WHITNEY POINT CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

Board of Education Meeting

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

MINUTES

Tuesday, June 17, 2014

7:00 p.m.

District Mission:

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Meeting called to order at 7:04 p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance was recited

		Present	<u>Absent</u>
Sara Benscoter	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: Kim Becker, Laura Chestnut, Bob Heinle, Murphee Hayes, Jeff Isaacs, Mike James, Luanne Kida, Jo-Anne Knapp, Joe Kucher, Tamara Kutz, Ruth Maxwell, Fred Riordan, Dan Sweeney, Dan Thorp, Bruce Tytler.

A. PROPOSED EXECUTIVE SESSION

Ms. Follette recommended Board approval to recess the public meeting at 7:05 p.m. and adjourn to Executive Session to hear discussion on personnel matters.

Moved by Stephanie Champney

Seconded by Kathleen Driscoll

6 Aye o Nay o Abstained

APPROVED

The Board reconvened to the regular meeting at 7:25 p.m.

B. MINUTES

Ms. Follette recommended Board approval of the Minutes from the Board Meeting held on June 3, 2014.

Moved by Stephanie Champney

Seconded by Brian Jeker

6 Aye o Nay o Abstained

APPROVED

C. CORRESPONDENCE

None

D. POLICIES 1ST READING

None

E. POLICIES 2ND READING

None

F. COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

Mrs. Burchell introduced Dan Thorp and welcomed him as a new Board of Education member.

G. COMMENDATIONS

Ms. Follette commended:

- The Transportation Department for receiving a passing rate of 99.1% on the NYS Department of Transportation Bus Inspection System Operator Profile. The Profile summarizes the results of vehicle inspections performed on our fleet by the NYS Department of Transportation.
- The Whitney Point High School and Tioughnioga Riverside Academy Music and K-12 Art Department for the entertaining Ice Cream Social held on Wednesday, June 11, 2014.
- The Whitney Point High School and Tioughnioga Riverside Academy K-12 Art Department for the Art Show held on Wednesday, June 11, 2014 and Thursday, June 12, 2014.

- Mrs. DeMann and Mr. Peck for coordinating the "Top Twenty" display case located outside of the High School Auditorium. Ms. Follette stated this is one of her favorite displays.
- Mrs. Stanley and Mrs. Allen for coordinating the Poetry Recitation held on June 6, 2014 in the TRA Auditorium. Ms. Follette stated that she had the privilege of being a judge along with JoAnn Sexton. Stephanie Champney stated she really enjoyed the sign language portion of the recital.
- The following Whitney Point Central School District High School Seniors for their recognition at The First To Say Thank You ceremony held to honor the young men and women who have chosen to enter the military service after graduation. The ceremony was held by the Kiwanis Club of Conklin, NY at Windsor High School on Tuesday, June 10, 2014:

Victor Beecher, NYS Army National Guard Nicholes Clark, U.S. Marines Brandon Piech, U.S. Navy Patrick Sluznis, U.S. Air Force

• The following Whitney Point Central School District High School Students for volunteering to tutor their classmates during the 2013-2014 school year:

Ashely Case
Taylor Clink
Macella Dean
William Tabachnick
Kaylee Tasber
Austin Taylor
Taylor Theleman
Kaitlyn Warner

ADDENDA

Ms. Follette commended:

- Ms. Delgado, Mrs. Ford, staff and parents for a very memorable Prom.
- Mrs. Elaine Sinclair, the After Prom Committee, the High School PTSA, SADD, high school administration, faculty and staff, and all of the volunteers for an exceptionally fun and event-filled After Prom Party. Ms. Follette stated it was a wonderful event.
- Ms. Chestnut, Mr. Kaminsky and Tioughnioga Riverside Academy faculty for their successful Awards Ceremony and formal dance held Friday, June 13, 2014 for 8th grade students.
- The faculty, teachers and parents for another successful Philadelphia, PA Field Trip on Friday, June 13, 2014 for the 5th Grade students at the Tioughnioga Riverside Academy.
- The following Whitney Point Varsity Field Hockey players for placing 2nd out of 18 teams in the LimeLight Tournament held in Lancaster, PA on June 14-June 15, 2014:

Leanne Bough Elaina Burchell Hannah Burchell Rachael Burchell Taylor Clink Courtney Dunham Danell Jones Samantha Scott Brianna Sturdevant

They played at the U19 competitive club level as a high school team. Several national officials and college coaches commented on how powerful our team was with their play and skills, and how well they played together.

