

WHITNEY POINT CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

Board of Education Meeting

Whitney Point High School Building

High School Library

P.O. Box 249

Whitney Point, NY 13862



MINUTES

Tuesday, May 7, 2019

District Mission:

7:00 p.m.

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 7:03 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	
Katie Perry	Member	X	
Thomas Tasber	Member	X	
Art Timmins	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: Linnea Amato, Sarah Atwood, Laura Chestnut, Kari DiTondo, Samantha Driscoll, Tonya Ellerson, Stephanie Ewald, Murphee Hayes, Jeff Isaacs, Aaron Kaminsky, Jo-Anne Knapp, Julie Lamuraglia, Wendy Morgan, Meredith Scott, Daniel Sweeney, Haily Valachovic

Annual Meeting and Budget Hearing

The Public Budget Hearing was called to order at 7:03 p.m. by the Board President, Mrs. Stephanie Champney.

I. Annual Meeting Chairperson

It is appropriate to select a chairperson for this Annual Election and Budget Vote. This Chairperson will conduct the meeting, and will open and close the polls on Tuesday, May 21, 2019.

BE IT RESOLVED upon recommendation of the Superintendent that the Board of Education of the Whitney Point Central School District appoint Cynthia Burchell as Annual Meeting Chairperson.

Moved by Kathleen Driscoll

Seconded by Christine Widdall

6 Aye 0 Nay 0 Abstained

Approved

Board President or designee will turn the meeting over to the Chairperson.

II. Budget Review

The Chairperson introduced the Board Members and Ms. Follette. Ms. Follette reviewed the Proposed Budget for the 2019-2020 school year and explained the other propositions.

III. Introduction of Candidates

The Chairperson introduced the candidates for the Board of Education.

Two (2) three year terms:

Christine Widdall stated she is seeking election for a second term. She stated she has had children in the district and now grandchildren. She stated she hopes to continue her vision of collaborative community work toward continual improvement of our children, their families and our community.

Brian Jeker stated he is seeking election for a third term. He stated he is a single parent of two Whitney Point CSD graduates who are now attending college. He stated his main objective is to represent all of the students and direct the school, curriculum and atmosphere to revolve around the students' needs, education and future.

IV. Suspension of the Hearing

The Board suspended the meeting until 1:00 p.m. on May 21, 2019, at which time the polls will be opened.

A. PROPOSED EXECUTIVE SESSION

None

B. MINUTES

BE IT RESOLVED upon recommendation of the Superintendent that the Board of Education of the Whitney Point Central School District approve the Minutes from the Board of Education Meeting held on April 23, 2019.

Moved by Brian Jeker

Seconded by Art Timmins

6 Aye 0 Nay 1 Abstained (*Kathleen Driscoll*)

APPROVED

C. CORRESPONDENCE

None

D. POLICIES 1ST READING

None

E. POLICIES 2ND READING

None

F. COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

None

G. COMMENDATIONS

Ms. Follette commends:

- Tioughnioga Riverside Academy 4th grade teacher Cheryl Donnelly for seeking opportunities for 4th grade students to attend the The Farmer’s Museum and Fenimore Art Museum.
- Mrs. Belanger, Mrs. Westcott, Mrs. Konicki, Mr. Prindle, Ms. Thomas, Ms. Cortese and our community representatives Rebecca Harris from Workforce NY, Danielle Britton and Ebony Jackson from Greater Binghamton Chamber of Commerce for the successful 2019 “Design it. Build it.” Career Fair held in the High School on May 1, 2019. A special thanks to Mrs. Thorn and Mr. Sweeney for their help.

Ms. Follette stated the theme this year was manufacturing.

Christine Widdall stated she attended and it was an amazing event.

- Mr. Stanley, Mr. Williams, Ms. Cleere and Mr. Leet for organizing the Sci-Girls Conference field trip.
- Mrs. Stanley, Mrs. Donnelly and Mr. Leet for organizing the physics van for the 4th & 5th grade students sponsored by the PTA.

