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 15, 2018

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 7:04 p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance was recited

		Present	Absent
Stephanie Champney	President	X	
Kathleen Driscoll	Vice-President	X	
Michele Coleman	Member	X	
Mary Hibbard	Member	X	
Brian Jeker	Member	X	
Eddie Maslin	Member	X	
Thomas Tasber	Member	X	
Patricia Follette	Superintendent of Schools	X	
Jo-Ann Sexton	Dir. of Curriculum and Instruction	X	
Zachary Woodard	School Business Executive	X	
Cynthia Burchell	District Clerk	X	

Others in attendance: Gail Bigelow, Jesse Hartley, Murphee Hayes, Jeff Isaacs, Aaron Kaminsky, Jo-Anne Knapp, Cindy Lawrence, Ethan Leet, Steve Moschak, Dan Sweeney, Amy Timmins, Bre Voltz, Robin Voltz

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 1, 2018.

Moved by Kathleen Driscoll — Seconded by Eddie Maslin

6 Aye 0 Nay 1 Abstained (Michele Coleman) — APPROVED

C. CORRESPONDENCE

Thank you card

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 the attached revised **School Food Service Program Policy** number 5650 for first reading.

Moved by Mary Hibbard — Seconded by Brian Jeker

Ms. Follette stated there is new legislation with the Lunch Charge Policy that contains updates which are required to be in place by July 1, 2018.

Mr. Woodard stated the lunch charge language was removed from this policy and set apart separately in the next policy for first reading on this Agenda.

Thomas Tasber asked what the district is doing about the balances due as a result of this legislation.

Mr. Woodard stated letters go home to the families.

Ms. Follette stated the families are eventually warned that if not they are providing lunch the district can be in contact with DSS.

Thomas Tasber stated he knows this is a huge issue in the region. He stated it is unfortunate that something that means well on one hand turns into something negative for 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 the attached **Lunch Charge Policy** number 5650.1 for first reading.

Moved by Brian Jeker | Seconded by Michele Coleman

7 Aye 0 Nay 0 Abstained | APPROVED

E. POLICIES 2ND READING

None

F. COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

None

G. COMMENDATIONS

Ms. Follette commends:

- 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 7, 2018.
- Ms. Gac, and Tioughnioga Riverside Academy 6th – 8th Grade Chorus for the energetic and entertaining choral presentation on May 9, 2018. Mrs. Knapp and Mrs. Gilbert accompanied the chorus on the piano. Mrs. Gilbert organized a rock band for one of the numbers during the concert.
- Mrs. Gilbert for being chosen and commissioned to compose a new work for the Binghamton Community Orchestra. Ms. Follette stated it is quite a big deal that she was commissioned to do this work; it is a spectacular accomplishment.

ADDENDA

- *The Tioughnioga Riverside Academy Band & Chorus for their achievements at the Darien Lake competition held on Saturday, May 12, 2018:*

  TRA Select Chorus – 1st Place, Gold with Distinction
  TRA 7/8 Chorus – 2nd Place, Gold with Distinction
  TRA Jazz Band – 2nd Place, Silver
  TRA 7/8 Band – 5th Place, Gold

H. OLD BUSINESS

None

I. NEW BUSINESS

1. Robotics Club Presentation

Mr. Leet gave a presentation on the Robotics Club. Ms. Follette stated Mr. Leet created a Robotics Club this year at the Whitney Point School District and as required, taught the club as a volunteer for

the first year. Ethan Baker, Emily Yalch, Jacob Baker demonstrated their robotics. Mr. Leet explained the robotics competition at SUNY Binghamton.

2. Extracurricular Display Board and Presentation

Mr. Hartley shared his Student Council display with the Board of Education and detailed all of the opportunities provided to the students through Student Council.

3. Athletics/Health & Wellness/P.E. Presentation

Ms. Hayes gave a presentation on Athletics, Health and Physical Education. She discussed in detail the competence, character, civility and citizenship goals of NYS Interscholastic Athletics, and outlined her involvement in the New York State Athletic Administrators Association. Ms. Hayes discussed the Student Athlete/Captain Leadership Committee, NYSPHSAA Scholar/Athlete Team awards, 3-Sport Athlete Awards, and the Eagles Nest Booster Club. She discussed in detail the sports numbers by comparison for each season. She provided information about the district's collaboration with UHS for a Nurse Practitioner, Athletic Trainer and Strength & Conditioning Coach. She reviewed the After School Snack Program, and explained students against Destructive Decisions. Ms. Hayes detailed the Comprehensive School Health and Wellness Program, and reviewed a list of the district's many community connections.

