



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 20, 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 7:10 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: Laura Chestnut, Edward Driscoll, Murphee Hayes, Jeffrey Isaacs, Jo-Anne Knapp, Dan Sweeney, Bruce Tytler

A. PROPOSED EXECUTIVE SESSION

None

B. MINUTES

Ms. Follette recommended Board approval of the Minutes from the Board Meeting held on May 6, 2014.

Moved by Stephanie Champney

Seconded by Kathleen Driscoll

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:

- Mrs. Allen, Ms. Babcock, Ms. Godfrey, Mrs. Hodkinson, Mr. Kucher, Mrs. Pudish, Mr. Truesdell, Mrs. Williamson, Ms. Miner, Mrs. Snyder and daughter Rebecca Snyder, the PTA, and the Tri-M Honor Society of the Tioughnioga Riverside Academy for the very successful Family Literacy and Activity Night held at the Tioughnioga Riverside Academy on Wednesday, May 7, 2014.
- Mrs. Williamson and the Whitney Point Central School District's Grades 6th, 7th & 8th grade band members for the spectacular Spring Band Concert held at the Tioughnioga Riverside Academy on May 8, 2014.
- Ms. Desmond, and Tioughnioga Riverside Academy 6th -- 8th Grade Chorus for the energetic and entertaining choral presentation on Tuesday, May 13, 2014. Mrs. Heinle accompanied the chorus on the piano.

- The following parent leaders for graduating from the Broome County Promise Zone Graduation on May 15, 2014:

Brandi Anderson
 Daniel Atkinson
 Hillary Brown
 Nicole McRorie
 Ruby Mosher
 Mary Shugars
 Tammy Stephens
 Christina Wilford

Ms. Follette stated some of the parents have gone through the program a second time. She stated Luann Kida from the Broome County Promise Zone just received another grant for continued parent engagement.

- Whitney Point High School graduating seniors who participated in the College Now program and earned TC3 college credits.
- The Senior High Valedictorian, Morgan Hill and Salutatorian, Ashley Case. Congratulations on your achievements.
- The following Whitney Point High School Seniors for their placement in the top ten of the Whitney Point Senior High School graduating class of 2014:

Morgan Hill	1
Ashley Case	2
Riley Abrahamson	3
Macella Dean	4
Christopher VanDusen	5
Ryan Cadwell	6
Kathryn Short	7
Cody Fizette	8
Mitchell Edson	9
Christopher Carey	10

- Whitney Point High School Senior Lacey Gardner for receiving the 2014 Outstanding “School-to-Careers” Student Award presented annually by the School-to-Careers Partnership of Broome and Tioga Counties.

H. OLD BUSINESS

None

I. NEW BUISNESS

1. Spring Sports Update

Ms. Hayes presented the Spring Sports Update. She discussed in detail the sports participation rates. Ms. Hayes explained the participation rates for each of the boys’ sports are about equal.

She stated that she is celebrating the return of JV Softball while being able to implement girls' lacrosse at the same time. She stated this has resulted in higher spring participation rates. Ms. Hayes reviewed the average participation numbers over the past three years and stated she was glad to see the number of the students in the graduating classes still participating in sports is strong. She reviewed the spring sports numbers for 2014 and stated there were 107 schedule changes due to weather. Ms. Hayes commended Ms. Shellie Burns, Mr. Wolf, the bus garage and Mr. Terry Dean for their hard work with the changes.

Mr. Jeker stated he would be interested in seeing what the participation rates were at other schools.

Ms. Hayes stated the Whitney Point District has more sport offerings than a lot of the other districts and that would need to be taken into consideration. She explained that other districts may not have their participation rates compiled, but that she would be happy to ask at upcoming meetings with the other districts to see what she could determine.

Mr. Tasber stated he likes the information.

Ms. Hayes stated it was nice to see that our kids are well-rounded.

Mrs. Benscoter thanked Ms. Hayes for her work behind the girls' lacrosse as it was so quickly put together.

2. Focus School Review Presentation

Ms. Sexton and Mr. Sweeney provided an update on the status of the work related to Whitney Point's designation as a Focus District with one Focus School. Ms. Sexton reviewed how we became a Focus District/ School by explaining that the identification was based on the performance of students with disabilities on the 2009 through 2011 3-8 ELA and Math Assessments. Ms. Sexton stated this is the same data that identified the TRA as a School in Need of Improvement under NY State's previous system of identification. Ms. Sexton reviewed the connection between the Regents Reform Agenda and the Diagnostic Tool for School and District Effectiveness (DTSDE). She explained that as part New York State's effort to work with schools consistently over time, focus schools keep their designation for three years and undergo the review process each of the three years. She stated that focus schools are required to work with an Outside Educational Expert and representatives from the district are mandated to attend the DTSDE training in Albany each year. Ms. Sexton explained the steps of the district review and the components of school review. Ms. Sexton explained how the DTSDE uses a Highly Effective, Effective, Developing and Ineffective (HEDI) to rate and guide during the review. She reviewed the DTSDE process and the progress made by the Whitney Point Central School District in year one (2012-2013) and year two (2013-2014).