- Whitney Point Central School District Alumni Committee members and Whitney Point Central School District staff for their efforts organizing Whitney Point Alumni Organization Banquet held on Friday, June 13, 2014. Ms. Follette commended Mary Hibbard and Nina Perry for the amount of work put into the event.
- Sara Benscoter commended Mr. Jones for the NYC Field Trip held on June 14, 2014. She stated it was very well orchestrated and very well put together.

H. OLD BUSINESS

None

I. NEW BUISNESS

1. Whitney Point Central School District's 5-Year Capital Plan

Mr. Riordan and Mr. James gave a presentation on the Whitney Point Central School District's 5-Year Capital Plan. Mr. James stated the New York State Education Department (NYSED) requires the District to assess its Capital needs and provide a written Capital plan (i.e. 5 Year Plan). He explained that during the development of the 2010–2014 plan safety, security and curriculum were a high priority. Mr. James stated the district asked Ashley McGraw Architects (AMA) and the Riordan Group (RMG) to research all previous project data. Mr. Riordan stated that AMA, RMG and District staff performed a detailed inspection. He stated Mr. Woodard also asked them to work with Fiscal Advisors to go over the financial aspects of the plan. Mr. Riordan stated the team (District, AMA & RMG) met periodically for the last 12 months to review the findings of the inspection. He stated they are working on converting the findings to a master site plan. Mr. Riordan stated they have scheduled a work session with the Board of Education on July 12, 2014.

Mr. James stated after the work session they will go through the document line by line. He stated he hopes that the Board will adopt the 2010-2014 5-Year Plan after the work session meeting.

Mrs. Benscoter clarified this five year plan will evolve into the 2015-2019 plan.

Mr. James stated yes and that we already have a headstart.

Ms. Follette stated the goal of looking at the plan is to be familiar with the plan for now.

The Board of Education thanked them for their time.

2. Fall Sports Team Update

Ms. Hayes gave a presentation on the status of the Whitney Point Central School District's Junior Varsity Football Team. She reviewed the current football participation numbers. She stated some 7th graders stay back in Youth Club to participate in the Super Bowl rather than advancing to modified. She discussed the benefits of switching to a "Modified A" schedule consisting of Modified (Grade 7, 8 & 9), and Varsity (grade 10,11 & 12) with no Junior Varsity Team. She stated most schools in the STAC or IAC had Modified A football teams due to low enrollment and financial stress. Ms. Hayes stated one possibility is to pilot a Modified A program, which will allow the ability to switch back to a JV program in the future if needed.

Sara Benscoter asked how the conversation of switching to Modified A was intiated.

Ms. Hayes stated that it was a conversation that has been on the back burner for several years and the current sign up ratio made them bring it to the table.

Mrs. Maxwell stated she has a 9th grade student and felt that it would negatively affect him.

Ms. Hayes stated she felt the opposite way. She stated 9th grade is often a hard transition and the 9th grade football players feel connected with the modified team and may get nervous about starting at the high school level. She stated Mr. Horton and Mr. Kucher staying on really helps students stay in the program.

Mr. Kucher stated ideally they would have a JV team, but it is not a viable program with our numbers. He stated the reality is the Youth Club Super Bowl has become more important to our community. He stated coaches recruiting 7th graders to stay on the Youth Club have affective the modified numbers. He said that they are looking at everything involved. Mr. Kucher stated they all sat down as a coaching staff and decided Modified A would be a better idea.

