

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, August 6, 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: Edward Driscoll, Sara Grills, Courtney Guiton, Dustin McCartney, Laurie Miroff

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 July 9, 2019.

Moved by Christine Widdall

Seconded by Katie Perry

6 Aye 0 Nay 0 Abstained

APPROVED

C. CORRESPONDENCE

Letter from Insero & Co

D. 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 **1512 Agenda Format** for first reading.

Moved by Art Timmins

Seconded by Brian Jeker

Ms. Follette stated the policy changes support the idea of using a Consent Agenda for routine agenda items that rarely involve discussion.

Kathy Driscoll stated this is a great idea and it allows the Board more time to discuss pressing topics.

6 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 **3220 Public Expression at Meetings** for first reading.

Moved by Thomas Tasber

Seconded by Christine Widdall

Ms. Follette stated this policy was aligned to reflect changes on the BOE Agenda.

Christine Widdall asked if people who were not residents were allowed to speak.

Ms. Follette stated yes they are allowed to speak. She explained they are asked to state their name and residency for identification purposes.

6 Aye 0 Nay 0 Abstained

APPROVED

E. POLICIES 2ND READING

None

F. COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

None

G. COMMENDATIONS

Ms. Follette commends:

- Mr. Woodard and Mr. Kaminsky for their participation in the Coughlin & Gerhart LLP Dollars for Scholars Golf Tournament which raised \$700 for the District.
- Molly Cleere, elementary teacher at the Tioughnioga Riverside Academy, for receiving the Broome County Chamber of Commerce Young Professionals Award in the education category.
- The United Way for donating books to the Whitney Point Central School District kindergarten and 1st grade students.
- Jo-Ann Sexton for organizing Summer Programs for the district. Many thanks to all of the following faculty and staff who made this a great summer of learning for our students:

New Summer STEAM Program for grades 6-8

Kris Gilbert, Will Manvell, Stephanie Hodkinson, Nicole Carstens, Barbara Welsh
Holly Holbrook Rice – Administrative Intern

Pre k-5 - Enrichment

Renee Zennaiter - Coordinator
Amy Manvell – Pre K Transition Teacher
Tracy Pfeiffer – Pre K Transition Teacher
Jackie Walsh – Pre K- Transition Teacher
Eileen Spencer – Speech Therapist
Gail Bigelow - Teacher
Mary Knapp - Teacher
Amy VanTuyl - Teacher
Meredith Scott - Teacher
Kristin Hammond - Teacher
Angie DeVito - Teacher
Jessica Head - Teacher
Michael Williams - Teacher
Shannon Blazavich - Teacher
Christy Croft-Driscoll - Teacher
Sabrena Gould - Teacher
Jennifer Cafferty - Teacher
Ahnia Brigham - Teacher
Wendy Morgan - Teacher
Danielle Montesano – Phys Ed

Sydney Chaffee – Phys Ed
Nadine Ferguson – K- 5 STEAM
Stacey Leigh- Reavis – Teacher
Nicole Sturdevant - Aide
Jodi Ross - Aide
Sally DiMascio – Health Office
Sheila Hibbard - Aide
Destini Gardner - Aide
Heather See - Aide
Kelsey Harmon - Aide
Barbara J. Ellerson - Aide
Angel Neville - Aide
Shannon Heatherman - Aide
Karen Frost - Aide
Tonya Tokos - aide sub
Olivia Driscoll - Aide
Barbara K. Ellerson - Aide

Substitutes

Chris Ruggeiro
Linnea Amato
Raina Cranston
Stephanie Ewald
Tina Hall
Brian Hull
Laura Snook
Caitlyn Sweeney

Drivers

Dick Phinney
Dale Stocking
Nicole Nichols
Bob Blass
Nicole Gumaer
Heather See
Nicole Sturdevant

Monitors

Hillary English
Elizabeth McManamon
Leanna Steffler
Barb Pendall
Donna Huttleston
Amber Brink
Bea Ayers

Cafeteria

Melinda Mattia
Michelle Ballard

Custodial

Camden Decker

Lance Laudig

Lori Meyer

Kevin Neiss

Teresa Poklemba

Brendon Wolf

Ms. Sexton stated that there are now a wide variety of summer programs for Whitney Point students to participate in to continue their learning. This year we had students attending summer Ptech, Regional STEAM, Summer Zone, programs for students with special needs and High School Summer School. She noted that within the district the Summer Enrichment program has added a program for students to help them transition into kindergarten and a STEAM program for middle school students.

