

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 21, 2019

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 7:00 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	
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, Christine Baker, Nathan Baker, Molly Cleere, Kari DiTondo, Murphee Hayes, Jeff Isaacs, Aaron Kaminsky, Jo-Anne Knapp, Julie Lamuraglia, Daniel Sweeney, Chris Widdall

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 May 7, 2019.

Moved by Kathleen Driscoll

Seconded by Brian Jeker

Stephanie Champney stated she did not second the Chairperson motion in the Hearing. Christine Widdall stated she was the one that seconded the motion.

The District Clerk stated she would amend the minutes.

7 Aye 0 Nay 0 Abstained

APPROVED

C. CORRESPONDENCE

None

D. POLICIES 1ST READING

None

E. POLICIES 2ND READING

BE IT RESOLVED upon recommendation of the Superintendent that the Board of Education of the Whitney Point Central School District approve policy number **5510 Accounting of Funds**.

Moved by Christine Widdall

Seconded by Katie Perry

Ms. Follette stated the change was made as requested in the third paragraph.

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 policy number **5511 Maintenance of Fund Balance**.

Moved by Kathleen Driscoll

Seconded by Art Timmins

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 policy number **5512 Reserve Funds**.

Moved by Brian Jeker

Seconded by Christine Widdall

Mr. Woodard stated he reviewed a draft report of the Reserve Funds to bring to the June meeting so they can see what it looks like.

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 remove policy number **5550 Fund Balance**.

Moved by Art Timmins

Seconded by Kathleen Driscoll

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 policy number **5761 Drug and Alcohol Testing for School Bus Drivers**.

Moved by Christine Widdall

Seconded by Art Timmins

7 Aye 0 Nay 0 Abstained

APPROVED

F. COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

None

G. COMMENDATIONS

Ms. Follette commends:

- Ms. Gac, and the Tioughnioga Riverside Academy 6th – 8th Grade Chorus for the energetic and entertaining choral presentation on May 8, 2019. Mrs. Heinle accompanied the chorus on the piano.
- Ms. Gac, Mrs. Davies, Mrs. Williamson and the Whitney Point Central School District’s 7/8 Band, 7/8 Chorus, Select Chorus and Jazz Band for receiving the following awards at the Music in the Parks Competition at Dorney Park:

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

- Mrs. Gilbert, Mrs. Williamson and the Whitney Point Central School District’s 6th -8th Grade Band members for the spectacular Spring Band Concert held at the Tioughnioga Riverside Academy on May 13, 2019.
- Mr. Jones, Mrs. Williamson and the High School Band for their Spring Band Concert held at the High School on May 16, 2019.
- The Whitney Point Boys’ Varsity Lacrosse Team for winning the Section IV, Division IV title, for being chosen as the Winners of the 2019 Sportsmanship Awarded voted on by Section IV Officials, and for winning the Class C/D Bowie Award.
- The following Whitney Point Boys’ Lacrosse Players for being chosen as District 4-All League players:

1st Team Mid
 Andy Davis
 Hunter James

1st Team Attack
 Collin Craft

1st Team Defense:
 Gavin Oliver
 Austin Quail

1st Team Def. Mid

Hunter Stark
Austin Hand

1st Team Goalie

Connor Doyle

- Whitney Point Girls' Varsity Lacrosse Team for winning the Section IV, Division III title.
- The following Whitney Point Girls Varsity Lacrosse Players for being chosen as Class C & D Section IV All-Stars:

1st Team

Amy Stevens
Victoria Petrie

2nd Team

Savannah Burlison
Brenna Bough

- Pam Powell and the cafeteria staff for all of their hard work implementing the Universal Breakfast After the Bell Program.

Christine Widdall stated how great it was that Whitney Point has this program.

Ms. Follette stated the District will keep working to get more benefits for our students.

