



WHITNEY POINT CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

Board of Education Meeting

Whitney Point High School Building
Library
P.O. Box 249, 10 Keibel Road
Whitney Point, NY 13862

BOARD MINUTES

Tuesday, February 18, 2014
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 7:05 p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance was recited

		<u>Present</u>	<u>Absent</u>
Sara Bencoter	President	X	
Stephanie Champney	Vice-President	X	
Kathleen Driscoll	Member	X	
Brian Jeker	Member	X	
Gene-Paul Jordan	Member		X
Andrew Palmer	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: Laura Chestnut, John Faron, Jeff Isaacs, Aaron Kaminsky, Luann Kida, Jo-Ann Knapp, Bree Stanton, Dan Sweeney, Bruce Tytler, Dakota Williams

A. PROPOSED EXECUTIVE SESSION

None

B. MINUTES

Ms. Follette recommended Board approval of the Minutes from the Board Meeting held on February 4, 2014.

Moved by Brian Jeker

Seconded by Stephanie Champney

6 Aye 0 Nay 0 Abstained

APPROVED

C. CORRESPONDENCE

None

D. POLICIES 1ST READING

None

E. POLICIES 2ND READING

None

F. COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

G. COMMENDATIONS

Ms. Follette commends:

- The following students for their induction at Tri-M Music Honor Society Induction organized by Jessica Williamson on February 6, 2014:

Katie Arseneau
Patrick Collins
Leria Compeau
Julia Goga
Victoria Petrie

Deanna Sanyshun
Marlee Smith
Danika Tasber
Madilyn Tiderencel

- Whitney Point High School Senior Emma Maslin for officially signing her letter of intent to play soccer for SUNY Binghamton. Ms. Follette stated that she was impressed that Emma put all sports aside to make soccer her focus, and that she is a lovely young woman.

- Whitney Point Central School District nurses Mary Beth Purce, Racheal Lee and Caroline Nielands for their willingness to quickly assist with the bus accident. Their efforts were also greatly appreciated by the students, other EMT Personnel and UHS.

ADDENDA

- *The Whitney Point Varsity Wrestling Team for their impressive showing at the Section 4 Wrestling Championships. Andrew Barnhart won the 195 pound weight class. Jordan Torbitt placed second in the 160 pound weight class. Nate Grubham placed third in the 132 pound weight class and Trevor Glezen placed 6th in the 36 team event.*
- *Whitney Point Varsity Indoor Track & Field Team for their Section 4 State Qualifier held on February 15, 2014. High School student Ashley Taylor finished 3rd in the high jump and Nash Kulina finished 5th in the 1600 meters.*

H. OLD BUSINESS

1. Budget Update

Ms. Follette provided a budget update for the 2014-2015 Budget. She reviewed the revenue projection, and discussed in detail the individual components of the administrative and capital budgets.

I. NEW BUSINESS

ADDENDA

Unpaid Leave of Absence

Ms. Follette recommended Board approval of a six-day, unpaid leave of absence for Vicki Kemak, cleaner, from March 3, 2014 to March 10, 2014.

Moved by Andrew Palmer

Seconded by Kathleen Driscoll

6 Aye 0 Nay 0 Abstained

APPROVED

1. Student Voice Group Field Trip

Ms. Follette recommended Board approval of the Student Voice Group field trip proposal to the Statewide Budget Rally in Albany, NY on Wednesday, March 12, 2014.

Moved by Thomas Tasber

Seconded by Brian Jeker

6 Aye 0 Nay 0 Abstained

APPROVED

2. Eighth Grade Field Trip

Ms. Follette recommended Board approval of the Eighth Grade field trip proposal to Washington, D.C. on Tuesday, May 20, 2014 through Thursday, May 22, 2014.

Moved by Stephanie Champney

Seconded by Kathleen Driscoll

6 Aye 0 Nay 0 Abstained

APPROVED

3. Lead Evaluator Resolutions

BE IT RESOLVED that the Whitney Point Central School District approves the attached certification of Laura Chestnut, Patricia Follette, Murphee Hayes, Jeffrey Isaacs, Aaron Kaminsky, Jo-Anne Knapp, Jo-Ann Sexton, Daniel Sweeney and Bruce Tytler as Lead Evaluators for teachers as submitted.

Moved by Stephanie Champney

Seconded by Brian Jeker

Ms. Follette stated the Lead Evaluators participate in professional development all year long to ensure reliability when observing and evaluating the teaching staff.

6 Aye 0 Nay 0 Abstained

APPROVED

BE IT RESOLVED that the Whitney Point Central School District approves the attached certification of Patricia Follette as Lead Evaluator for building principles as submitted.

Moved by Kathleen Driscoll

Seconded by Brian Jeker

Ms. Follette stated she is working closely with the Race to the Top representative at BOCES for her own professional development and stated one thing they are looking at are the goals set by administrators.

6 Aye 0 Nay 0 Abstained

APPROVED

4. Appointments

Ms. Follette recommended Board approval of the following list of poll workers and the daily rate of pay for the sole purpose of the Special Meeting vote to be held on March 18, 2014.

