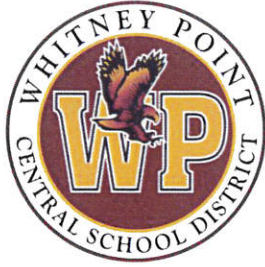


WHITNEY POINT CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
Board of Education Meeting
Whitney Point, NY



Video Conference Meeting via Zoom

MINUTES

Tuesday, October 6, 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 7:02 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: James Dadamio, Stacey Forkey

A. PROPOSED EXECUTIVE SESSION

None

B. NEW BUSINESS

1. Memorandum of Understanding

BE IT RESOLVED upon recommendation of the Superintendent that the Board of Education of the Whitney Point Central School District approve of the Understanding between the Board of Education of the Whitney Point Central School District and the County of Broome to participate in the School Bus Photo Violation Monitoring Program (SBPVMP).

Moved by Thomas Tasber

Seconded by Katie Perry

Mr. Woodard introduced Jim Dadamio School Safety Program Coordinator for the Broome County Office of Emergency Services.

Mr. Dadamio stated NYS amended Section 1174 of the Vehicle and Traffic Law to pass responsibility from a driver to a registered owner of a vehicle for the illegal passing of a school bus with the stop arm deployed and the red lights flashing. He explained normally it would take a law enforcement officer to witness such infraction, which makes them very difficult to prosecute. Stop-arm camera systems will be provided to the district at no cost, and all the upfront cost and equipment is provided for and maintained by the vendor. He stated the State has agreed to equip any bus the County would like to have equipped. Mr. Dadamio explained violations will need to be signed by law enforcement, and a notice will be sent to the registered owner. He stated in the next 30 to 60 days we will be talking about installation with the district.

Dr. Follette stated this was an initiative that she hopes will deter people from passing stopped school buses. She thanked the County for the initiative and providing it free of cost.

Mr. Jeker asked if the cameras are always recording, or only when the bus is stopped with the red lights on?

Mr. Dadamio said this system is independent of any other onboard system you may have. He stated when the stop arm is deployed it is recording motion and radar at the same time. Law enforcement will receive a 15 second video of each suspected violation along with 9 or so still photos of the vehicle showing the front and rear license plates.

Dr. Widdall asked what if there is driver error.

Mr. D. stated those incidences would be not be listed in the acceptable violation section of the agreement.

Dr. Widdall asked if the school would be liable if the bus driver was not doing what he/she should have done.

Mr. Dadamio stated he didn't think it would be any additional liability outside of what is there with your existing cameras.

Mr. Tasber asked about camera maintenance.

Mr. Dadamio stated they are responsible for maintenance unless there is damage due to negligence.

A discussion ensued.

7 Aye 0 Nay 0 Abstained

APPROVED/REJECTED

(The remainder of the New Business items will be addressed after Old Business)

CORRESPONDENCE

None

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 **8380 / 3320 Information and Data Security, Privacy, Breach and Notification** for first reading.

Moved by Christine Widdall

Seconded by Brian Jeker

Dr. Follette stated we presented a policy at the last meeting and stated we would be sending some revisions. She explained as everything is fast-changing we decided to abandon the other policy and move forward with a new one. That is why this one is a first reading again because it is very different.

Ms. Sexton stated there has been recent changes to this policy, and this policy is similar to others. She explained the policy encompasses other policies in the district so we may be removing some in the future. She stated the Bill of Rights for parents was removed from the data policies because the district has it as a separate Bill of Rights for parents policy. She explained the district works very closely with these policies with BOCES and it will be ongoing as time goes on. She stated BOCES blocks a staggering number of attempts to access our data and it is always changing.

Dr. Widdall thanked Ms. Sexton for her work, and stated it is an overwhelming task.

7 Aye 0 Nay 0 Abstained

APPROVED

D. POLICIES 2ND READING

None

E. COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

Ms. Sexton stated a question was asked about the status of the music program. She explained how music is being taught in the district. She stated as things improve, if conditions allow, we will be discussing getting back to normal.

Ms. Sexton stated there was also a question about whether or not the district has done anything to humidify the air in the buildings to inhibit virus viability.

Mr. Woodard stated the district has worked on the HVAC systems throughout many capital projects and over the summer with the HVAC contractor. He stated we have all fresh air ventilation up to the NYS building code standards. He explained we have encouraged windows to be open when possible and addressed areas where a boost in ventilation is needed.

Ms. Sexton stated a question was posted asking if the District could identifying whether or not a COVID case was a student or faculty member as other districts have done.

