

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 27, 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.

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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: Murphee Hayes, Holly Holbrook-Rice, Daniel Sweeney, John Whalen

A. PROPOSED EXECUTIVE SESSION

BE IT RESOLVED upon recommendation of the Superintendent that the Board of Education of the Whitney Point Central School District recess the public meeting at 7:05 p.m. and adjourn to Executive Session to hear discussion on legal matters.

Moved by Katie Perry

Seconded by Brian Jeker

4 Aye 0 Nay 0 Abstained

APPROVED

The Board reconvened to the regular meeting at 7:12 p.m.

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 August 6, 2019.

Moved by Brian Jeker

Seconded by Katie Perry

Brian Jeker asked that his comment asking “if this Agreement was handled through BOCES” under the District Copier Rental and Service Agreement Resolution be changed to ask “if we previously used a BOCES copier service.”

4 Aye 0 Nay 0 Abstained

APPROVED/REJECTED

C. CORRESPONDENCE

None

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 **3101 School Volunteer Guidelines** for first reading.

Moved by Thomas Tasber

Seconded by Brian Jeker

Ms. Follette stated there are a few small revisions. She explained the policy has been changed to allow a volunteer to be approved once per building, and for volunteer coaches to be approved only once for any sport. She stated this change will make the system more manageable as the constant approval of volunteers per year has been overwhelming. She stated the policy wording has also been rearranged for better flow.

Mr. Tasber stated this will be nicer for the volunteers as well.

4 Aye 0 Nay 0 Abstained

APPROVED

E. POLICIES 2ND READING

None

F. COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

Ms. Follette introduced John Whalen, the new Tioughnioga Riverside Academy Principal, to the Board of Education.

Mr. Whalen provided a brief history of his educational experience including his past work as a 2nd grade teacher, 6th-grade math teacher and Restorative Practices Coordinator.

The Board of Education introduced themselves and welcomed him to the Whitney Point School District.

Mr. Jeker asked why the Boys' soccer team does not have a JV team with 31 Modified players and 26 Varsity Players.

Ms. Hayes stated students sign up in the spring for the fall sports. She explained the district makes projections as to what coaches are needed based on those numbers and numbers from the past year. She stated when the season started far more students showed up than expected, she looked into forming a JV Team but the other schools had already scheduled their maximum number of allowable JV games for the season at that point.

Ms. Follette stated there are non-paid volunteer coaches helping with the teams.

G. COMMENDATIONS

Ms. Follette commends:

- Faculty and community members of the Whitney Point Central School District who dedicated their time to participate on the interviewing teams for the available positions within our district.
- St. Patrick's Church of Whitney Point for allowing the District employees to use their parking lot during our parking lot maintenance this summer.
- Mr. Sweeney, Board of Education, and Mrs. Standish-Warpus for the August 21, 2019 Summer Graduation Ceremony. Ms. Follette stated she was proud to say 4 students graduated this summer. She stated the graduation was a heart-warming ceremony, and the library was full of proud parents and community members. She stated this was a tradition started by Fred Rothman that the district has embraced through the years.
- Mr. Sweeney and Mr. Isaacs for the informative and successful 9th Grade Orientation Night held on August 22, 2019.
- The Whitney Point PTA for the 4th Grade Welcome Breakfast at the TRA on August 24, 2019.
- Eloise Westcott and the Backpack Program for donating 266 fully loaded backpacks to students in the district. Ms. Follette stated this was a tremendous undertaking and she was very impressed by the outpouring of community assistance as well.

Stephanie Champney stated it was really impressive to see the number of people that attended.

- The Prevention Coalition for their Family Fun night in the Park event at Dorchester on August 22, 2019.

Murphee Hayes stated everyone really enjoyed it.

Ms. Follette stated she received a lot of positive feedback.

H. OLD BUSINESS

None

I. NEW BUSINESS

1. Resignations

BE IT RESOLVED upon recommendation of the Superintendent that the Board of Education of the Whitney Point Central School District approve the resignation of **Joan Parkes**, Bus Monitor, effective August 12, 2019.

Moved by Brian Jeker

Seconded by Katie Perry

4 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 resignation of **Melissa Nechwedowich**, part-time Food Service Helper, effective September 2, 2019.

Moved by Thomas Tasber

Seconded by Katie Perry

4 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 resignation of **Barb Pendell**, part-time Food Service Helper, effective August 23, 2019.

