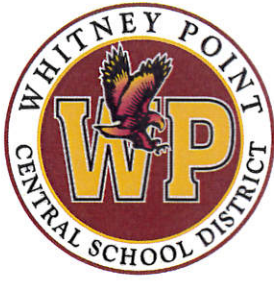


WHITNEY POINT CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
Board of Education Meeting
Whitney Point, NY



Video Conference Special Meeting via Zoom

MINUTES

Tuesday, September 1, 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 6:00 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: Dawna Stafford

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

None

G. OLD BUSINESS

None

H. NEW BUSINESS

1. Resignation

BE IT RESOLVED upon recommendation of the Superintendent that the Board of Education of the Whitney Point Central School District approve the resignation of **Bruce Hughes**, Bus Driver, effective September 9, 2020.

Moved by Christine Widdall

Seconded by Thomas Tasber

7 Aye 0 Nay 0 Abstained

APPROVED

ADDENDA

1. Resignations

BE IT RESOLVED upon recommendation of the Superintendent that the Board of Education of the Whitney Point Central School District approve the retirement resignation of **Linda Arseneau** effective September 7, 2020.

Moved by Kathleen Driscoll

Seconded by Katie Perry

Dr. Follette stated Ms. Arseneau has always served the students with great dedication. She stated the district is sorry to see her leave, and we wish her the best.

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 resignation of **Lori Piech** effective August 31, 2020.

Moved by Brian Jeker

Seconded by Christine Widdall

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 resignation of **Charity Barnhart** effective September 1, 2020.

Moved by Kathleen Driscoll

Seconded by Eddie Maslin

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 probationary appointment of **Jenna Nelson**, Registered School Nurse, effective September 1, 2020.

Moved by Christine Widdall

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 probationary appointment of **Nichole Vertuli**, Registered School Nurse, effective September 1, 2020.

Moved by Eddie Maslin

Seconded by Katie Perry

7 Aye 0 Nay 0 Abstained

APPROVED

ADDENDA

2. Appointments

BE IT RESOLVED upon recommendation of the Superintendent that the Board of Education of the Whitney Point Central School District approve the appointment of **Ashley Brown**, full-time Teacher's Aide, effective September 2, 2020.

Moved by Brian Jeker

Seconded by Kathleen Driscoll

Dr. Follette stated Ashley is moving from a part-time to a full-time position and is replacing Alyx Kirchner-Couch.

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 appointment of **Stacy Singer**, part-time Food Service Helper, effective September 14, 2020.

Moved by Christine Widdall

Seconded by Eddie Maslin

Dr. Follette stated Ms. Singer is replacing Larissa Barrows.

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 appointment of **Ann Thayne**, part-time Food Service Helper, effective September 2, 2020.

Moved by Thomas Tasber

Seconded by Kathleen Driscoll

Dr. Follette stated Ms. Thayne is replacing Kira Brewster.

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 following Technology Integrators for the 2020-2021 school year:

Technology Integrators:

Jeff Detrick - HS

Kris Gilbert – TRA

Michael Williams – CEA*

Nadine Ferguson – CEA*

*Splitting positions and stipends

Moved by Christine Widdall

Seconded by Kathleen Driscoll

Dr. Follette thanked the Technology Integrators. She stated they are invaluable with the District's remote learning.

Ms. Sexton commended the Technology Integrators and stated they have been working very hard all summer.

7 Aye 0 Nay 0 Abstained

APPROVED

3. Unemployment Insurance Reserve

RESOLVED upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools that the Board of Education does and hereby approves \$8,252.48 to be used from the Unemployment Insurance Reserve (A-815) for the payment of Unemployment Insurance expenditures for the period 5/1/20 through 7/3/20. The funds will be appropriated into the 2020-2021 General Fund Appropriation in budget code A 9050.800-16-0000 (Unemployment Insurance).

Moved by Eddie Maslin

Seconded by Thomas Tasber

Mr. Woodard stated this is an expense from the past school year so we can only use our reserve fund for this expense with Board approval.

7 Aye 0 Nay 0 Abstained

APPROVED

4. Memorandums of Agreement

BE IT RESOLVED upon recommendation of the Superintendent that the Board of Education of the Whitney Point Central School District approve the Memorandum of Agreement between the Chief Executive Officer and the Administrators' Association dated September 1, 2020.

Moved by Kathleen Driscoll

Seconded by Christine Widdall

7 Aye 0 Nay 0 Abstained

APPROVED

I. SUPERINTENDENT'S UPDATE

- Capital Project Vote - Dr. Follette stated that the District anticipated a Capital Project Vote in December, however with the current uncertainty in the voting process and the possible 20% hold on aid that is being projected it has been decided to move the Capital Project Vote to the annual May vote.

J. COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

Dr. Widdall asked if we were able to allow anonymous questions during the board meeting, or if people need to be identified.

Mrs. Champney stated Zoom allows people to sign on as anonymous.

Dr. Follette stated she does appreciate all comments.

Mrs. Champney stated in regular meetings we do ask them to state their name and residency. She explained she would look into it.

Dawna Stafford commended the Board of Education and Administration for moving to 5 days a week instruction for PreK-5.

Mrs. Champney stated our District has worked really hard to do all it can for the students. She explained at the time all the rules came out and we were asked to submit a draft plan the District was not in a position to commit to anything final. She stated she expects things to change as the situation changes.

Dr. Follette stated she appreciates all the support and understanding she has received from the community during this difficult time. She explained every day presents us with multiple challenges as we move through this.

Ms. Sexton thanked everyone for their constructive input.

Ms. Sexton stated a question was asked about how a virtual day will look for students. She explained a virtual day will differ according to the age of the student. She explained they will be able to engage, see their peers and teacher. She explained there will be options for families to access instruction after hours if they are not able to access it during regular school hours. She explained remote learning will follow the same school schedule as the District calendar.

Mr. Tasber congratulated the two new nurses and welcomed them to the District.

Mr. Tasber stated he appreciated the new Zoom format.

A discussion ensued regarding Zoom formats.

Dr. Widdall asked if the district has heard any new updates about time allowed and social distancing in PreK-12.

Dr. Follette stated the district does get updates, but they have not been anything too significant at this point.

K. 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 Christine Widdall

7 Aye 0 Nay 0 Abstained

APPROVED

L. FYI

September 14, 2020 – First Day of Classes

September 15, 2020 - Board of Education Meeting, time and location TBD

Respectfully submitted,



Cynthia Burchell
District Clerk