Dr. Follette stated she will consider this, but every statement she puts out requires Health Department approval. She explained when you are in a small school district it is easier to identify

individuals. She stated she knows that not knowing causes some consternation. She stated it is a delicate balance and too easy to identify individuals. She stated we do have to use caution.

Ms. Sexton stated questions were asked about school pictures and playground access for remote learners. Ms. Sexton explained the district is working on arrangements for school pictures for remote learners without mixing the cohorts.

Dr. Follette stated during the day, playground use is difficult because they are keeping cohorts of kids separated. She explained after school the playgrounds are open to the public.

Ms. Sexton stated a question was asked about yellow zone boundaries.

Dr. Follette explained nothing has been provided to the district at this point in time. She stated at this time we are unclear as to whether or not Whitney Point CSD is in that zone.

Ms. Sexton stated a question was asked if we are designated yellow, how the nurses would handle the testing along with their normal duties.

Dr. Follette stated the testing plans for Broome County are not individualized for schools, so it would go back on Broome County as to how they were to provide services for school districts to be tested. She stated she did advocate for a rapid testing site in Whitney Point.

F. COMMENDATIONS

Dr. Follette commends:

- The Board of Education members for their service to the Whitney Point Central School District in acknowledgement of School Board Recognition Week October 19 – October 23, 2020.
- Mrs. Knapp, faculty and staff for a successful CEA virtual Family Welcome Night held on September 8, 2020.
- The Whitney Point Central School District and Whitney Point Central School District Business Executive Zachary Woodard, and District Office Secretary Marcia Stahl, for their work on the application to earn Whitney Point Central School District a Utica National Insurance Group's School Safety Excellence Award. Whitney Point was awarded the highest award, Titanium with honors, which also earned the district a \$500.00 check.

ADDENDA

- *Whitney Point Central School District band students Prudence Harrison (Alto Saxophone), Noah Somers (Tuba), Rhiannon Craver (Flute/Piccolo) and Hayley Collins (Clarinet) for being selected to participate in the Hartwick College Virtual Honor Band this month.*

G. OLD BUSINESS

None

H. NEW BUSINESS (Cont.)

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** – September 15, 2020
- b. **Resignation** – Elizabeth McManamon, Bus Monitor – effective September 1, 2020.
- c. **Resignation** – Amber Brink, part-time Teacher’s Aide– effective October 9, 2020.
- d. **Resignation** – Cynthia Burchell, Records Retention and Records Access Officer, effective November 18, 2020.
- e. **Termination** – Lindie Champion, Bus Monitor – effective October 6, 2020.
- f. **Unpaid Leave of Absence** – Casey Baumlin effective October 15 – October 30, 2020 with a return to work date of November 2, 2020.
- g. **Medical Examination Resolution** – regarding employee ERS# 39929047.
- h. **Constellation Energy Contract Renewal** – at a fixed price of \$.04273/KWh for a term of 36 months commencing November 1, 2020.
- i. **Treasurer’s Report** – August 2020
- j. **Extra-Classroom Treasurer’s Report** – August 2020
- k. **Committee on Special Education Recommendations**

Moved by Kathleen Driscoll

Seconded by Christine Widdall

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 appointment of **Stacey Forkey**, Secretary to the Superintendent, effective October 21, 2020.

Moved by Thomas Tasber

Seconded by Brian Jeker

Dr. Follette introduced Ms. Forkey to the Board of Education.

Ms. Forkey thanked the Board of Education, and stated she was participating in the Board Meeting to see what it is all about.

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 **Stacey Forkey** to the position of District Clerk, effective October 21, 2020. The stipend for this position is \$4,500.00.

Moved by Eddie Maslin

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 appointment of **Stacey Forkey**, Records Retention Officer, effective October 21, 2020.

Moved by Brian Jeker

Seconded by Katie Perry

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 **Stacey Forkey**, Records Access Officer, effective October 21, 2020.

Moved by Kathleen Driscoll

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 appointment of **Rachel O'Neil**, part-time Teacher's Aide, effective October 7, 2020.

Moved by Thomas Tasber

Seconded by Eddie Maslin

Dr. Follette stated Ms. O'Neill is replacing Lucy Vargas.

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 **XiaoYu Rafferty**, part-time Teacher's Aide, effective October 7, 2020.

Moved by Kathleen Driscoll

Seconded by Katie Perry

Dr. Follette stated Ms. Rafferty is replacing Jennifer Wagstaff.

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 **Deirdre Ballard**, Bus Monitor, effective October 7, 2020.

Moved by Christine Widdall

Seconded by Eddie Maslin

Dr. Follette stated Ms. Ballard is replacing Mary Kicsak.

