



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, November 19, 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 7:00 p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance was led Nathan Baker, Dominic David and Robert Landan Davies of the Boy Scouts of America.

		<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	
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: Christine Baker, Nathan Baker, Rhiannon Craver, Dominic David, Robert Landan Davies, Jenny Gac, Murphee Hayes, Jeff Isaacs, Aaron Kaminsky, Jo-Anne Knapp, Julie Lamuraglia, Liam Lynch, Eddie Maslin, Daniel Sweeney; John Whalen

A. PROPOSED EXECUTIVE SESSION

None

B. CORRESPONDENCE

None

C. POLICIES 1ST READING

None

D. 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 **8470 Home Instruction**.

Moved by Kathleen Driscoll

Seconded by Christine Widdall

5 Aye 0 Nay 0 Abstained

APPROVED

E. COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

None

F. COMMENDATIONS

Ms. Follette commends:

- Whitney Point Central School District student Liam Lynch for being recognized by the National Merit Scholarship Corporation for outperforming 96% of 1.5 Million students on the PSAT last October. Mr. Sweeney presented Liam with a certificate.
- Whitney Point Central School District student Rhiannon Craver for attending the highly competitive arts residential program founded by the New York State Education Department and earning credit toward her NYS graduation requirements. Mr. Sweeney presented Rhiannon with a certificate.
- Whitney Point Central School District Teachers Casey Baumlin, Andrea Stanley, Cheryl Donnelly, Courtney Guiton, Jackie Bucinell and Jeff Jonson for attending the Southern Tier Science Conference.
- The following Whitney Point Central School District students for being chosen to participate in the Senior High Area All-State Band:

Zachary Tucker, French Horn
 Prudence Harrison, Alto Saxophone
 Noah Somers, Tuba

- The following High School students for being selected to be part of the Senior High Area All-State Choirs:

Rhiannon Craver
 Caitlyn Messina

Alexander Tyo
Brooklyn Zduniak, Alternate

- Ms. Jo-Ann Sexton, Building Administrators, Literacy Leaders, Department and Grade Level Chairs for their role in organizing and facilitating as needed throughout the day for the October 11, 2019 Superintendent's Conference Day.
- Whitney Point Central School District Teachers Karen Crandell, Casey Baumlin, Jenny Gac and Allyson Godbout for providing professional development to teacher aides during the October 11, 2019 Superintendent's Conference Day.
- Ms. Murphee Hayes for organizing, and the many volunteers for assisting with the Cross Country Invitational that was held on October 22, 2019.
- Mr. Hartley, the HS Student Council, HS Language Club, FCCLA, GSA, Art Club, HS Honor Society, Officer Noyes, student volunteers and the many parents and staff members for their participation and organization of "Trick or Treat Street" held at the High School on October 25, 2019. Over 130 children came to safely trick or treat and participate in the activities including many pumpkin-themed games.
- The Whitney Point School District and community for the successful Fall Festival held on Saturday, October 26, 2019.
- The Caryl E. Adams Primary School for the annual Halloween Parade held on October 31, 2019.
- The following Whitney Point Varsity soccer players for being named to the IAC League Boys' Soccer All-Stars:

First Team

Liam Lynch
Afonso Perna

Second Team

Aiden Rosa
Ethan French

- Whitney Point Central School District music teacher, Kris Gilbert for presenting at the National Association for Music Education National Conference in Orlando, Florida.
- High School Select Chorus for their Veterans Day Concert at the First Congregational Church of Greene on November 11, 2019.
- The following Whitney Point High School Students for their induction into the Honor Society on November 14, 2019:

Jacob Baker
Nathan Baker
Joseph Burkee
Rhiannon Craver
Hannah Fish
Prudence Harrison
Nadia Head

Brent Isaacs
Malcolm Johnson
Matthew Jordan
Trystan Layton
Jennifer Miller
Emily Somers
Noah Somers

- Whitney Point Central School District School Related Professionals for all the support they provide to the District throughout the year.

G. OLD BUSINESS

None

H. NEW BUSINESS

1. District and Schools Strategic Plan Alignment Presentation

Assistant Superintendent, Jo-Ann Sexton reviewed the District Strategic plan. High School Principal, Mr. Daniel Sweeney; Tioughnioga Riverside Academy Principal, Mr. John Whalen; and Caryl E. Adams Primary School Principal, Mrs. Jo-Anne Knapp discussed their Building Strategic Plans.

Ms. Sexton gave a presentation on the District Strategic Plan with details on the various tenets. She outlined the key initiatives of the Whitney Point School District and noted how progress will be measured.

