



WHITNEY POINT CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT  
ANNUAL MEETING & BUDGET HEARING

MINUTES

Tuesday, May 6, 2014  
7:00 p.m.  
High School Auditorium

The Public Budget Hearing was called to order at 7:04 p.m. by the Board President, Mrs. Sara Benscoter.

I. Annual Meeting Chairperson

It is appropriate to select a chairperson for this Annual Election and Budget Vote. This Chairperson will conduct the meeting, and will open and close the polls on Tuesday, May 20, 2014.

Ms. Follette recommended Cynthia Burchell be appointed Annual Meeting Chairperson.

Moved by Brian Jeker

Seconded by Stephanie Champney

6 Aye    0 Nay    0 Abstained    APPROVED

Mrs. Benscoter turned the meeting over to the Chairperson.

II. Budget Review

The Chairperson introduced the Board Members and Ms. Follette, who reviewed the Proposed Budget for the 2014-2015 school year. Ms. Follette discussed the current goals of developing a reasonable tax levy within the applicable regulations, maintaining focus on education and building a sustainable budget. She presented the proposed 2014-2015 budget of \$33,171,129 and tax levy increase of 1.89%. Ms. Follette provided details around the budget increases and tax levy impact. She reviewed in detail how the taxes are calculated in the different townships. Ms. Follette explained the budget highlights. She stated this budget proposal allows the District to:

- Increase the Tax Levy by 1.89% (our maximum allowable tax levy was 2.89%)
- Reduce the reliance on fund balance and plan for the future
- Avoid staff reductions
- Introduce American Sign Language as a foreign language offering (or add additional half-time Spanish Teacher)
- Develop THREE new Summer Enrichment Programs (various grade levels)

- Create a new Special Education Classroom providing the ability to educate more of our students at Whitney Point CSD with the addition of one full-time special education teacher
- Sustain the modified 4:00 bus run that was reintroduced into our budget during the 2013-2014 school year with much success
- Participate in a Math Professional Development Collaboration
- Continue to offer high quality educational opportunities and remain in compliance with all educational mandates
- Continue responsible stewardship of our facilities

Ms. Follette stated voters will be voting on whether the Board of Education of the Whitney Point Central School District shall be authorized to appropriate for the budget the sum of \$33,171,129 for the 2014-2015 school year and levy the necessary tax therefore with a projected tax levy increase of 1.89%

Ms. Follette stated four Board of Education seats will be up for re-election. Ms. Follette stated Thomas Tasber, Kathleen Driscoll, Stephanie Champney will be on the ballot. Voters will also have the opportunity to provide up to four write-in candidates as well. Ms. Follette stated the candidates receiving the highest three vote totals will be elected to serve a three year term. The candidate with the fourth highest vote total will serve a two year term. All terms would commence on July 1, 2014.

Ms. Follette stated a second Proposition will be placed on the May 20<sup>th</sup> ballot seeking voter approval to establish a Capital Reserve Fund with the ultimate cap of this fund being \$7 million dollars over a ten-year period to address future construction projects, renovations and major repairs. She stated the creation of the fund requires voter approval. She explained using expenses from this reserve also require voter approval. Ms. Follette stated establishing a capital reserve fund allows the district to continue planning for the long-term facility needs of our district.

Ed Driscoll asked if the fund can be taken out of what taxes are being paid now.

Ms. Follette stated yes. She clarified it allows the District to use any excess money for capital projects opposed to raising taxes.

### III. Introduction of Candidates

The Chairperson explained voting for candidates for the Board of Education, and introduced the candidates for the open Board of Education seats.

Stephanie Champney stated this was her 12<sup>th</sup> year with the Board of Education. She stated serving on the Board is a necessary job and believes the District has come a long way balancing the needs of the community, district and students.

Kathleen Driscoll stated this was her 8<sup>th</sup> year on the Board of Education. She stated she has been a District resident for 36 years. Ms. Driscoll stated her grand children attend the District and her children have gone through the District. She

stated she would like to continue to serve because of her love for the District and the progress that has been made.

Thomas Tasber stated he has been a Board of Education member for 6 years and that he got involved to understand more about the District. He stated he has learned something new each year on the Board of Education. He stated he enjoys being a Board Member and feels he has enough diversity in his life to allow him to have a good understanding of the District's operations and student needs.

