capital Facilities Plan

BE IT RESOLVED upon recommendation of the Superintendent that the Board of Education of the Whitney Point Central School District approve the Amendment to the 2020 Building Condition Surveys & Five Year Capital Facilities Plan dated May 21, 2020.

Moved by Eddie Maslin

Seconded by Christine Widdall

Mr. Woodard stated the State Education Department requires a building condition survey and five year plan every five years, which helps dictate future capital projects. He stated part of that requirement is to do the surveys which are later reimbursed. He explained we could still do additional work at the TRA that would fall within the parameters of these surveys. He stated they would like to address the various odors that have been noticed in the TRA building. He explained they will be bringing in an odor expert and they are hoping to correct the issue moving forward.

7 Aye 0 Nay 0 Abstained

APPROVED

F. SUPERINTENDENT'S UPDATE

- Guidance for Graduation Celebrations – Dr. Follette stated many things are changing quickly, we thought we would hold a virtual graduation. She stated they just received three options, virtual, drive by, or drive in graduation ceremonies. She stated they have been working with the fairgrounds regarding the drive-in celebration. Now the Governor is saying we can have up to 150 people at an outside event. She stated that would be perfect for the district because we have about 70ish kids graduating this year. She explained it is one of the smaller classes. She stated they have not been given a lot of guidance at this point regarding the 150 people. She is uncertain if the 150 includes the seniors. She stated they also might be able to do something in the Tymeson infield, if allowed. She explained many things are unknown, but they are doing the best they can to make it a memorable event for students and families within the given guidelines.

Mr. Sweeney stated he knows people are tired of hearing they are not sure yet, but we need to be cautious. He discussed different graduation options, but stated with the constant changes, we will not know anything definite until we are closer to the date. He stated he would like the seniors to have the best. He stated the rest of the country seems to be loosening up their restrictions which could lead to a spike and the need for a “Plan B.” He stated he hopes that doesn't happen, but they need to be prepared to do what is necessary.

- Board of Education Retreat Date – Dr. Follette stated she would like to hold the Retreat on July 29th in the evening. She asked to Board of Education to let the District Clerk know whether or not that date is okay with them.

G. COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

Chris Widdall stated she heard that districts could offer special education summer classes.

Dr. Follette stated there are many attorneys giving them advice about this right now.

Mr. Kaminsky stated they are all working very hard to figure out what their summer programming would look like. He stated they are looking at ways to provide some summer services to students on campus as a well.

Dr. Follette stated they were told by the Governor that there was to be no face-to-face summer school. She stated there is also the concern of many high-risk students coming together.

Ms. Sexton stated the students with significant disabilities have suffered the most during this period. She explained that busing requirements state students need to be six feet apart, which creates busing restrictions. She explained that day by day they get new notifications. She said you have to submit plans showing that you could abide by all the guidelines, which some of them are tough.

Mr. Sweeney stated their goal as a district is to have a face-to-face graduation and provide the same experience to this graduating class as they have for the past. He stated it has been so nice to see how a small community functions to rally around those things that are important and it has really made an impression on him.

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 adjourn the Public Meeting at 6:39 p.m.

Moved by Kathleen Driscoll

Seconded by Katie Perry

7 Aye 0 Nay 0 Abstained

APPROVED

I. FYI

May Monthly Enrollment Comparison

June 12, 2020 – Last day for all students

June 16, 2020 – Special Board of Education Meeting, 7:00 p.m. via Zoom

June 23, 2020 – Board of Education Meeting, Location TBD

July 7, 2020 – Board of Education Reorganizational Meeting, Time and Location TBD

Respectfully submitted,



Cynthia Burchell
District Clerk