Rate of pay \$55.00

Marilyn Theleman

Terry Shafer

Barry Shafer

Alternate: Sandra Burghardt

Moved by Andrew Palmer

Seconded by Thomas Tasber

6 Aye 0 Nay 0 Abstained

APPROVED

5. Coaching Appointment

Ms. Follette recommended Board approval of the following 2014 spring coaching recommendation:

Girls Lacrosse

Junior Varsity

Danielle Hand

Moved by Brian Jeker

Seconded by Stephanie Champney

6 Aye 0 Nay 0 Abstained

APPROVED

6. Resignation

Ms. Follette recommended Board approval of the resignation of **Laura Landers**, Bus Attendant, effective February 27, 2014.

Moved by Stephanie Champney

Seconded by Kathleen Driscoll

6 Aye 0 Nay 0 Abstained

APPROVED

7. Termination

Ms. Follette recommended Board approval of the termination of **Amanda McGovern**, Bus Driver, effective February 18, 2014.

Moved by Thomas Tasber

Seconded by Stephanie Champney

6 Aye 0 Nay 0 Abstained

APPROVED

8. Unpaid Leave of Absence

Ms. Follette recommended Board approval of an unpaid medical leave for Carrie Czebiniak, teacher's aide, from March 25, 2014 to March 31, 2014.

Moved by Thomas Tasber

Seconded by Stephanie Champney

6 Aye 0 Nay 0 Abstained

APPROVED

9. Committee on Special Education

Ms. Follette recommended Board approval of the recommendations of the Committee on Special Education.

Moved by Thomas Tasber

Seconded by Brian Jeker

Mr. Tasber asked what would happen if someone refused to be assessed.

Mr. Sweeney stated they would stay where they are currently classified and a record would be made of their refusal.

Ms. Sexton stated the district has to have consent and it is the district's obligation to provide services. She stated the refusal would go onto the student's record. Ms. Sexton stated the district tries to discourage refusals.

6 Aye 0 Nay 0 Abstained

APPROVED

10. Authorization to Unseal and Open Ballot Box and Destroy Ballots from the May 21, 2013 Budget Vote

RESOLVED, pursuant to Education Law 2034(6)(b) that at least six months have elapsed since the May 21, 2013 Budget Vote, and upon information and belief of the Board of Education, there has been no challenge or proceeding commenced and, as such, the Board of Education of the Whitney Point Central School District does and hereby authorizes the District Clerk to unseal and open the wooden ballot box and destroy the official ballots contained therein, together with the unused ballots; if any.

Moved by Stephanie Champney

Seconded by Kathleen Driscoll

6 Aye 0 Nay 0 Abstained

APPROVED

11. Donation

Ms. Follette recommended Board approval of the acceptance of the donation of lacrosse equipment from the Lacrosse Committee, Mr. and Mrs. Ballard and Mr. and Mrs. Standish-Warpus, for the 2013-2014 lacrosse pilot program.

Moved by Thomas Tasber

Seconded by Brian Jeker

6 Aye 0 Nay 0 Abstained

APPROVED

12. Equipment Disposal

Ms. Follette recommended Board approval of the following copiers for disposal:

<u>Qty</u>	<u>Description</u>
1	Cannon Image Runner 6020i/BT BOCES Tag #029654
1	Cannon Image Runner 5055/BT BOCES Tag #031994
1	Cannon Image Runner 3300/BT BOCES Tag #024360
1	Cannon Image Runner 3300/BT BOCES Tag #024362
1	Cannon Image Runner 3300/BT BOCES Tag #024363

Motion was made to postpone Board approval of the disposal indefinitely until the proper paperwork is received.

Moved by Stephanie Champney

Seconded by Kathleen Driscoll

6 Aye 0 Nay 0 Abstained

APPROVED

13. Extra-Classroom Treasurer's Report

Ms. Follette recommended Board approval of the January 2014 Extra-Classroom Treasurer's Report.

Moved by Kathleen Driscoll

Seconded by Thomas Tasber

6 Aye 0 Nay 0 Abstained

APPROVED

14. Treasurer's Report

Ms. Follette recommended Board approval of the January 2014 Treasurer's Report.

Moved by Stephanie Champney

Seconded by Brian Jeker

6 Aye 0 Nay 0 Abstained

APPROVED

J. COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

Mr. Tytler stated it was an honor and privilege to work with Janis Wallenstein for six years and she will be greatly missed.

Mrs. Benscoter stated her family couldn't express enough how much our school district meant to Janis.

K. SUPERINTENDENT'S UPDATE

None

L. ADJOURNMENT

Ms. Follette recommended Board approval of the motion to adjourn the public meeting at 7:44 p.m.

Moved by Stephanie Champney

Seconded by Kathleen Driscoll

6 Aye 0 Nay 0 Abstained

APPROVED

M. FYI

Legislative Breakfast Meeting Schedule of Events
February 21 – 11:30 a.m. Dismissal, PM UPK Attends/No AM UPK
February 21 - PTA Movie Night, 7:00 p.m.
March 3 – Read Across America Day
March 4 – Board of Education Meeting
March 5 – District Choral Festival, Grades 6-12
March 7 – PTA Mother/Son Event, CEA, 6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.
March 9 – Daylight Savings Time begins
March 10 – WP-TRA & ME MS Combined Concert
March 14 – No School, Superintendent's Conference Day
March 18 – Board of Education Meeting and BUS VOTE
March 27 – CEA Math Night, 6:30 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.
March 28 – PTA Kids' Night Out, TRA, 6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by:



Cynthia Burchell,
District Clerk