- Mrs. Fox, Mrs. Ellerson, Ms. Guiton, Mrs. Hodkinson, Mrs. Morgan, and Mr. Truesdell for the very successful Family Literacy and Activity Night held at the Tioughnioga Riverside Academy on Wednesday, April 24. Also Ms. Davies, Mrs. Williamson and Mrs. Gilbert for their assistance.
- Lourdes and Matthews Auto for donating recess kits to the Caryl E. Adams and Tioughnioga Riverside Academy.
- The following Whitney Point Central School District art students displaying artwork at the Da Vinci Festival Student Art Show at the Broome County Library, 185 Court Street in Binghamton until May 29, 2019:

Cameron Baker
 Kelsey Barrows
 Owen Brown
 Logan Burke
 Kaleb Cheeseman
 Lane Conroy
 Roberta D'Amico
 Alexis Doty
 Cierra Fitzpatrick
 Laci Gates
 Levi Hollerer
 Erin Hurlbut
 Logan Lounsberry
 Johnathan McCall

Harley Pratt
 Zayden Pryce
 Madison Sculley
 Aleise Shipman
 Victoria Slack
 Mackenzie St. John
 Alexis Start
 Danika Tasber
 Madison Tucker
 Katelynn VanDee
 Lilly Vargas
 Kamryn Ward
 Allison Zembek

- Senior High Valedictorian Ethan Baker, and Salutatorian, Amy Stevens. Congratulations on your achievements.
- The following Whitney Point High School Seniors for their placement in the top ten of the Whitney Point Senior High School graduating class of 2019:

1. Ethan Baker
2. Amy Stevens
3. Marylin Peterson
4. Alexa Wentz
- *5. Leanne Bough
- *5. Abigail Somers
7. Savannah Burlison
8. Sabrina French
9. Jillian Dukerich
10. Rachel Ward

* Tied for fifth place

ADDENDA

Ms. Follette commends:

- *Mrs. Knapp, the Pre-K teachers, Dianne Richards, Kim Downs, the SUNY Cortland Practicum Students and parents Lindsay Gilligan, Amy Delesandro, Jennifer Hubbard for organizing, and all who assisted with The Celebration of Young Children (a literacy event) held on Friday, April 26, 2019. Approximately 66 children attended the event.*

- *Mr. Jones, Mrs. Williamson, and the High School Select Concert Chorus and Jazz and Concert Band for receiving the following awards at the Parks Competition at Bush Gardens:*

*1st Place Concert Band, Class A
 1st Place Concert Chorus, Class A
 1st Place Jazz Band, Class A
 1st Place Select Chorus, Class A*

Whitney Point High School was also awarded the coveted Esprit de Corps which is an award given to the school who demonstrates the highest level of musicianship on and off the stage through professionalism, respect, personal integrity, a desire for excellence and a spirit of cooperation.

Ms. Follette stated it is always such an accomplishment to receive these awards.

Christine Widdall stated she attended the Literacy Night and that she thought it was so much fun to try a new instrument. She stated this was such a great way for students to get their hands on and try something new.

H. OLD BUSINESS

None

I. NEW BUSINESS

1. Ag in the Classroom Presentation

Sarah Atwood, Cornell Cooperative Extension Ag in the Classroom Educator, gave a presentation on Ag in the Classroom. Ms. Atwood stated the Ag in the Classroom Program teaches children about farming, planting food, where their food comes from and how to be sustainable. She stated the Ag in the Classroom Program is active in approximately 13 local school districts. She discussed several of the different Ag in the Classroom lessons taught throughout the year and explained how the lessons are often aligned with the seasons to increase relevance for the students.

Kathleen Driscoll commented that this is a fantastic program. She stated she was happy to see the school involved with a program that will build back farming and agriculture in our area. She stated it would be nice to renew interest in this area.

Ms. Atwood stated there are many more opportunities of this nature on the Cornell Cooperative Extension website.

ADDENDA

1. Municipal Corporation Agreement

BE IT RESOLVED upon recommendation of the Superintendent that the Board of Education of the Whitney Point Central School District approve the Municipal Corporation Agreement between Marathon Central School District and Whitney Point Central School District dated May 7, 2019.

Moved by Kathleen Driscoll

Seconded by Katie Perry

Ms. Follette stated this is an Agreement with Marathon CSD for students to attend their Agricultural Program.

7 Aye 0 Nay 0 Abstained

APPROVED

2. Tioughnioga Riverside Academy Academic Improvement Plan

Mrs. Chestnut presented the Tioughnioga Riverside Academy 2018-2021 Academic Improvement Plan. She reviewed the 2018-2021 Performance Measures. She stated in most areas they are exceeding the average growth of similar students in the measure. She stated some of the performance measures do not reflect accurate numbers as a result of students opting out of testing. She discussed i-Ready and how it helps students at their grade level and looks at growth.

Ms. Lamuraglia reviewed the overall improvement in attendance and proficiency. She stated absences at 10% or more are considered chronically absent. She discussed the targets and the mandated accountability areas and reviewed in detail the improved communication measures taken regarding the importance of good attendance.

Ms. Chestnut discussed refusal rates. She stated 80% of students participated in testing last year and 90% this year. She stated there is still work to do but feels they are making progress.