- Whitney Point School Resource Officer Steve Noyes for receiving the American Red Cross Real Hero Award. Ms. Follette stated Officer Noyes received this award back in October, but did not talk about it. She stated the district just found out about it.
- Whitney Point High School Senior Andy Davis for being named Newschannel 34's Athlete of the week.
- Whitney Point High School Concert Chorus and Select Chorus for receiving the following awards at the NYSSMA Majors:

The Select Chorus performed music at level 5 (there are 6 levels of difficulty in NYSSMA) and received a rating of Bronze.

The Concert Chorus performed music at level 4 and received a rating of Silver.

- Whitney Point CEA Students for being awarded a Certificate of Appreciation from the American Legion that reads,

"In recognition and sincere appreciation of recognizing the importance of saying the Pledge of Allegiance and signing the National Anthem at your Monday morning Programs. Your show of Patriotism, Honor and respect to our flag makes each day a learning experience about our Country."

- Whitney Point High School graduating seniors who received college credits through Thompkins Cortland Community College.
- Whitney Point High School Senior lacrosse player Andy Davis for making Section IV and New York state history by scoring his 462nd goal, setting a new Section IV career points record which placed him in the top 10 in NYS history.
- Whitney Point High School Senior lacrosse player Andy Davis for being chosen as an All American Lacrosse Player.
- Whitney Point High School Senior John Sluznis for placing 5th in the IAC League Championship in the 400 meters.

ADDENDA

- *Mrs. Becker, Mrs. Hodkinson, faculty and staff for their successful Destination D.C. field trip held for eighth grade students on May 15-17, 2019.*

H. OLD BUSINESS

None

I. NEW BUSINESS

1. Technology Incubator Project Update

Ms. Jo-Ann Sexton gave an update on the Technology Incubator Project. She reviewed the history and process of how these internal grants work. Each person awarded a grant agrees to participate in professional development during the first year of the award and then to become a technology mentor to their colleagues in the following years.

Tech Incubator Awardees, Ms. Amato, Mrs. Cleere, and Ms. DiTondo gave presentations about technology in their classrooms. They stated technology has given them the ability to record lessons for students to review or watch if needed. They stated the technology has helped students reach broad spectrums of learning including personally designed teacher interaction, educational virtual reality trips and the ability to learn computer programs that will assist them in their school career. They provided detailed descriptions of classroom activities and learning through technology.

Ms. Sexton stated the technology Incubator workshops were helpful to connect with other teachers who have had successful experiences.

Ms. Sexton reviewed information regarding technology in Math, and Special Education provided by Mr. Gene Jordan, Mrs. Mary DeMann, Ms. Samantha Driscoll and Mrs. Amanda Burns.

Mrs. Champney stated it was nice to see technology used in so many ways.

Mrs. Widdall stated kudos to Whitney Point for not putting their teachers into a cookie cutter mold.

2. CEA Strategic Plan

Mrs. Jo-Anne Knapp gave a presentation on the CEA Strategic Plan. She outlined the efforts the building has been working on to improve overall school performance. She reviewed CEA benchmark data and noted that 50% of students at the CEA their individual growth targets and that 42% of grade 3 students met proficiency on the NYS Assessments which was a significant increase from the year before. She noted that the school made a big effort to make participation in the NYS assessment a positive celebratory experience. She thinks this has reduced stress. Mr. Tasber noted the importance of the shift in attitude toward assessments. Mrs. Widdall added that she appreciated the effort toward creating a positive environment.

3. Leaves without Pay

BE IT RESOLVED upon recommendation of the Superintendent that the Board of Education of the Whitney Point Central School District approve of an unpaid leave of absence for **Melissa Peterson**, Teacher's Aide, on June 20 and June 21, 2019.

Moved by Kathleen Driscoll

Seconded by Brian Jeker

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 an unpaid leave of absence for **Kanya Chawan**, Teacher's Aide, half-day on May 16, 2019 from 11:15 a.m. to 2:45 p.m.

Moved by Art Timmins

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 of an unpaid leave of absence for **Deser'a Ensign**, Teacher's Aide, half-day on June 4, 2019 from 7:45 a.m. to 11: 15 a.m.