Moved by Brian Jeker

Seconded by Thomas Tasber

4 Aye 0 Nay 0 Abstained

APPROVED

ADDENDA

***BE IT RESOLVED** upon recommendation of the Superintendent that the Board of Education of the Whitney Point Central School District approve the resignation of **Angel Neville**, full-time Teacher's Aide, effective August 24, 2019.*

Moved by Brian Jeker

Seconded by Katie Perry

4 Aye 0 Nay 0 Abstained

APPROVED

2. 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 **Alyx Kirchner-Couch**, full-time Teacher's Aide, effective September 1, 2019.

Moved by Brian Jeker

Seconded by Thomas Tasber

Ms. Follette stated Alyx is filling the position previously held by Amanda Brayton.

4 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 **Nicole Walker**, full-time Teacher's Aide, effective September 1, 2019.

Moved by Brian Jeker

Seconded by Thomas Tasber

Ms. Follette stated Nicole will be filling the position previously held by Catherine Lavergne-Stark.

4 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 **Hannah Sell**, part-time Teacher's Aide, effective September 1, 2019.

Moved by Brian Jeker

Seconded by Katie Perry

Ms. Follette stated Hannah will be filling the position previously held by Angel Neville when she moved from part-time to full-time.

4 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 probationary appointment of **Janelle Baron**, Occupational Therapist, effective September 1, 2019.

Moved by Katie Perry

Seconded by Brian Jeker

Ms. Follette stated Janelle will be filling the position previously held by Jason Moore.

4 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 **Joseph Kucher**, Modified Football Coach without Pay, effective August 14, 2019.

Moved by Brian Jeker

Seconded by Thomas Tasber

Ms. Follette stated Mr. Kucher is a true asset to the district and she is glad he returned to help after his retirement.

The Board of Education expressed their appreciation for his dedication.

4 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:

Football

Modified Assistant A

Ethan Leet

Moved by Thomas Tasber

Seconded by Brian Jeker

Ms. Follette stated she is very happy to see Mr. Leet's interest in this position and was thankful he applied at this late date.

4 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 four (4) year probationary appointment of **Christina Philbert**, English Teacher, in the English 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 Katie Perry

Seconded by Thomas Tasber

Ms. Follette stated Christina is filling the position previously held by Alaina Jones-McGivern.

4 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 **Ashley Brown**, part-time Teacher's Aide, effective September 1, 2019.

Moved by Brian Jeker

Seconded by Katie Perry

Ms. Follette stated Ashley will be filling the part-time position previously held by Joshua Shipman.

4 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 **William Hubbard**, full-time Teacher's Aide, subject to fingerprint clearance.

Moved by Thomas Tasber

Seconded by Brian Jeker

Ms. Follette stated William will be filling the full-time position previously held by Angel Neville

4 Aye 0 Nay 0 Abstained

APPROVED

3. Leave of Absence

BE IT RESOLVED upon recommendation of the Superintendent that the Board of Education of the Whitney Point Central School District approve of the 60-day Leave of Absence for **Art Timmins**, Board of Education Member, effective August 21, 2019 – October 21, 2019.

Moved by Thomas Tasber

Seconded by Brian Jeker

4 Aye 0 Nay 0 Abstained

APPROVED

4. Field Trip Request

BE IT RESOLVED upon recommendation of the Superintendent that the Board of Education of the Whitney Point Central School District approve the Whitney Point JV and Varsity Field Hockey Team field trip proposal to the Pittsford-Menden School District on Friday, August 30, 2019.

Moved by Brian Jeker

Seconded by Katie Perry

4 Aye 0 Nay 0 Abstained

APPROVED

ADDENDA

1. Field Trip Request

BE IT RESOLVED upon recommendation of the Superintendent that the Board of Education of the Whitney Point Central School District approve the Whitney Point JV and Varsity Field Hockey Team field trip proposal to Columbia High School and University of Albany on Saturday, October 12, 2019 – Sunday, October 13, 2019.

Moved by Thomas Tasber

Seconded by Brian Jeker

4 Aye 0 Nay 0 Abstained

APPROVED

2. Billitier Electric Warranty Proposal

BE IT RESOLVED upon recommendation of the Superintendent that the Board of Education of the Whitney Point Central School District approve the proposed warranty work regarding an in-ground column lighting system furnished and installed by Billitier Electric be agreed to and accepted as provided for in their letter dated August 26, 2019.

Moved by Brian Jeker

Seconded by Katie Perry

Ms. Follette stated the lighting system at the bottom of the columns at the high school and CEA will be removed and this resolution is for cost reimbursement and removal of the old system. She explained the lighting system was not effective.

Mr. Woodard stated the district had two options, remove the lighting system, or change them all to white or yellow LED lights. He explained knowing how it worked this year, the system was not adequate.

Mr. Tasber stated he felt there should be more recourse in this matter.

