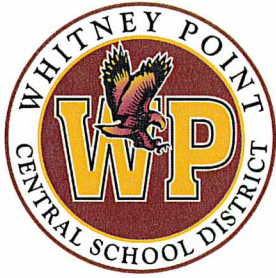


WHITNEY POINT CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
Board of Education Meeting
Whitney Point, NY



Video Conference Meeting via Zoom

MINUTES

Tuesday, September 15, 2020

7:00 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 7:01 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

ADDENDA

C. POLICIES 1ST READING

BE IT RESOLVED upon recommendation of the Superintendent that the Board of Education of the Whitney Point Central School District approve policy number **4250 Data Security & Privacy** for first reading.

Moved by Kathleen Driscoll

Seconded by Eddie Maslin

Dr. Widdall asked if this policy was connected to the funding that the district receives.

Ms. Sexton stated yes, it is educational law, so they can take our funding if we do not comply.

7 Aye 0 Nay 0 Abstained

APPROVED

D. POLICIES 2ND READING

None

E. COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

None

F. COMMENDATIONS

Dr. Follette commends:

- Libby Jurena, a student at Maine Endwell, for compiling 70 personal hygiene bags for students in our schools.
- Assistant Superintendent, Ms. Jo-Ann Sexton and the Whitney Point Central School District Leadership Team for providing support and information while implementing successful Superintendent's Conference Days from September 8 - September 11, 2020.

ADDENDA

- Dr. Follette, Ms. Sexton, Mr. Reese and High School Graduates Madilyn Tiderencel, Owen Hodkinson, Danika Tasber, and Liam Lynch for their participation in the WSKG documentary *Chasing the Dream: Education in the Age of COVID 19*. To access the documentary, please see the following link: <https://wskg.org/uncategorized/1003265/>

G. OLD BUSINESS

None

H. 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:

- a. Board of Education Minutes** – August 25, 2020
- b. Board of Education Minutes** – September 1, 2020
- c. Retirement Resignation** – Cheryl Harmon, Teacher’s Aide – effective September 28, 2020.
- d. Retirement Resignation** – Cynthia Burchell, Secretary to Superintendent and District Clerk – effective November 18, 2020
- e. Resignation** – Robert Blass, Bus Driver – effective September 3, 2020
- f. Resignation** – Timothy Gell, Bus Monitor – effective September 4, 2020.
- g. Resignation** – Patricia Gollogly, part-time Food Service Helper – effective September 8, 2020.
- h. Resignation** – Jennifer Wagstaff, part-time Teacher’s Aide – effective September 8, 2020.
- i. Resignation** – Lucy Vargas, part-time Teacher’s Aide – effective September 11, 2020.
- j. Treasurer’s Report** – July 2020
- k. Committee on Special Education Recommendations**

Moved by Christine Widdall

Seconded by Brian Jeker

7 Aye 0 Nay 0 Abstained

APPROVED

Dr. Follette stated Ms. Harmon is kind, generous, very dependable, and will be missed.

Dr. Follette stated Mrs. Burchell has been an integral part of the function of our district office, approaches each task with professionalism, and will be missed.

ADDENDA

1. Appointments

BE IT RESOLVED upon recommendation of the Superintendent that the Board of Education of the Whitney Point Central School District approves the appointment of **Abbie-Jo Abbott**, full-time Teacher’s Aide, subject to fingerprint clearance.

Moved by Thomas Tasber

Seconded by Kathleen Driscoll

Dr. Follette stated Ms. Abbott is replacing Linda Arseneau.

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 approves the appointment of **Heather Brown**, full-time Teacher’s Aide, subject to fingerprint clearance.

Moved by Christine Widdall

Seconded by Katie Perry

Dr. Follette stated Ms. Brown will be filling a special education need in the High School.

7 Aye 0 Nay 0 Abstained

APPROVED

2. Equipment Disposal

BE IT RESOLVED upon recommendation of the Superintendent that the Board of Education of the Whitney Point Central School District approve the following items for disposal at the October 3, 2020 Mel Manasse & Son Auctioneers' Fall Auction:

Vehicle	Vehicle Identification Number
Bus 116	VIN 1BABHCPA19F261773
Bus 117	VIN 1BABHCPA39F261774
Bus 118	VIN 1BABHCPA59F261775
Suburban #109	VIN 3GNGK26U36G192895

Moved by Kathleen Driscoll

Seconded by Brian Jeker

Mr. Woodard stated the three 2009 buses, and the 2006 suburban need significant bodywork to put them back on the road so we are sending them to auction.

7 Aye 0 Nay 0 Abstained

APPROVED

4. RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF THE WHITNEY POINT CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT REGARDING A STATE ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY REVIEW ACT DETERMINATION FOR THE PROPOSED PROJECT

At the regular meeting of the Board of Education of the Whitney Point Central School District, Broome County, New York, held remotely via Zoom at 7:00 p.m. on the 15th day of September 2020.