4. Tenure Recommendation

The Board of Education agreed to table the Tenure Recommendation to confirm the tenure area.

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 **Steve Moschak,** Assistant Principal, effective June 28, 2018.

Moved by Kathleen Driscoll Seconded by Thomas Tasber

The Board of Education thanked Mr. Moschak for his service to the district.

7 Aye 0 Nay 0 Abstained APPROVED

6. Resolutions to Create Positions

BE IT RESOLVED upon recommendation of the Superintendent that the Board of Education of the Whitney Point Central School District approve to create one (1) **Physical Therapist** Civil Service position effective May 15, 2018.

Moved by Mary Hibbard Seconded by Eddie Maslin

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 to create one (1) **Occupational Therapist** Civil Service position effective May 15, 2018.

Moved by Kathleen Driscoll Seconded by Mary Hibbard

7 Aye 0 Nay 0 Abstained APPROVED

7. Rescind Amendments

Ms. Follette explained the need to change the tenure timeline for the following two employees due to a change in the 2015 tenure rules.

BE IT RESOLVED upon recommendation of the Superintendent that the Board of Education of the Whitney Point Central School District rescind the May 1, 2018 amendment of the appointment of **Danielle Stanke** from a four-year probationary appointment to a three-year probationary appointment effective September 1, 2018.

Upon approval of this Resolution, her appointment will be a four-year probationary appointment as originally stated at the April 16, 2018 Board of Education Meeting.

Moved by Thomas Tasber — 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 rescind the September 15, 2015 amendment of the appointment of **Jesse Hartley** from a four-year probationary appointment to a three-year probationary appointment effective September 1, 2015.

Upon approval of this Resolution, his appointment will be a four-year probationary appointment as originally stated at the August 18, 2015 Board of Education Meeting.

Moved by Kathleen Driscoll — Seconded by Thomas Tasber

7 Aye 0 Nay 0 Abstained — APPROVED

8. Appointments

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 **Melissa Cross,** Physical Therapist effective September 1, 2018.

Moved by Kathleen Driscoll — Seconded by Eddie Maslin

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 the four (4) year probationary appointment of **Caitlin Sweeney,** Elementary Teacher, in the Elementary Teacher tenure area effective September 1, 2018.

Moved by Mary Hibbard — Seconded by Brian Jeker

7 Aye 0 Nay 0 Abstained — APPROVED

9. Transfer

BE IT RESOLVED upon recommendation of the Superintendent that the Board of Education of the Whitney Point Central School District approve the voluntary transfer of **Gail Bigelow** from Elementary Education Teacher to a three-year probationary tenure appointment as Reading Teacher in the Reading Teacher tenure area effective September 1, 2018 upon receipt of a composite or overall

annual performance rating of effective or highly effective for the 2017-2018 school year according to Education Law Section 3012-d.

Moved by Kathleen Driscoll | Seconded by Mary Hibbard

7 Aye 0 Nay 0 Abstained | APPROVED

ADDENDA

1. 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 absence for* ***Catherine Lavergne-Stark****, Teacher's Aide, on Monday, May 21, 2018 (half-day, p.m. only), Tuesday May 22, 2018 (half day, p.m. only), and Wednesday , May 30, 2018 (full-day).*

Moved by Kathleen Driscoll | *Seconded by Brian Jeker*

7 Aye 0 Nay 0 Abstained | *APPROVED*

2. Geographic Preference Bid

BE IT RESOLVED *upon recommendation of the Superintendent that the Board of Education of the Whitney Point Central School District approve of the award Catskill Cattle, Main Street Farms, Cascun Farms, Headwater Food Hub, Russell Farms, and Water Wheel Farm as low bidders for the September 1, 2018 to January 31, 2019 Geographic Preference Bid as prepared by Broome Tioga BOCES Food Service Program.*

Moved by Kathleen Driscoll | *Seconded by Michele Coleman*

7 Aye 0 Nay 0 Abstained | *APPROVED*

4. Tenure Recommendation

Motion was taken from the table.

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 **Lora Bury**, Science Teacher, effective September 1, 2018 upon receipt of a composite or overall annual performance rating of effective or highly effective for the 2017-2018 school year according to Education Law Section 3012-d.

Moved by Kathleen Driscoll | Seconded by Brian Jeker

7 Aye 0 Nay 0 Abstained | APPROVED

10. 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 11, 2018 – testing continues through Thursday, June 21, 2018.
- The last day of school for **UPK-8** students will be a full day on Thursday, June 21, 2018.
- Last day for **Teachers** will be a full day on Friday, June 22, 2018.

- The last day for the **Staff Unit (aides and food service workers)** will be a full day on Thursday, June 21, 2018.