Mr. Sweeney reviewed the DTSDE. He stated that although the district was identified as a focus district due to ELA and Math test results from one subgroup, he stated there are benefits to the focus review involving the whole TRA. He reviewed the Tenant Ratings and showed that most were given the rating of "Developing."

Ms. Follette stated during year one of the Review the Regents Reform Agenda was not at full implementation of DDI and CCLS. There is a lot that had to be done with full implementation of the common core. She asked Mr. Sweeney if he could please discuss this in a little more detail.

Ms. Sexton stated that to be Effective on the DTSDE rubric in curriculum you have to have implementation of the Common Core Learning Standards, and last year the State could not claim that they were fully implemented.

Mr. Sweeney stated he would discuss this later in the presentation.

Mr. Sweeney reviewed the areas for improvement involving school community members, a common vision and consistent protocols for data analyses.

Gene Jordan asked if the community members interviewed were parent community members.

Ms. Sexton stated the District just recently implemented a District Vision in the last few years.

Mr. Sweeney stated different groups were interviewed and they did not know the Vision.

Ms. Chestnut stated the community members mentioned the general themes of students such as being successful and college and career ready.

Mr. Sweeney stated one of the areas in need of improvement were full alignment of the CCLS. He stated 99% of the school districts fell into this category.

Ms. Follette stated the data the State was asking for new criteria that had just been just released.

Sara Bencoter stated it is good to use this as a guide.

Mr. Sweeney stated the information provided the District with good baseline data. He continued to review the areas for improvement and stated the District's protocols for Data Driven Instruction needed further development and that a lot of the TRA Improvement Plan had to do with these findings. He stated the school was identified as a safe and healthy environment where students' needs are being met.

Ms. Sexton stated our that it was noted in the review that our pupil personnel department provided a lot of services but that it was very personnel dependent and that we are working on developing systems for support services.

Mr. Sweeney stated the District does not have a system to see if its communication to the families is being read and understood.

Mr. Tasber asked how the District compares to other focus districts.

Mr. Sweeney stated with the rubric we are being measured in similar same ways.

Ms. Sexton explained all the districts identified received these reports. She stated based on what she had heard from other districts in all the training she has attended the "Developing" rating seems to be the typical rating.

Ms. Chestnut explained there is a lot of information on the State website for comparison.

Ms. Follette stated there were a lot of "ineffective" ratings given to other districts, so the "Developing" rating is an appropriate place to be given the criteria.

Ms. Sexton stated the State representatives stated our district is a safe, orderly environment where students are learning. She said the standard set by the rubric is very high.

Mr. Tasber stated if you start something and are rated as “Developing” that is not a bad thing.

Ms. Follette stated non-focus schools would also be “Developing” given the criteria. She stated we need to focus on what systems are in place, and where we can improve.

Ms. Follette commended Ms. Sexton, Ms. Chestnut, Mr. Sweeney and the Outside Educational Expert for the time spent in Albany and for all that they did in relation to this.

Sara Bencoter stated it was good to see where the district was at and the rubric was good.

Mr. Jordan stated he was looking at this with a different view and sees “Developing” as a good place to be. He stated he likes the fact the report is public, school is about learning and he is happy the Board is able to be involved in student instruction.

3. Payroll Dates

Ms. Follette recommended Board approval of the payroll dates for 2014-2015 School Year.

Moved by Stephanie Champney

Seconded by Brian Jeker

6 Aye 0 Nay 0 Abstained

APPROVED

4. Last Day of School Information

The last day school is in session for students will be Tuesday, June 24, 2014. The last day for staff members, including aides and food service workers, is Wednesday, June 25, 2014. Last day for teachers will be June 26, 2014. All days are full days.

5. Resignation

Ms. Follette recommended Board approval of the resignation of **Tracy Russell**, Bus Attendant, effective May 16, 2014.