Ms. Follette stated it was not just this company, but many others involved during the installation. She explained after taking all of that into account the district opted to leave the conduit in place for use in the future if a suitable system is located.

4 Aye 0 Nay 0 Abstained

APPROVED

5. 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 items for disposal to the Fall Manasse Auction:

M-7 Formerly Bus #119	VIN#1GBHG31Ko81218207
Bus #121	VIN# 1GBJG316081200715
Bus #128	VIN# 1GB3G2AA0A1140450
M-9 Formerly Bus #129	VIN# 1GB3G2AA9A1139748

Moved by Brian Jeker

Seconded by Katie Perry

Mr. Woodard stated the buses are 10 & 11 years old and well beyond their useful life with body repair needed and mechanical issues.

Stephanie Champney asked if they were replaced with buses from the recent purchase.

Mr. Woodard stated yes.

4 Aye 0 Nay 0 Abstained

APPROVED

6. United Health Services Hospitals, Inc. (UHS) Telehealth Agreement

BE IT RESOLVED upon recommendation of the Superintendent that the Board of Education of the Whitney Point Central School District approve the Agreement in relation to UHS making available Telehealth Services to our students.

Moved by Katie Perry

Seconded by Thomas Tasber

Mr. Jeker asked if there was liability insurance.

Mr. Woodard stated it is within the standard insurance the district provides. He explained Windsor schools have already approved a similar program, and our attorney has reviewed the agreement as well.

4 Aye 0 Nay 0 Abstained

APPROVED

7. 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 June 2019 Treasurer's Report.

Moved by Brian Jeker

Seconded by Katie Perry

4 Aye 0 Nay 0 Abstained

APPROVED

8. 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 June 2019 Extra-Classroom Treasurer's Report.

Moved by Thomas Tasber

Seconded by Brian Jeker

Mr. Tasber asked if the last line on the second page "Due to other Governments" was sales tax.

Mr. Woodard stated it was sales tax paid on purchases that is remitted quarterly.

4 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 July 2019 Extra-Classroom Treasurer's Report.

Moved by Brian Jeker

Seconded by Katie Perry

4 Aye 0 Nay 0 Abstained

APPROVED

9. 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

4 Aye 0 Nay 0 Abstained

APPROVED

J. BOARD OF EDUCATION GOALS

Ms. Follette stated the Board has received the 19-20 Goals they worked on at the Board Retreat. She stated these goals will be included in their folder at the next meeting. She stated they will need to continue to discuss how to get students more involved with the Board of Education.

K. SUPERINTENDENT'S UPDATE

- Consent Agenda – Ms. Follette explained the Consent Agenda procedure. She stated the Consent Agenda will be listed as the first item under new business and explained how the Board may remove any item from the Consent Agenda it wishes to discuss at that time.

L. COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

Ms. Follette stated St. Patrick’s church just recently paved their parking lot and the district will be changing procedures involving bus parking.

Ms. Hayes stated information has been sent to all Athletic Directors advising their transportation departments to park elsewhere so it has been relayed to the schools.

Mr. Woodard stated Mr. Bates called yesterday and asked the district not to park buses there.

Stephanie Champney asked if it was buses or overflow community parking.

Mr. Woodard stated he was pretty specific it was just buses.

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 8:00 p.m.

Moved by Katie Perry

Seconded by Thomas Tasber

4 Aye 0 Nay 0 Abstained

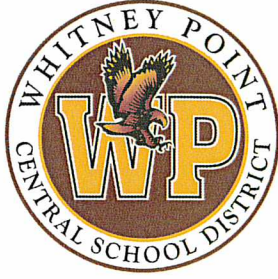
APPROVED

N. FYI

- August 29, 2019 – PK/UPK4 Information Night, 6:00 p.m.
- September 2, 2019 – Labor Day (No School)
- September 3, 2019 – Conference Day
- September 3, 2019 – CEA Family Welcome Night, CEA Classrooms, 5:30-7:00 p.m.
- September 4, 2019 – Conference Day
- September 5, 2019 – First day of school for all students PreK-12
- September 16-20, 2019 – Spirit Week
- September 17, 2019 – Board of Education Meeting, HS Library, 7:00 p.m.
- September 20, 2019 – Homecoming Dance, HS Gymnasium, 7-10:00 p.m.
- September 21, 2019 – Homecoming Football Game, 7:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Cynthia Burchell
District Clerk



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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	

Executive Session

For legal discussion on legal matters.

Meeting Adjournment

Stephanie Champney motioned to adjourn the Executive Session at 7:12 p.m.

Moved by Katie Perry

Seconded by Brian Jeker

4 Aye 0 Nay 0 Abstained

APPROVED

Respectfully submitted,



Cynthia Burchell
District Clerk