Moved by Kathleen Driscoll

Seconded by Katie Perry

7 Aye 0 Nay 0 Abstained

APPROVED

ADDENDA

4. Leave without Pay

BE IT RESOLVED upon recommendation of the Superintendent that the Board of Education of the Whitney Point Central School District approve of an unpaid leave of absence for **Kelly Hodges**, Bus Monitor, on June 6, 2019.

Moved by Thomas Tasber

Seconded by Art Timmins

7 Aye 0 Nay 0 Abstained

APPROVED

5. 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 **Robert Black**, English Teacher, effective June 30, 2019.

Moved by Kathleen Driscoll

Seconded by Christine Widdall

7 Aye 0 Nay 0 Abstained

APPROVED

6. Last Day of School Information

The last day of school information for the Whitney Point Central School District is as follows:

- The last day for **High School** students will be a full day on Monday, June 17, 2019 – testing continues through Wednesday, June 26, 2019.
- The last day of school for **Pre-K-8** students will be a full day on Tuesday, June 25, 2019.
- Last day for **Teachers** will be a full day on Wednesday, June 26, 2019.
- The last day for the **Staff Unit (aides and food service workers)** will be a full day on Tuesday, June 25, 2019.

6. Instructional Calendar

BE IT RESOLVED upon recommendation of the Superintendent that the Board of Education of the Whitney Point Central School District approve the 2019-2020 Instructional Calendar.

Moved by Katie Perry

Seconded by Thomas Tasber

7 Aye 0 Nay 0 Abstained

APPROVED

7. Payroll Dates

BE IT RESOLVED upon recommendation of the Superintendent that the Board of Education of the Whitney Point Central School District approve the payroll dates for 2019-2020 School Year.

Moved by Kathleen Driscoll

Seconded by Brian Jeker

7 Aye 0 Nay 0 Abstained

APPROVED

8. District Holidays

BE IT RESOLVED upon recommendation of the Superintendent that the Board of Education of the Whitney Point Central School District approve the district holidays for 2019-2020 School Year.

Moved by Christine Widdall

Seconded by Brian Jeker

7 Aye 0 Nay 0 Abstained

APPROVED

9. 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 for disposal (itemized list attached):

Quantity	Item
52	Apple Desktops
178	Window Desktops
135	Apple Laptops
36	Windows Laptops
41	Network Switches
7	Flatbed Scanners
4	Smartboards

Moved by Kathleen Driscoll

Seconded by Art Timmins

7 Aye 0 Nay 0 Abstained

APPROVED

10. Treasurer's Report

BE IT RESOLVED upon recommendation of the Superintendent that the Board of Education of the Whitney Point Central School District approve the April 2019 Treasurer's Report.

Moved by Brian Jeker

Seconded by Thomas Tasber

7 Aye 0 Nay 0 Abstained

APPROVED

11. Extra-Classroom Treasurer's Report

BE IT RESOLVED upon recommendation of the Superintendent that the Board of Education of the Whitney Point Central School District approve the April 2019 Extra-Classroom Treasurer's Report.

Moved by Kathleen Driscoll

Seconded by Art Timmins

7 Aye 0 Nay 0 Abstained

APPROVED

12. 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 Christine Widdall

7 Aye 0 Nay 0 Abstained

APPROVED

13. Certification of the Vote

Board of Education president Stephanie Champney motioned to take a brief recess at 8:11 p.m. to ascertain the voting results.

Moved by Kathleen Driscoll

Seconded by Art Timmins

7 Aye 0 Nay 0 Abstained

APPROVED

Meeting called to order at 8:57 p.m.

BE IT RESOLVED upon recommendation of the Superintendent that the Board of Education of the Whitney Point Central School District approve of the Certification of the Vote as follows:

Proposition One – Budget Vote

Number of votes recorded as voting "YES"	176
Number of votes recorded as voting "NO"	80
Number of votes void	0
Total number of votes cast	256

Proposition Two – Bus Vote

Number of votes recorded as voting "YES"	166
Number of votes recorded as voting "NO"	90
Number of votes void	0
Total number of votes cast	256