Christine Widdall stated she appreciated the districts participation in the programs.

H. OLD BUSINESS

None

I. NEW BUSINESS**1. Binghamton Archeological Presentation**

Laurie Miroff and Sara Grills of the Binghamton University Archeological Association gave a presentation on the recent archeological dig at the river flat by the Tioughnioga Riverside Academy. They explained that prior to bridge renovations, the Department of Transportation is required to make sure no archeological substances will be destroyed during the process. This project was completed and brought their attention to how rich the area was in artifacts. They then explained how they conducted a summer Community Archeological Program, that included Whitney Point Summer Zone students. They thanked the district for allowing them to work with participants from elementary age through adults in this program. Samples of the Whitney Point Bridge Artifacts and Community Program were presented and they explained that the artifacts will be curated as part of historic preservation.

Ms. Follette asked about the post hole findings.

Sara Grill stated when a wooden post rots it leaves a subtle soil stain.

Kathleen Driscoll asked how they pick their excavation sites.

Sara Grills stated they dig a down a specific distance every 15 meters which helps to identify concentration areas.

Ms. Follette stated they would like to invite the Binghamton University Archeological Association back to present to the teachers and would like to offer the site for future digs.

The Board of Education thanked them for their informative and interesting presentation.

2. Resignations

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 **Jason Moore**, Occupational Therapist, effective June 30, 2019.

Moved by Art Timmins

Seconded by Brian Jeker

6 Aye 0 Nay 0 Abstained

APPROVED

ADDENDA

1. Resignations

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 **Alaina Jones-Megivern**, English Teacher, effective August 1, 2019.

Moved by Christine Widdall

Seconded by Thomas Tasber

Ms. Follette stated she wishes Ms. Jones-Megivern the best.

6 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 resignation of **Michael Karderinis**, Assistant Football Coach, effective August 5, 2019.

Moved by Brian Jeker

Seconded by Art Timmins

6 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 resignation of **Amanda Brayton**, Teacher's Aide, effective August 6, 2019.

Moved by Christine Widdall

Seconded by Brian Jeker

6 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 **Kristan Thornton**, Bus Monitor, effective August 7, 2019.

Moved by Brian Jeker

Seconded by Katie Perry

Ms. Follette stated Kristan will be taking the position previously held by Amanda Collyer.

6 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 **Karen Tillotson**, Bus Driver, effective August 8, 2019.

Moved by Art Timmins

Seconded by Thomas Tasber

Ms. Follette stated Karen will be filling the position previously held by Ronald Summers.

6 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 **Joshua Shipman**, full-time Teacher's Aide, effective September 1, 2019.

Moved by Christine Widdall

Seconded by Katie Perry

Ms. Follette stated the next two appointments will be filling the positions previously held by Cynthia Lawrence and Macella Dean.

6 Aye 0 Nay 1 Abstained (*Art Timmins*)

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 **Angel Neville**, full-time Teacher's Aide, effective September 1, 2019.

Moved by Thomas Tasber

Seconded by Brian Jeker

6 Aye 0 Nay 1 Abstained (*Art Timmins*)

APPROVED

BE IT RESOLVED upon recommendation of the Superintendent that the Board of Education of the Whitney Point Central School District approve the probationary appointment of **Alyssa Januszka**, Registered School Nurse, effective September 1, 2019.

Moved by Christine Widdall

Seconded by Katie Perry

Ms. Follette stated Alyssa will be filling the position previously held by Mary-Beth Purce.

6 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 **Stacy Singer**, Bus Monitor, effective August 19, 2019.

Moved by Christine Widdall

Seconded by Art Timmins

Ms. Follette stated Stacy is filling the position previously held by Terri-Lynn Langton.