Mr. Sweeney discussed the 2019-2020 High School Academic Improvement Plan. He stated the High School is focusing on a number of areas with subcommittees working on chronic absenteeism, student support, and the master schedule.

Mrs. Knapp briefly discussed the 2019-2020 Academic Improvement Plan for the Caryl E. Adams Primary School. She noted how the improvement work in the CEA is aligned with the District Strategic.

Mr. Whalen discussed the Tioughnioga Riverside Academy 2019-2020 Academic Improvement Plan. He stated he is looking at classroom culture and modeling the use of circles, and focusing on a relational approach to students. He stated they are utilizing teacher-led committees as they work on ways to improve the school.

Thomas Tasber expressed concern about 3-8 ELA scores and particularly the performance of students with disabilities.

A discussion ensued.

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** – October 8, 2019
- b. **Termination** – **Kanya Chawan**, full-time Teacher's Aide, effective November 19, 2019.
- c. **Resignation** – **Roseann Forkey**, part-time Food Service Helper, effective November 26, 2019.
- d. **Resignation** – **Nicole Walker**, full-time Teacher's Aide, effective December 2, 2019.
- e. **Resignation** – **Rob Loy**, Bus Driver, effective December 31, 2019.
- f. **Retirement Resignation** – **Sherri Yost**, Food Service Helper, effective October 21, 2019
- g. **Appointment** – **Zach Aleba**, Assistant Boys' JV Basketball Coach without pay, effective November 12, 2019.
- h. **Appointment** – **Richard Ballard**, Wrestling Coach without Pay, effective November 12, 2019.
- i. **Extra-Curricular Advisor Amendment** - from Jenny Gac, Advisor to Heather Pudish and Jenny Gac – Co-Advisors, TRA Drama Club

- j. **Field Trip** – Wrestling Field Trip to Cornell University, Ithaca, NY on Sunday, January 19, 2020.
- k. **Field Trip** – 5th Grade Field Trip to Philadelphia, PA on Friday, June 19, 2020.
- l. **Committee on Special Education**

Moved by Chris Widdall

Seconded by Brian Jeker

6 Aye o Nay o 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 **Julia Jurena** part-time Community School Coordinator, effective November 12, 2019.

Moved by Kathleen Driscoll

Seconded by Thomas Tasber

Ms. Follette stated this position and the next position are provided through a new grant the District received through a Community Schools Grant in partnership with Binghamton University.

6 Aye o Nay o 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 **Beth Whittaker**, part-time Community School Coordinator, effective November 25, 2019.

Moved by Christine Widdall

Seconded by Brian Jeker

6 Aye o Nay o 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 **Patricia Gollogly**, part-time Food Service Helper, effective November 20, 2019.

Moved by Kathleen Driscoll

Seconded by Brian Jeker

Ms. Follette stated Patricia is replacing half of the position previously held by Sherri Yost.

6 Aye o Nay o 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 Ashcraft**, full-time Teacher's Aide, effective November 20, 2019.

Moved by Christine Widdall

Seconded by Brian Jeker

Ms. Follette stated Hannah is replacing Kanya Chawan.

6 Aye o Nay o 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 **Dale Ball** (CBO) as Deputy Purchasing Agent of the Whitney Point Central School District for the remainder of the 2019-2020 school year.

Moved by Kathleen Driscoll

Seconded by Thomas Tasber

Mr. Woodard stated Dale is replacing John Read.

6 Aye 0 Nay 0 Abstained

APPROVED

4. 2019 Office of the State Comptroller Fiscal Stress Monitoring Report

The Board of Education acknowledges receipt of the 2019 Office of the State Comptroller-Fiscal Stress Monitoring Report. The Whitney Point District received a score of 13.34% which corresponds to the "No Designation" stress level.

5. Unit Cost Methodology

BE IT RESOLVED upon recommendation of the Superintendent that the Board of Education of the Whitney Point Central School District approve the Unit Cost Methodology proposal for Broome-Tioga BOCES Services for 2020-2021.

Moved by Thomas Tasber

Seconded by Kathleen Driscoll

6 Aye 0 Nay 0 Abstained

APPROVED

6. 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 September 2019 Treasurer's Report.

Moved by Kathleen Driscoll

Seconded by Christine Widdall

6 Aye 0 Nay 0 Abstained

APPROVED

7. 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 September 2019 Extra-Classroom Treasurer's Report.

Moved by Christine Widdall

Seconded by Thomas Tasber

6 Aye 0 Nay 0 Abstained

APPROVED

ADDENDA

A. NEW BUSINESS

1. Field Trip

BE IT RESOLVED upon recommendation of the Superintendent that the Board of Education of the Whitney Point Central School District approve the High School Chorus Field Trip proposal to New York City, NY on January 4, 2020.