WHEREAS, the Board of Education of the Whitney Point Central School District ("Board") is proposing to undertake a \$100,000 Capital Outlay Project, consisting of construction and renovations including incidentals and expenses relating to door hardware and associated work relating to door and door hardware replacements at the Tioughnioga Riverside Academy ("the Project"); and

WHEREAS, the Board wishes to fully comply with its obligations under the State Environmental Quality Review Act (SEQRA) and the regulations thereunder with respect to the proposed action; and

WHEREAS, the Board has carefully considered the nature and scope of the proposed action.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Education of the Whitney Point Central School District, Broome County, New York, as follows:

- Section 1. The proposed action involves replacements of doors and door hardware at the Tioughnioga Riverside Academy.
- Section 2. The Board of Education hereby declares itself lead agency pursuant to SEQRA.
- Section 3. The review will be not be a coordinated review.
- Section 4. The proposed project represents the replacement, rehabilitation or reconstruction of a structure or facility, in kind, on the same site within the meaning of 6 NYCRR 617.5(c)(2);

and/or represents routine activities of educational institutions, including expansion of existing facilities by less than 10,000 square feet of gross floor area within the meaning of 6 NYCRR 617.5(c)(11).

Section 5. The proposed action is a Type II action within the meaning of 6 NYCRR 617.5 and is therefore not subject to review under SEQRA and the regulations thereunder.

RESOLVED, that this resolution shall take effect immediately.

Moved by Kathleen Driscoll

Seconded by Brian Jeker

Mr. Woodard stated this was part of the budget that went out to the voters. He explained the sustainability of these projects where we do \$100,000 in renovations and we get 90% back in state aid, so in essence we are doing \$100,000 worth of renovations for \$10,000. He stated the district is looking forward to doing some extra work at the TRA.

7 Aye 0 Nay 0 Abstained

APPROVED

5. Memorandums of Agreement

BE IT RESOLVED upon recommendation of the Superintendent that the Board of Education of the Whitney Point Central School District approve two (2) separate Memorandums of Agreement between the Chief Executive Officer and the Whitney Point Teachers' Association dated September 4, 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 Memorandum of Agreement between the Chief Executive Officer and the Whitney Point Teachers' Association dated September 8, 2020.

Moved by Kathleen Driscoll

Seconded by Eddie Maslin

7 Aye 0 Nay 0 Abstained

APPROVED

I. SUPERINTENDENT'S UPDATE

- Free breakfast and lunch for all students through December 31, 2020 – Dr. Follette stated our district is eligible for an extended food waiver and our students will be receiving free lunch until December 31, 2020. She explained at that time we will see if there is anything else available, otherwise we will go back to free breakfast and charged lunches for those who are not eligible for free or reduced lunch.
- October 6, 2020 – Board of Education Workshop – Dr. Follette stated we will probably be reviewing the role of the Board of Education at this workshop. She stated the workshop starts at 6:30 p.m. and is open to the public.

J. COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

Ms. Sexton stated she received a question from Dawna Stafford wondering if the district will still get 90% of its funding back, as stated previously, if there is a 20% cut in state aid.

Mr. Woodard stated the district is not committed to the final expenditures until we actually bid out a project. He explained we should know more information at that time. He stated if the district

receives a permanent 20% reduction in aid, we would not be just reevaluating the capital project expense, but everything currently in the district budget.

Ms. Champney stated going forward either way; we would have to have this paperwork filed.

Mr. Woodard agreed.

Dr. Follette stated right now there is a threat of a 20% cut in aid, which for our school would be \$5.5 million dollars because we are 70% aided.

Dr. Widdall stated she is proud to be a board member of the Whitney Point School District, and is proud to live in the district. She stated she shared the videos about what to expect on your first day of school, along with the WSKG Special, and was proud to say we are a community that cares about our children. Dr. Widdall thanked the district for hosting SUNY Cortland students and letting them have that piece of what we have in our district.

Mr. Tasber asked how long people should wait to hear back from the school during this time. He stated he had someone inquire as to how long they should wait to ask a question again.

Dr. Follette stated the district welcomes friendly reminders. She stated we would not want kids to be without, or to be in a position where they can't take advantage of what we are doing.

Ms. Sexton stated please let us know. She stated the district really wants to know how the kids are doing.

Mr. Maslin stated having worked in Mr. Dunham's position for many years, he can say the district is doing a great job providing a safe environment for the students.

Dr. Widdall asked if there was a number the district would need to have to go to all virtual classes?

Dr. Follette stated it has to do with different criteria. She explained it is not only the governor's numbers, but also how quickly the virus might be spreading.

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 7:49 p.m.

Moved by Kathleen Driscoll

Seconded by Christine Widdall

7 Aye 0 Nay 0 Abstained

APPROVED

L. FYI

October 6, 2020 – Board of Education Workshop, 6:30 p.m., Location TBD

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Respectfully submitted,



Cynthia Burchell
District Clerk