6 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 four (4) year probationary appointment of **John Whalen**, Principal, in the Administrative tenure area effective August 19, 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 principal 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 principal receives an Ineffective composite or overall rating in the final year of the probationary period, the principal shall not be eligible for tenure at that time.

Moved by Thomas Tasber

Seconded by Christine Widdall

Ms. Follette stated Mr. Whalen will be filling the position previously held by Laura Chestnut.

6 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 certification of **John Whalen** as Lead Evaluator for teachers for the 2019-2020 school year.

Moved by Art Timmins

Seconded by Brian Jeker

Ms. Follette stated the next few appointments are district appointments typically presented at the Reorganizational Meeting in July.

6 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 the following Dignity for All Students Act (DASA) Coordinator of the Whitney Point Central School District for the 2019-2020 school year.

John Whalen, Tioughnioga Riverside Academy Coordinator

Moved by Christine Widdall

Seconded by Katie Perry

6 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 **John Whalen**, Tioughnioga Riverside Academy, to act as a member of the Committee on Special Education for the 2019-2020 school year.

Moved by Brian Jeker

Seconded by Art Timmins

6 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 following Technology Integrators for the 2019-2020 school year:

Technology Integrators:

Jeff Detrick - HS

Trevor Erb – TRA *

Casey Baumlin – TRA*

Nadine Ferguson – CEA*

Laurie Ward – CEA*

*Splitting positions and stipends

Moved by Brian Jeker

Seconded by Christine Widdall

A discussion ensued regarding the application procedure and Smart Schools funding.

6 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 following 2019 Fall Coaching Appointment:

Girls' Soccer

Varsity/JV

William Villano

Moved by Thomas Tasber

Seconded by Christine Widdall

6 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 **Scott Hoepfner**, Assistant Varsity Football Coach without Pay, effective August 1, 2019.

Moved by Art Timmins

Seconded by Brian Jeker

6 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 **Joel Lee**, Boys' Varsity Soccer Coach without Pay, effective August 1, 2019.

Moved by Thomas Tasber

Seconded by Brian Jeker

6 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 **Gene Jordan**, Boys' Modified and Varsity Soccer Coach without Pay, effective August 1, 2019.

Moved by Christine Widdall

Seconded by Brian Jeker

6 Aye 0 Nay 0 Abstained

APPROVED

4. Board Workshop Dates

BE IT RESOLVED upon recommendation of the Superintendent that the Board of Education of the Whitney Point Central School District approve the following official Whitney Point Central School District Board of Education Workshop dates for the 2019-2020 school year.

Board of Education Workshops

(To begin at 6:30 P.M.)

Work Session one: October 8, 2019

Work Session two: January 14, 2020

Work Session three: March 17, 2020

Moved by Art Timmins

Seconded by Brian Jeker

Ms. Follette stated the workshops are being scheduled as part of the Board of Education's strategic plan. She stated the workshops will be held to discuss budget topics, data privacy, and the Board of Education's role and community conversations.

6 Aye 0 Nay 0 Abstained

APPROVED

5. Tenure Recommendation

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 **Courtney Guiton**, Elementary Teacher, effective November 9, 2019.

Moved by Thomas Tasber

Seconded by Christine Widdall

Ms. Follette introduced Courtney Guiton to the Board of Education.

Ms. Guiton thanked the Board of Education and stated she has had an amazing experience with the Whitney Point Central School District.

6 Aye 0 Nay 0 Abstained

APPROVED

6. WP RFP 2019-2020 District Copier Rental and Service Agreement

WHEREAS, the Whitney Point Central School District did open for public bid according to General Municipal Law, the following Proposal: WP 2019-2020:01 Copier Rental & Service Agreement, and whereas, the proposals were publicly opened and read on August 2, 2019 at 1:00 p.m., at WPCSD 10 Keibel Road, Whitney Point, NY 13862, be it resolved, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the School Business Executive and the Purchasing Agent, that the bid for District Copier Rental & Service Agreement be awarded to EBE-CMS Imaging Solutions, 70 Travis Avenue, Binghamton, NY.