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 **Kyra Ocasio**, Bus Monitor, effective October 7, 2020.

Moved by Kathleen Driscoll

Seconded by Thomas Tasber

Dr. Follette stated Ms. Ocasio is replacing Rebecca Moore.

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 **Brooke Pratt**, part-time Food Service Helper, effective October 7, 2020.

Moved by Brian Jeker

Seconded by Eddie Maslin

Dr. Follette stated Ms. Pratt is replacing Patricia Gollogly.

7 Aye 0 Nay 0 Abstained

APPROVED

ADDENDA

1. Appointment

BE IT RESOLVED upon recommendation of the Superintendent that the Board of Education of the Whitney Point Central School District approve the appointment of **Amanda Collyer**, full-time Teacher's Aide, effective October 7, 2020.

Moved by Christine Widdall

Seconded by Katie Perry

Dr. Follette stated Ms. Collyer is replacing Linda Lantz.

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 **Jessica Kellicutt**, full-time Teacher's Aide, effective October 7, 2020.

Moved by Kathleen Driscoll

Seconded by Thomas Tasber

Dr. Follette stated Ms. Kellicutt is replacing Cindy Frost who transferred to the TRA.

7 Aye 0 Nay 0 Abstained

APPROVED

4. External Audit Report

BE IT RESOLVED upon recommendation of the Superintendent that the Board of Education of the Whitney Point Central School District approve the 2019-2020 Financial Report by Insero & Company CPA's, LLP, Certified Public Accountants and Consultants.

Moved by Brian Jeker

Seconded by Kathleen Driscoll

7 Aye 0 Nay 0 Abstained

APPROVED

ADDENDA

2. Application for Refund and Credit of Real Property Taxes

BE IT RESOLVED upon recommendation of the Superintendent that the Board of Education of the Whitney Point Central School District approve the applications for refund and credit of real property taxes pursuant to Section 554 of the NYS Real Property Tax Laws.

Total Warrant Changes: (\$2,252.53)

Moved by Christine Widdall

Seconded by Kathleen Driscoll

7 Aye 0 Nay 0 Abstained

APPROVED

H. SUPERINTENDENT'S UPDATE

- Whitney Point CSD 2020 Utilization Report – Dr. Follette stated the district fulfilled its obligation of the 30-year quick-claim deed and now we own the land without restrictions. Dr. Follette stated the district appreciated the many years of use of the property.

Mr. Woodard stated that we had to file an annual report for the last 30 years stating we did not create any environmental hazardous conditions or do anything against the deed restrictions on the property. He stated we always had to have approval to use the land with capital projects.

I. COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

None

J. BOARD OF EDUCATION COMMENTS

Dr. Follette stated this item on the Agenda is added as part of the Board of Education's goals to be able to discuss topics in open session and allow a place for them to have comments that do not overlap with comments from the public.

Dr. Widdall stated she attend Broome Tioga School Board Association Meeting on September 17, 2020 as the Legislative Committee representative for the district. She stated one of the resolutions they did not totally agree on was the certification of parent advocates at CSE meetings. She explained the funding was undetermined so they did vote no on it as a group. She stated there was one resolution that the board did not adopt, but the committee agreed that if possible should adopted. She stated it creates a process of tenure review and renewal every five years throughout the years of all tenured public school employees. She stated this process would include student, parent and college feedback, not just by test scores, and is intended to be constructive and not punitive. She stated they did agree and they did feel like the tenure process should be looked at.

Dr. Widdall stated she volunteered to shadow two of our legislators again representing the Whitney Point School District at the upcoming Legislative meeting. Dr. Widdall stated the Board identifies a member that will represent the school board at these Legislative Meetings.

Dr. Follette stated they usually host a breakfast that allows the districts to get together, meet the candidates and discuss the different needs they would like our local politicians to support.

The Board of Education thanked Mrs. Burchell for her service, everything she has done for the Board of Education over the years, and the support she has given to the district.

Dr. Follette commended Mrs. Burchell.

Mrs. Burchell stated it was an honor and a privilege to work with Dr. Follette and the Board of Education.

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 8:00 p.m.

Moved by Kathleen Driscoll

Seconded by Christine Widdall

7 Aye 0 Nay 0 Abstained

APPROVED

L. FYI

September Monthly Enrollment Comparison

October 7, 2020 – Tioughnioga Riverside Academy Virtual Open House, Grades 6-8, via zoom

October 13, 2020 – High School Virtual Open House, 6:30 – 8:00 p.m., via link on HS website page

November 17, 2020 – Board of Education Meeting, 7:00 p.m., Location TBD

Respectfully Submitted,



Stacey Forkey
District Clerk