Ms. Chestnut explained in detail the 2018-2019 Shared Decision-making Team's improvement activities.

A discussion ensued about activities implemented to promote attendance.

3. Resignation

BE IT RESOLVED upon recommendation of the Superintendent that the Board of Education of the Whitney Point Central School District approve of the resignation of **Linda Brown**, Bus Monitor, effective April 30, 2019.

Moved by Christine Widdall

Seconded by Brian Jeker

7 Aye 0 Nay 0 Abstained

APPROVED

4. 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 **Sydney Chaffee**, Physical Education Teacher, in the Physical Education Teacher tenure area effective September 1, 2019.

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 be eligible for tenure at that time.

Moved by Kathleen Driscoll

Seconded by Art Timmins

Ms. Follette stated Ms. Chaffee will be filling the position currently held by Brian Hull's, who is retiring in June.

7 Aye 0 Nay 0 Abstained

APPROVED

5. Tenure Recommendations

BE IT RESOLVED upon recommendation of the Superintendent that the Board of Education of the Whitney Point Central School District approve of the tenure recommendation for **Haily Valachovic**, Elementary Teacher, effective September 1, 2019.

Moved by Christine Widdall

Seconded by Brian Jeker

Mrs. Valachovic thanked the Board of Education for the opportunity and stated it was great to call Whitney Point home.

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 of the tenure recommendation for **Wendy Morgan**, Elementary Teacher, effective September 1, 2019.

Moved by Thomas Tasber

Seconded by Katie Perry

Mrs. Morgan stated the district has a great and supportive faculty and administrative team. She stated she was proud to call Whitney Point home as a teacher and parent of students in the district.

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 of the tenure recommendation for **Linnea Amato**, Elementary Teacher, effective September 1, 2019.

Moved by Kathleen Driscoll

Seconded by Thomas Taser

Mrs. Amato stated she loves working at the CEA and is very proud to call herself a teacher at Whitney Point. She stated she was very impressed by the way the school works together for the children and how it was a representative of the phrase "it takes a village".

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 of the tenure recommendation for **Kevin Gaydorus**, Special Education Teacher, effective September 1, 2019.

Moved by Art Timmins

Seconded by Brian Jeker

Ms. Follette stated Mr. Gaydorus was unable to attend. She wished him congratulations.

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 of the tenure recommendation for **Kari DiTondo**, Elementary Teacher, effective September 1, 2019.

Moved by Christine Widdall

Seconded by Brian Jeker

Ms. DiTondo stated discussed her role in the district as a technology integrator. She stated she was proud to part of the Whitney Point Central School District.

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 of the tenure recommendation for **Stephanie Ewald**, Elementary Teacher, effective September 1, 2019.

Moved by Kathleen Driscoll

Seconded by Thomas Tasber

Mrs. Ewald stated she is very happy to be a teacher at the Whitney Point School District. She stated the district truly cares about its students and community. She said it is a nice place to be.

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 of the tenure recommendation for **Meredith Scott**, Reading Teacher, effective September 1, 2019.

Moved by Christine Widdall

Seconded by Art Timmins

Ms. Scott stated she is thrilled with the Whitney Point School District. She stated there is a fantastic family of people working with the students and her children love it here. She is happy to be part of the district.

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 of the tenure recommendation for **Samantha Driscoll**, Mathematics Teacher, effective September 1, 2019.

Moved by Brian Jeker

Seconded by Art Timmins

Ms. Driscoll stated she is a 2004 graduate of the district and stated it was a pleasure to be back in the community and back where the kids are the point.

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 of the tenure recommendation for **Jesse Hartley**, Science Teacher, effective September 1, 2019.

Moved by Thomas Tasber

Seconded by Art Timmins

Ms. Follette stated Mr. Hartley was unable to attend. She wished him congratulations.

7 Aye 0 Nay 0 Abstained

APPROVED

6. Field Trip

BE IT RESOLVED upon recommendation of the Superintendent that the Board of Education of the Whitney Point Central School District approve the Family, Career & Community Leaders of America (FCCLA) field trip proposal to the FCCLA Summer Leadership Conference in Oneonta, NY on July 22 through July 24, 2019.

Moved by Kathleen Driscoll

Seconded by Christine Widdall

Ms. Follette commended Kristen Godfrey for growing the FCCLA program at the TRA.

7 Aye 0 Nay 0 Abstained

APPROVED

7. 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 at the Whitney Point Senior High School Library, 10 Keibel Road, Whitney Point, New York at 7:00 p.m. on the 7th day of May, 2019.