Moved by Christine Widdall

Seconded by Art Timmins

Brian Jeker asked if we previously used a BOCES copier service.

Mr. Woodard stated we previously used a BOCES supported program for copier service.

Ms. Follette stated the machines were older and regularly needed repair.

Mr. Woodard stated the district was notified in June that the services were no longer aideable, so it was no longer cost-effective to use them.

Christine Widdall asked about student printing.

Mr. Woodard stated students print to computer lab printers, art room printers and I-pad printers.

Ms. Sexton stated students do print documents and the district monitors them.

6 Aye 0 Nay 0 Abstained

APPROVED

**7. District Attorney Investigator (School Resource Officer) 2019-2020
Renewal Agreement**

BE IT RESOLVED upon recommendation of the Superintendent that the Board of Education of the Whitney Point Central School District approve of the renewal Agreement between the Board of Education of the Whitney Point Central School District and Broome County dated August 6, 2019.

Moved by Thomas Tasber

Seconded by Art Timmins

Tom Tasber pointed out a paragraph that did not align with the rest of the document.

Mr. Woodard stated he would have this part corrected. Mr. Woodard stated the SRO program may be changing due to the recent election for Broome County District Attorney. He noted this is something we will monitor as we move forward.

6 Aye 0 Nay 0 Abstained

APPROVED

8. 2019-20 Tax Warrant

BE IT RESOLVED that upon recommendation of the Superintendent that the Board of Education of the Whitney Point Central School District authorizes the collection of taxes for the 2019-2020 fiscal year and the issuance of the tax warrant for the collection thereof, by authority of Article 13 of the Real Property Tax Law.

Moved by Art Timmins

Seconded by Christine Widdall

6 Aye 0 Nay 0 Abstained

APPROVED

9. 2019-20 Library Tax Warrant

BE IT RESOLVED that upon recommendation of the Superintendent that the Board of Education of the Whitney Point Central School District authorizes the collection of taxes for the 2019-2020 fiscal year and the issuance of the Library tax warrant for the collection thereof, by authority of Article 13 of the Real Property Tax Law.

Moved by Christine Widdall

Seconded by Art Timmins

6 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 Brian Jeker

6 Aye 0 Nay 0 Abstained

APPROVED

J. BOARD OF EDUCATION GOALS

Ms. Follette stated they will be presenting the Board of Education Goals at the next meeting.

K. SUPERINTENDENT’S UPDATE

- UHS Telehealth – Ms. Follette stated UHS Telehealth is an on-line health clinic to provide health services to our students. She stated if the parents are willing to enroll their children, and if they’re sick, they would go to the nurse and then the nurse will call the parent and with parent permission, engage in a telehealth session. She stated the goal is to help the students spend more time in school and have their medical needs met, provide additional resource for parents, and not have parents’ days interrupted.
- Creation of a Foundation – Ms. Follette stated the district would like to create a 501c3 foundation with a non-profit status. They are currently working through our grant writer and are able to file paperwork to start the process. She stated it can be used for Scholarships, renovations, events, etc. She stated she would like this opportunity for the district and involve the community.

L. COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

Christine Widdall asked about coaching ratios.

Ms. Follette explained they are different from sport to sport and often involve mandates. She also stated Christine could contact Murphee for specific details.

A discussion ensued.

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 8:36 p.m.

Moved by Art Timmins

Seconded by Christine Widdall

6 Aye 0 Nay 0 Abstained

APPROVED

N. FYI

- August 21, 2019 - August Graduation, HS Library, 7:00 p.m.
- August 22, 2019 - Freshman Orientation, HS Auditorium, 6:30 p.m.
- August 24, 2019 – 4th Grade Breakfast, TRA Cafeteria, 10:00 a.m.
- August 26, 2019 - 6th Grade Orientation, TRA, 6:30 p.m.
- August 27, 2019 – Board of Education Meeting, HS Library, 7:00 p.m.
- August 29, 2019 – PK/UPK4 Information Night, 6:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Cynthia Burchell
District Clerk