11. 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 2018-2019 School Year.

Moved by Kathleen Driscoll Seconded by Mary Hibbard

7 Aye 0 Nay 0 Abstained APPROVED

12. 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 2018-2019 School Year.

Moved by Brian Jeker Seconded by Eddie Maslin

7 Aye 0 Nay 0 Abstained APPROVED

13. 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 2018 Treasurer's Report.

Moved by Kathleen Driscoll Seconded by Brian Jeker

7 Aye 0 Nay 0 Abstained APPROVED

14. 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 2018 Extra-Classroom Treasurer's Report.

Moved by Thomas Tasber Seconded by Mary Hibbard

7 Aye 0 Nay 0 Abstained APPROVED

15. Memorandum of Agreement

BE IT RESOLVED upon recommendation of the Superintendent that the Board of Education of the Whitney Point Central School District approve of the Memorandum of Agreement between the Chief Executive Officer and the Director of Curriculum and Instruction dated May 4, 2018.

Moved by Eddie Maslin Seconded by Kathleen Driscoll

7 Aye 0 Nay 0 Abstained APPROVED

16. 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 Mary Hibbard

7 Aye 0 Nay 0 Abstained — APPROVED

17. Certification of the Vote

The Board of Education agreed to table the Certification of the Vote to allow time to ascertain the results.

J. BOARD OF EDUCATION GOALS

- Attendance at District Events

K. SUPERINTENDENT'S UPDATE

- Ice Cream Social and Art Walk – Ms. Follette stated the Ice Cream Social will be held at the TRA and the Art Walk will still be held at the High School this year. She stated Businesses will participate.
- Graduation – Ms. Follette asked the Board of Education to let the District Clerk know if they would like to participate.
- Family Resource Room – Ms. Follette shared information about the new room, and she spoke about a recent Promise Zone Visit.

  Mrs. Champney noted that the district is willing to try new things that will help our students.

L. COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

Ms. Follette thanked Mrs. Hibbard for serving on the Board of Education

The Board of Education recessed at 8:30 p.m. to allow time to ascertain the results of the vote.

Moved by Thomas Tasber — Seconded by Mary Hibbard

7 Aye 0 Nay 0 Abstained — APPROVED

The Board of Education reconvened at 9:25 p.m.

17. Certification of the Vote

The motion was taken from the table.

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"	172
Number of votes recorded as voting "NO"	82

Number of votes void 0

Total number of votes cast 254

Proposition Two – Bus Vote

Number of votes recorded as voting "YES" 185

Number of votes recorded as voting "NO" 68

Number of votes void 0

Total number of votes cast 253

Board Member elected: Art Timmins Number of votes cast: 195

Katie Perry Number of votes cast: 189

Christine Widdall Number of votes cast: 188

Moved by Kathleen Driscoll Seconded by Michele Coleman

7 Aye 0 Nay 0 Abstained APPROVED

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 and Annual Meeting at 9:30 p.m.

Moved by Brian Jeker Seconded by Kathleen Driscoll

7 Aye 0 Nay 0 Abstained APPROVED

N. FYI

Press & Sun Bulletin – "US News gives Tier schools high marks"
May 16, 2018 – CEA Spring Festival, 6 p.m.
May 16-May 18, 2018 – Destination D.C. Field Trip
May 22, 2018 – Career Fair, HS Gym
May 23 –June 1, 2018 – NYS Science Performance Test: Grades 4 & 8
May 24-May 28, 2018 – No School, Memorial Weekend
May 29-June 1, 2018 – Kinderville
May 31, 2018 – HS Academic Awards Program, HS Auditorium, 7 p.m.
June 2, 2018 – HS Prom
June 4, 2018 – HS Sprint Concert, HS Auditorium 7 p.m.
June 4, 2018 – NYS Science Written Test
June 5, 2018 – Regents & RCT's
June 6 & June 7, 2018 – District Art Show
June 6, 2018 – Ice Cream Social
June 8, 2018 – Fifth grade Philadelphia Trip
June 9, 2018 - HS Drama Club Trip to NYC

June 15, 2018 – TRA 8th Grade Awards Ceremony, TRA Auditorium, 6:30 p.m.
June 15, 2018 – TRA Dance, Grade 8 only
June 19, 2018 - Board of Education Meeting, HS Library, 7:00 p.m.
June 12-21 – Regents Exams and Final Exams
June 21, 2018 – Baccalaureate – Methodist Church, 7:00 p.m.
June 22, 2018 – Graduation, 7:00 p.m.

Submitted by,

Cynthia Burchell
District Clerk