Moved by Kathleen Driscoll

Seconded by Brian Jeker

6 Aye 0 Nay 0 Abstained

APPROVED

2. Project Low Bid Resolutions

BE IT RESOLVED upon recommendation of the Superintendent that the Board of Education of the Whitney Point Central School District approve the following low bid contractor in relation to the '2019-2020 Capital Outlay Project,' and authorization for the Superintendent to issue a Letter of Intent to said contractor:

General Contractor:

Marchuska Brothers Base Bid \$15,500

Total Contract to Release \$15,500

Moved by Brian Jeker

Seconded by Kathleen Driscoll

Mr. Woodard stated these bids are focused on the Capital Outlay project and the remaining 2015 Capital Referendum and the work scope will be to complete the air-conditioning work in the HS Gymnasium and additional door hardware.

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 low bid contractor in relation to the 2019 and 2019-2020 Capital Outlay Projects, and authorization for the Superintendent to issue a Letter of Intent to said contractor:

Mechanical Contractor:

Louis N. Picciano & Son, Inc. Base Bid \$210,000

Total Contract to Release \$210,000

Moved by Thomas Tasber

Seconded by Brian Jeker

Mr. Woodard stated the goal is to have this done by Regents testing and graduation.

6 Aye 0 Nay 0 Abstained

APPROVED

I. BOARD OF EDUCATION GOALS

- Student Involvement with Board of Education – Ms. Follette stated she was glad to see the Boy Scouts at the meeting. She stated inviting students to the Board of Education Meetings is one measure they are taking to get the students more involved with the Board of Education.

J. SUPERINTENDENT'S UPDATE

- Vacant Board of Education Seat – Ms. Follette stated Ms. Champney took the Board's recommendation at the last meeting and contacted some people to fill the vacant seat. She stated Mr. Maslin graciously agreed to fill the seat until the election next May.
- Construction Management RFP Update – Ms. Follette stated this project will be around \$27 million dollars and will include a multi-purpose turf field. She stated there was a detailed RFP sent to seven qualified firms. Hubert Engineering, Tamco, Wurth, and Turner Construction all submitted proposals. She discussed the different aspects for each. She stated they will be conducting interviews and will report back at the next Board of Education Meeting.

- Safety Plan Update – Ms. Follette stated there is a new Safety Plan Procedure implemented through State Ed. She stated they have new requirements so we will be holding a Safety Plan Hearing at the beginning of the December 10, 2019 Board of Education Meeting.
- Community Foundation Fund – Ms. Follette stated this fund should be in place soon.

K. COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

Mrs. Champney stated at the BOCES President/Vice-President Meeting she was informed that community members will be receiving a census form, which they will need to complete. She suggested the District or the library hold a census completion night to assist community members.

Dr. Widdall asked how the band field trip was funded and if all students could attend if they couldn't afford to pay for it.

Mrs. Champney stated the field trip is funded through fundraising by the Music Booster's Club, and yes the students can still attend.

L. 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 9:04 p.m.

Moved by Kathleen Driscoll

Seconded by Christine Widdall

5 Aye 0 Nay 0 Abstained

APPROVED

M. FYI

- November 22, 2019 – Half Day (CEA & TRA Only, not HS)
- November 22, 2019 – HS Drama Production, HS Auditorium, 7 p.m.
- November 23, 2019 – HS Drama Production, HS Auditorium, 7 p.m.
- November 27-29, 2019 – No School, Thanksgiving Recess
- December 6, 2019 – WP Village Tree Lighting, Downtown Whitney Point
- December 10, 2019 – District-Wide School Safety Plan Hearing, HS Library 6:30 p.m.
- December 10, 2019 – Board of Education Meeting, HS Library, 7:00 p.m.
- December 10, 2019 – TRA Winter Chorus Concert, 4/5 Grade Chorus, 6th Grade Chorus & Band, TRA Auditorium, 7 p.m.
- December 13, 2019 – TRA Dance, Grades 6-8, 7-9 p.m.
- December 16, 2019 – HS Chorus Concert, HS Auditorium, 7 p.m.
- December 19, 2019 = HS Winter Band Concert, HS Auditorium, 7 p.m.
- December 23, 2019 – January 1, 2020- Winter Break – Schools closed
- January 14, 2020 – Board of Education Work Session, HS Library 6:30 p.m.
- January 14, 2020 – Board of Education Meeting, HS Library, 7 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Cynthia Burchell
District Clerk