Ms. Hayes stated they made a similar decision with soccer. She stated Chenango Valley and Windsor are both not fielding JV teams.

Mr. Kucher stated there are only 94 kids in 6^{th} grade right now and only 45 boys going into 7^{th} grade.

Mr. Tasber stated he would like academic support to remain in place and would like to see them succeed. He stated the Youth Club and other sports need to all work together.

A discussion ensued regarding the sports program throughout the years.

Murphee Hayes stated providing the numbers was to gain insight, and not to minimize the hard work of our volunteers.

Mrs. Benscoter stated she appreciated the fact that this has been addressed.

Ms. Hayes stated creating a Modified A team may be a pilot program which can change moving forward.

Mr. Tasber stated the IAC has helped.

Ms. Follette stated the JV team has also not been able to finish the season over the last few years.

Kathleen Driscoll stated this was needed before and she is glad to see it is happening. She stated she was concerned about kids staying to win a "Super Bowl" then being behind going into 8th grade.

Mr. Kucher stated there is no animosity.

Gene Jordan stated they need to provide cohesion. He stated Youth Club, modified, JV to varsity may not have strong cohesion.

Brian Jeker stated he was concerned about the difference in size between 7th and 9th graders.

Ms. Hayes stated 9th grade players may be available to play for varsity if the coaches feel it is appropriate to pull them up. She stated it is a valid concern.

A discussion ensued regarding interconnection between the levels of play.

Sara Benscoter thanked Ms. Hayes for her time.

3. Resolution to Abolish Position

Ms. Follette recommended Board approval to hereby resolve to abolish a (.5) full-time equivalent position in the in the Foreign Language tenure area and to terminate the services of **Jessica Vest**, the least senior teacher in the Language tenure area, effective June 30, 2014.

Moved by Kathleen Driscoll

Seconded by Stephanie Champney

6 Aye o Nay o Abstained

APPROVED

4. Resolution to Create Position

Ms. Follette recommended Board approval to create one (1) full-time equivalent position in the **Foreign Language** tenure area with Spanish certification effective June 30, 2014.

Moved by Thomas Tasber

Seconded by Gene Jordan

6 Ave o Nav o Abstained

APPROVED

5. Appointment

Ms. Follette recommended Board approval of the appointment of **Heather See**, Part-Time Teacher's Aide effective June 17, 2014.

Moved by Stephanie Champney

Seconded by Kathleen Driscoll

Ms. Follette stated she is replacing Jennifer Johnson.

6 Aye o Nay o Abstained

6. Resignation

Ms. Follette recommended Board approval of the resignation of **Caroline Nielands**, Registered Nurse, effective June 30, 2014.

Moved by Thomas Tasber

Seconded by Brian Jeker

6 Aye o Nay o Abstained

APPROVED

7. Leave of Absence

Ms. Follette recommended Board approval of the leave of absence without pay for **Trisha Sluznis**, Teacher's Aide, for 2 ½ days from the afternoon of June 23, 2014 through June 25, 2014.

Moved by Gene Jordan

Seconded by Stephanie Champney

6 Aye o Nay o Abstained

APPROVED

8. Grade/Department Chairpersons and Team Leaders

Ms. Follette recommended Board approval of the following list of Grade/Department Chairpersons and Team Leaders for the 2014-2015 school year:

Grade Chairpersons:

Mrs. Brown - Kindergarten

Mrs. Smith - Grade 1

Mrs. Head - Grade 2*

Ms. Priscott - Grade 2*

Mrs. Croft-Driscoll - Grade 3*

Mrs. Abrahamson – Grade 3*

Mrs. Donnelly - Grade 4

Ms. Musshafen – Grade 5

Team Leaders:

Ms. Korb - Grade 6

Ms. Becker - Grade 7

TBD - Grade 8

Mr. Morgan - Encore

Ms. Fox - 4-8 Planning Committee

Department Chairpersons:

Mr. Giovenco - TRA Mathematics

Ms. Becker - TRA Social Studies

TBD - TRA Science

Ms. Leigh-Reavis-TRA ELA*

Ms. Welsh - TRA ELA*

Mrs. Cranston-Chrisler - HS English

Mrs. Ford - HS Mathematics

Mr. Peck - HS Science

Mr. Monaco - HS Social Studies

Mrs. Thomas - Career Education

Mr. Rice - Art

Mr. Kucher – Pupil Personnel Services

Mrs. Williamson - Music

Mrs. Phillips - Foreign Language *

Mrs. Kupiec – Foreign Language *

Mrs. VanTuyl – Special Services CEA

Ms. Vandermark – Special Services TRA

Ms. Belanger – Special Services HS

Moved by Stephanie Champney

Seconded by Kathleen Driscoll

6 Aye o Nay o Abstained

APPROVED

9. Transportation Requests

Ms. Follette recommended Board approval for the following transportation requests for the 2014-2015 school year:

Central Baptist Christian Academy:

Ethan Ferro Hannah Brown Madison Moore David Pfleuger Molly Pfleuger

Marathon Christian Academy:

Hailey Montanye Kadem Montanye

Moved by Thomas Tasber

Seconded by Gene Jordan

6 Aye o Nay o Abstained

APPROVED

10. Non-Resident Applications

Ms. Follette recommended Board approval of the following students of staff members to attend Whitney Point Central School District for the 2014-2015 school year and that tuition be waived.

Grade 11
Grade 3
Grade 1
Grade 5
Grade 3
Kindergarten
Grade 5
Grade 7
Grade 6

Moved by Kathleen Driscoll

Seconded by Stephanie Champney

6 Aye o Nay o Abstained

Ms. Follette recommended Board approval of the following non-resident students to attend the Whitney Point Central School District for the 2014-2015 school year. Tuition will be paid.

> Keith Maxwell Anthony Rossi

Grade 9 Kindergarten

Moved by Kathleen Driscoll

Seconded by Thomas Tasber

Ms. Maxwell stated her son, Keith Maxwell, had an amazing year. She stated the administration and staff were great and thanked the Board of Education.

6 Aye o Nay o Abstained

APPROVED

11. Bus Use Request

Ms. Follette recommended Board approval for the request from the Whitney Point Preschool & Daycare for bus use from July 1, 2014 to August 30, 2014 for their summer camp and STEAM Program.

Moved by Gene Jordan

Seconded by Brian Jeker

6 Aye o Nay o Abstained

APPROVED

12. 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 about a district listed on the form.

Mr. Sweeney explained.

6 Ave o Nay o Abstained

APPROVED

13. Extra-Classroom Treasurer's Report

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

Moved by Kathleen Driscoll

Seconded by Stephanie Champney

6 Aye o Nay o Abstained

APPROVED

14. Treasurer's Report

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

Moved by Brian Jeker

Seconded by Thomas Tasber

6 Aye o Nay o Abstained

15. Audit Report

The Board acknowledged the receipt of the Internal Audit Report for the 2013-2014 fiscal year.

16. Employee Benefit Accrued Liability Reserve

RESOLVED, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, that the Employee Benefit Accrued Liability Reserve (A-867) be decreased by \$64,726.14 and that the \$64,726.14 be transferred to the Unassigned Fund Balance, (A-917), for the payment of earned sick and vacation time.

Moved by Kathleen Driscoll

Seconded by Stephanie Champney

Mr. Tasber asked about the disbursement of the funds.

Mr. Woodard stated this reserve funds accumulated leave time. He stated the funds are being disbursed as intended.

6 Ave o Nay o Abstained

APPROVED

17. Capital Reserves - Roof and Technology

RESOLVED, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, that the remaining balance of both Capital Reserves – Roof (A878) and Technology (A879) - be transferred to the May 20, 2014 voter-approved Capital Reserve.

Moved by Stephanie Champney

Seconded by Brian Jeker

Mr. Woodard stated this was the old capital reserve funds. He stated the previous fund can no longer be used.

Ms. Follette stated the money will go into the new capital reserve fund.

