# CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

# WHITNEY POINT CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

# Board of Education Meeting Whitney Point, NY

Video Conference Work Session via Zoom

### **WORK SESSION MINUTES**

Tuesday, October 6, 2020 6:30 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 6:34 p.m.

		Present	Absent
Stephanie Champney	President	X	-
Kathleen Driscoll	Vice-President	X	
Brian Jeker	Member	X	
Eddie Maslin	Member	$\mathbf{X}$	
Katie Perry	Member	$\mathbf{X}$	
Thomas Tasber	Member	$\mathbf{X}$	
Christine Widdall	Member	$\mathbf{X}$	
Patricia Follette	Superintendent of Schools	$\mathbf{X}$	
Jo-Ann Sexton	Assistant Superintendent	$\mathbf{X}$	
Zachary Woodard	School Business Executive	$\mathbf{X}$	
Cynthia Burchell	District Clerk	X	

Others in attendance: Stacey Forkey

### A. WORK SESSION

Mrs. Stephanie Champney, Board of Education President, discussed the role of the Board of Education and the superintendent. She stated the Board of Education's main areas of responsibility are legislative, administrative and judicial. She explained the legislative role is defined as policymaking. She stated the administrative role of the Board of Education is the hiring and evaluation of the Superintendent, as well as approving and monitoring the budget and district contracts. She explained it is not part of their duties to create the budget or to look at it line by line and try to monitor every dollar spent. She stated they should look for discrepancies, but not monitor every dollar spent. She stated the Board does approve and monitor district contracts. She stated the Board of Education ensures the budget is appropriate taking the public and tax levy into consideration.

Mrs. Champney stated Board of Education Members do not have the individual right to ask for information. She explained the requested information has to be something the Board of Education as a whole is requesting, as the Board of Education acts as a team. She stated they do not have to come to a consensus, but majority rules. Mrs. Champney stated the Board of Education is expected to move forward as a whole on all votes that are passed. She stated the Board of Education's role is to direct people to the proper departments within the District, not to fix problems themselves. She stated issues very rarely go the Superintendent right away.

Mrs. Champney stated the Board of Education is expected to ask questions about the Agenda or items on the Agenda prior to the meeting. She stated their answers are better answered by calling the District Office ahead of time where the resources are available to properly answer the question.

Dr. Follette stated she appreciates the Whitney Point Central School District's Board of Education. She explained the Board of Education is diversified in their thinking, which helps to see many different perspectives in given situations. She stated they respect each other's opinions and work very well together.

## **B. ADJOURNMENT**

Dr. Follette recommends Board approval of the motion to adjourn the public workshop at 6:25 p.m.

Moved by Kathleen Driscoll

Seconded by Christine Widdall

7 Aye o Nay o Abstained

APPROVED

Respectfully Submitted

Stacey Forkey

District Clerk