IV. Suspension of the Hearing

The Board suspended the meeting at 7:45 until 1:00 p.m. on May 20, 2014, at which time the polls will be opened.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Cynthia K. Busch". The signature is written in a cursive style with a long horizontal flourish at the end.



# WHITNEY POINT CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

## Board of Education Meeting

Whitney Point High School Building  
Auditorium

P.O. Box 249, 10 Keibel Road  
Whitney Point, NY 13862

### MINUTES

Tuesday, May 6, 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:

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- 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 7:45 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	
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: Kristina Bellis, Ed Driscoll, Luann Kida

**A. EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Ms. Follette recommended Board approval to recess the public meeting at 7:55 p.m. and adjourn to Executive Session to hear discussion on personnel issues.

Moved by Stephanie Champney

Seconded by Kathleen Driscoll

6 Aye 0 Nay 0 Abstained

APPROVED

Meeting reconvened at 8:10 p.m.

Moved by Stephanie Champney

Seconded by Kathleen Driscoll

6 Aye 0 Nay 0 Abstained

APPROVED

**B. MINUTES**

Ms. Follette recommended Board approval of the Minutes from the Board Meeting held on April 28, 2014.

Moved by Stephanie Champney

Seconded by Brian Jeker

6 Aye 0 Nay 0 Abstained

APPROVED

**C. CORRESPONDENCE**

None

**D. POLICIES 1<sup>ST</sup> READING**

None

**E. POLICIES 2<sup>ND</sup> READING**

None

**F. COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC**

None

**G. COMMENDATIONS**

Ms. Follette commends:

- The following Whitney Point Central School District students who have artwork displayed at the da Vinci Festival Student Art Show at the Broome County Library, 185 Court Street in Binghamton from May 3, 2014 to June 3, 2014:

Jane Austenfeld  
Mary Ballard  
Elias Barden  
Kelsey Barrows  
Abby Baxter  
Alex Baxter  
Jared Bieber  
Sierra Bell  
Charlie Brightsen  
Levi Burns  
Patrick Collins  
Julia Coy  
Collin Craft  
Krystal Doane  
Katie Eaton  
Devin Ellerson  
Hannah Fish  
Kierstin Gehres-Furgeson  
Prudence Harrison  
Acadia Head  
Brooklin Hodges  
Courtney James  
Ethan Johnson

Keaghan Johnson  
Malcolm Johnson  
Connor Kallfelz  
Ryan Kelly  
Jordan Kemak  
Alexis Kimble  
Kyleigh Livingston  
Kimberly Livingston  
Ryan Lotz  
Becky Lynch  
Kaylie Lynch  
Acacia Madison  
Zachary McCall  
Madison McCall  
Lindsay McQueen  
Caitlyn Messina  
Lauryn Nichols  
Oliver Kida  
Gavin Oliver  
Katie Perry  
Axel Peterson  
Gamaliel Petrick  
Taylor Petrie

Claire Pfeiffer  
Alyssa Pisani  
Austin Quail  
Allison Randall  
Morgan Richards  
Ada Roe  
Abigail Sanchez  
Aleise Shipman  
Ashley Shrauger  
Austin Snyder  
Hannah Somers  
Amei Standish-Warpus  
Vincent Stanton  
Kyleigh Storrs  
Alina Szczepanski  
Shannon Taylor  
Marissa Taylor  
Ashley Taylor  
Lane Tiderencel  
Bowen Tillotson  
Dawson Woolson  
Allison Zembek

Mrs. Benscoter stated approximately 65 students submitted artwork for the da Vinci Festival and Art Show.

Ms. Follette commended Mr. Manvell for his work as coordinator of the Art Show.

- Mrs. Knapp, faculty and staff of the Caryl E. Adams Primary School for the New Kindergarten Parent night held on Wednesday, April 23, 2014.
- Mrs. Richards for organizing and all who assisted with The Celebration of Young Children (a literacy event) held on Saturday, April 26, 2014. Approximately 53 children and their families attended the event.
- Whitney Point Central School District high school senior Macella Dean for being awarded the Senator Libous 2014 Student Community Service Award. Ms. Follette stated that she attended the service along with Mr. Tytler. She stated Macella received a \$1,000 scholarship.

## **H. OLD BUSINESS**

None

## **I. NEW BUISNESS**



#### 4. Resignation

Ms. Follette recommended Board approval of the resignation of **Mark See** bus driver, effective May 2, 2014.