Moved by Kathleen Driscoll

Seconded by Brian Jeker

6 Aye 0 Nay 0 Abstained

APPROVED

ADDENDA

1. Resignation

*Ms. Follette recommended Board approval of the resignation of **Jennifer Johnson**, Part-Time Teacher’s Aide, effective June 6, 2014.*

Moved by Stephanie Champney

Seconded by Brian Jeker

6 Aye 0 Nay 0 Abstained

APPROVED

2. Appointment

Ms. Follette recommends Board approval of the appointment of **Beatrice Ayers**, Bus Attendant, effective May 20, 2014.

Moved by Kathleen Driscoll

Seconded by Gene Jordan

Ms. Follette stated Ms. Ayers is replacing Tracy Russell.

6 Aye 0 Nay 0 Abstained

APPROVED

6. Unpaid Leaves of Absence

Ms. Follette recommended Board approval of a one-day, unpaid leave of absence for **Kellie Brown**, teacher's aide, for June 25, 2014.

Moved by Stephanie Champney

Seconded by Brian Jeker

6 Aye 0 Nay 0 Abstained

APPROVED

Ms. Follette recommended Board approval of a one-day, unpaid leave of absence for **Carrie Czebiniak**, teacher's aide, for June 19, 2014.

Moved by Thomas Tasber

Seconded by Kathleen Driscoll

6 Aye 0 Nay 0 Abstained

APPROVED

7. Committee on Special Education

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

Moved by Thomas Tasber

Seconded by Stephanie Champney

6 Aye 0 Nay 0 Abstained

APPROVED

8. Non-Resident Application

Ms. Follette recommended Board approval of the following student of a bus driver to attend the Whitney Point Central School District for the 2014-2015 school year and that tuition be waived.

Raymond Frost

Grade 4

Moved by Thomas Tasber

Seconded by Stephanie Champney

6 Aye 0 Nay 0 Abstained

APPROVED

9. Extra-Classroom Treasurer's Report

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

Moved by Kathleen Driscoll

Seconded by Brian Jeker

6 Aye 0 Nay 0 Abstained

APPROVED

10. Treasurer’s Report

Ms. Follette recommended Board approval of the April 2014 Treasurer’s Report.

Moved by Stephanie Champney

Seconded by Kathleen Driscoll

6 Aye 0 Nay 0 Abstained

APPROVED

11. Certification of Budget Vote

The motion was tabled until the end of the meeting.

J. COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

None

K. SUPERINTENDENT’S UPDATE

- SUNY Broome Courses – Ms. Follette stated that two Broome Community College courses will be held at the Whitney Point School District during the 2014-2015 school year, History and Biology.
- Ms. Follette stated a pipe burst at the TRA Guidance Office. She stated a sensor failed to indicate the failure. She stated SERVPRO has been there for the cleanup and they are also looking into preventative measures.

The Board took a brief recess at 8:15 to ascertain the voting results.

11. Certification of Budget Vote

The motion was taken from the table at 9:00 p.m.

Ms. Follette recommended Board approval of the Certification of the Budget Vote as follows:

Proposition One – Budget Vote

Number of votes recorded as voting “YES”	233
Number of votes recorded as voting “NO”	98
Number of votes void	1
Total number of votes cast	332

Proposition Two – Establishment of a Capital Reserve Fund

Number of votes recorded as voting “YES”	224
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Number of votes recorded as voting "NO" 106
Number of votes void 0
Total number of votes cast 330

Board Members elected: Thomas Tasber Number of votes cast: 236
Kathleen Driscoll Number of votes cast: 255
Stephanie Champney Number of votes cast: 235
Daniel Thorp Number of votes cast: 48

Moved by Stephanie Champney Seconded by Kathleen Driscoll
6 Aye 0 Nay 0 Abstained APPROVED

L. ADJOURNMENT

Ms. Follette recommended Board approval of the motion to adjourn the public meeting at 9:07 p.m.

Moved by Stephanie Champney Seconded by Kathleen Driscoll
6 Aye 0 Nay 0 Abstained APPROVED

M. FYI

Village News
Press and Sun Lacrosse Article
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
June 2 – NYS Science Written Exam, Grades 4 & 8
June 3 – June 4 – NYS Regents Exams
June 7 – HS Prom
June 10 - Ice Cream Social
June 10 – June 11 – District Art Show
June 13 – TRA 8th Grade Award Ceremony, TRA Auditorium, 6:30 p.m.
June 17 – June 26 – Regents and Final Exams
June 26 – Baccalaureate, St. Patrick's Church, 7:00 p.m.
June 27 – HS Graduation

Respectfully submitted by Cynthia Burchell, District Clerk