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 the gymnasium air conditioning system at the Senior High School ("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 renovations to the doors and the air conditioning system at the Senior High School.
- 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 Katie Perry

Mr. Woodard stated these resolutions are required for the project. He stated the next resolution is Phase III of the referendum. He stated they could not do the gym air-conditioning with just 100,000.00. They proposed to use the remaining money authorized. \$100,000.00 can only be at one building. He explained they will also be using some of the money to purchase hardware needed for doors.

Stephanie Champney asked if the air conditioning will be completed by June.

Mr. Woodard stated no, but they are hoping for next June.

Mr. Jeker asked if they were going to request a completion date.

Mr. Woodard stated the project has a timeline.

Mr. Jeker asked if there were any penalties.

Mr. Woodard stated no. He explained the State Education Department determines process and how it affects deadlines. He stated the district does have an option to request a 3rd party review that would expedite the process. He stated the State has an average 40-week review time and a third party would have approximately 15-week review time. He also stated a penalty may drive up the prices.

7 Aye 0 Nay 0 Abstained

APPROVED

8. 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 at the Whitney Point Senior High School Library, 10 Keibel Road, Whitney Point, New York at 7:00 p.m. on the 7th day of May, 2019.

WHEREAS, the Board of Education of the Whitney Point Central School District ("Board") is proposing to undertake Phase III of the originally voter approved 2015 Capital Project Referendum in the amount \$13,038,022, consisting of the construction and renovations and associated work relating to the air conditioning system in the gymnasium at the Senior High School ("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 replacement of the air conditioning system in half of the gymnasium at the Senior High School.

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 Katie Perry

Seconded by Christine Widdall

7 Aye 0 Nay 0 Abstained

APPROVED

9. Ashley McGraw Architects Contracts

BE IT RESOLVED upon recommendation of the Superintendent that the Board of Education of the Whitney Point Central School District approve the contracts for architectural services with Ashley McGraw Architects at a cost not to exceed:

\$100,000.00 Capital Outlay Project Fee	\$12,500.00
Phase III Service Fee	\$16,000.00

Moved by Kathleen Driscoll

Seconded by Art Timmins

7 Aye 0 Nay 0 Abstained

APPROVED

10. Committee on Special Education

BE IT RESOLVED upon recommendation of the Superintendent that the Board of Education of the Whitney Point Central School District approve the recommendations of the Committee on Special Education.

Moved by Thomas Tasber

Seconded by Kathleen Driscoll

7 Aye 0 Nay 0 Abstained

APPROVED

J. BOARD OF EDUCATION GOALS

K. SUPERINTENDENT'S UPDATE

L. COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

Thomas Tasber stated the Chorus and Band field trip to Bush Gardens mentioned earlier on the Addenda was fantastic. He stated he had the utmost respect and honor for Mr. Jones and Ms. Williamson. He explained it was a tremendous effort for two people. He stated it is an honor to be represented by them everywhere they go and everything they do.

Ms. Follette agreed.

Mr. Tasber stated the students maintained their composure under some hard circumstances. He stated when they won the Esprit de Corps Award it was nice to see that others saw in our students what we saw in them.

Ms. Follette stated she was so proud of the teachers and students, and how although they are part of a small rural school district they can still present themselves beautifully to the world.

M. 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 9:11 p.m.

Moved by Kathleen Driscoll

Seconded by Brian Jeker

7 Aye 0 Nay 0 Abstained

APPROVED

N. FYI

Proposed Budget Snapshot

April Monthly Enrollment Comparison

2019 Budget Newsletter

May 1-May 3, 2019 – NYS Math Test: Grades 3-8

May 8, 2019 – TRA 6-8 Chorus Concert – TRA Auditorium, 7 p.m.

May 10, 2019 – Half Day – TRA and CEA only (Not HS)

May 13, 2019 – TRA 6-8 Band Concert – TRA Auditorium, 7 p.m.

May 16, 2019 – HS Spring Band Concert – HS Auditorium, 7 p.m.

May 21, 2019 – Budget Vote and BOE Election, HS Cafeteria, 1:00-8:00 p.m.

May 21, 2019 – Board of Education Meeting, HS Library, 7 p.m.

May 21, 2019 – HS Spring Chorus Concert – HS Auditorium, 7 p.m.

May 21, 2019 – CEA Spring Festival, 6 p.m.

May 15-May 17, 2019 – Destination D.C. Field Trip

May 23-May 27, 2019 – No School, Memorial Weekend

May 28-May 31, 2019 – Kinderville

May 30, 2019 – HS Academic Awards Program, HS Auditorium, 7 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Cynthia Burchell

District Clerk