Moved by Thomas Tasber

Seconded by Stephanie Champney

Mrs. Bencoter stated the motion needs to be amended to read **Mark See II**.

6 Aye 0 Nay 0 Abstained

APPROVED

#### 5. Field Trip Request

Mrs. Bencoter stated the motion needs to be amended to read the High School Band and Chorus Field trip.

Ms. Follette recommended Board approval of the High School Band and Chorus field trip to Darien Lake Theme Park, Darien Lake, NY to be conducted Saturday, May 31, 2014.

Moved by Brian Jeker

Seconded by Thomas Tasber

6 Aye 0 Nay 0 Abstained

APPROVED

#### 6. Meat and Cheese Bid

Ms. Follette recommended Board approval of the award to Maines, Renzi Brothers, Inc., Behlogs, Sysco, Ginsberg, US Food Service, and Lupos as low bidders for the May 1, 2014 to August 14, 2014 Meat and Cheese Bid as prepared by Broome Tioga BOCES Food Service Program.

Moved by Stephanie Champney

Seconded by Kathleen Driscoll

Mr. Tasber asked if the US Food Service is a Federal food program.

Mr. Woodard stated the bid was prepared by BOCES, and he did not currently know that information.

#### 7. Donation

Ms. Follette recommended Board approval of the acceptance of the \$2,026.00 donation restricted for girls' lacrosse equipment from *The Community Foundation for South Central New York - Bob Stocks Memorial Donor Advised Fund* for the 2013-2014 lacrosse pilot program.

Moved by Stephanie Champney

Seconded by Kathleen Driscoll

6 Aye 0 Nay 0 Abstained

APPROVED

#### 8. 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

6 Aye 0 Nay 0 Abstained

APPROVED

## **J. COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC**

None

## **K. SUPERINTENDENT'S UPDATE**

- Family & Children's Satellite Clinic- Ms. Follette stated the clinic will start in the summer through the Promise Zone. She stated one of the many benefits of the Promise Zone would be to share a psychiatric nurse with other districts. She stated they are looking to have a psychiatric certified nurse practitioner in Whitney Point. Ms. Follette stated one of her goals was to have a regular nurse practitioner in our District. She stated she would like to create a community center within the District.

Mr. Tasber stated Harpursville provides the same services.

Ms. Follette stated, yes as well as Marathon.

- Ms. Follette stated Sean Brady will be available on July 12, 2104. She asked if the Board would like to meet for a short time on the 12<sup>th</sup> and hold the remainder of the Retreat on the 19<sup>th</sup>. The Board agreed to just meet on July 12.

## **L. ADJOURNMENT**

Ms. Follette recommended Board approval of the motion to adjourn the public meeting at 8:30 p.m.

Moved by Stephanie Champney

Seconded by Kathleen Driscoll

6 Aye 0 Nay 0 Abstained

APPROVED

## **M. FYI**

Budget Newsletter

April Monthly Enrollment Comparison

Certificate of Environmental Accomplishment

May 7 – TRA Family Literacy Night, 6:30 – 8:00 p.m.

May 8 – TRA Spring Band Concert, Grades 6-8, 7:00 p.m.

May 9 – AM UPK Attends/No PM UPK

May 13 – TRA Spring Chorus Concert, Grades 6-8 p.m.

May 15 – Budget and Establishment of a Capital Reserve Fund Presentation  
7:00 p.m. HS Library

May 15 – Broome County Promise Zone Parent Leadership Graduation, 5:00 CEA Cafeteria

May 20 – Budget, Capital Reserve Fund and BOE Member Vote, HS Cafeteria 1-8 p.m.


May 20-May 22 – Destination D.C. Trip

May 20 – May 21 – High School Cabaret

May 21 – CEA Spring Festival

May 23 – May 26 - No School, Memorial Weekend  
May 27-May 30 – Kinderville  
May 27-May 30 – NYS Science Performances Testing, Grades 4 & 8  
May 29 – High School Academic Awards

Respectfully submitted by:



Cynthia Burchell  
District Clerk



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**Executive Session**

For matters concerning personnel issues.

**Meeting Adjournment**

Sara Bencoter motioned to adjourn the Executive Session at 8:09 p.m.

Moved by Stephanie Champney

Seconded by Kathleen Driscoll

6 Aye 0 Nay 0 Abstained

APPROVED

Respectfully submitted,



Cynthia Burchell  
District Clerk