6 Aye o Nay o Abstained

APPROVED

18. Retirement Contribution Reserve

RESOLVED, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, that the Retirement Contribution Reserve (A825) be decreased by \$350,000 and that the \$350,000 be transferred to the Unassigned Fund Balance, A-917.

Moved by Kathleen Driscoll

Seconded by Stephanie Champney

Mr. Woodard stated this decrease will fund our Employee Retirement System bill.

6 Ave o Nay o Abstained

APPROVED

19. Tax Certiorari Reserve

RESOLVED, upon recommendation from the Superintendent of Schools, that the current Tax Certiorari Reserve fund is hereby dissolved, and it is further

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education hereby establishes a Tax Certiorari Reserve fund

pursuant to New York Education Law§ 3651, and it is further

RESOLVED, there shall be deposited in the Tax Certiorari Reserve fund established by this resolution the amount of \$44,200 which shall be raised from the funds deposited in the current Tax Certiorari Reserve fund dissolved by this resolution.

Moved by Stephanie Champney

Seconded by Brian Jeker

Mr. Woodard stated per SED guidelines the tax Certiorari is established to pay tax refunds that are successfully challenged. He stated the district is allowed to reserve funds for potential claims. Mr. Woodard stated the money can only sit in the fund for four years.

Thomas Tasber asked if this included pilots?

Mr. Woodard stated there are currently no pilots in Whitney Point. He stated the reserve is only for potential claims.

6 Aye o Nay o Abstained

APPROVED

20. Capital Reserve Fund

RESOLVED, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, that the May 20, 2014 voter-approved Capital Reserve be funded by an amount up to \$625,000. Source of funding is the Unassigned Fund Balance, A-917.

Moved by Kathleen Driscoll

Seconded by Brian Jeker

Mr. Woodard stated only funds in excess of 4% of unassigned fund balance will be put into this reserve. He stated he does not anticipate it would be this full amount.

A discussion ensued regarding the proper distribution of excess funds.

6 Aye o Nay o Abstained

APPROVED

21. Contract Approval

Ms. Follette recommended Board approval of the contract between the Director of School Facilities and Operations and the Whitney Point Central School District, effective July 1, 2014 through June 30, 2017.

Moved by Thomas Tasber

Seconded by Brian Jeker

6 Aye o Nay o Abstained

APPROVED

22. Memorandum of Agreement

Ms. Follette recommended Board approval of the Memorandum of Agreement between the School Business Executive and the Whitney Point Central School District dated June 17, 2014.

Moved by Stephanie Champney

Seconded by Kathleen Driscoll

6 Aye o Nay o Abstained

Ms. Follette recommended Board approval of the Memorandum of Agreement between the Director of Curriculum and Instruction and the Whitney Point Central School District dated June 17, 2014.

Moved by Stephanie Champney

Seconded by Brian Jeker

6 Ave o Nay o Abstained

APPROVED

ADDENDA

1. TRA Guidance Suite Bid Award WP2013-2014:05 - Middle School Remediation

Ms. Follette recommended Board approval of Daniel J. Lynch as low bidder on the General Construction Contract for the Middle School Remediation Project.

Base Bid

\$24,700

Total Contract \$24,700

Moved by Kathleen Driscoll

Seconded by Thomas Tasber

Mr. Jeker asked what the spread was between bids.

Ms. Follette stated \$10,000.00.

6 Aye o Nay o Abstained

APPROVED

2. BID Award WP2013-2016:06 - Grand Caravan

Whereas, the Whitney Point Central School District did open for public bid according to General Municipal Law, the following bid: WP2013-2014:06 Dodge Grand Caravan, and whereas, the bids were publicly opened and read on June 16, 2014 at 11:00 a.m., in the BOCES Central Business Office, be it resolved, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools and the Purchasing Agent, that the bid for the GRAND CARAVAN be awarded to Binghamton Chrysler Jeep Dodge of 1279 Front Street, Binghamton, New York 13901 at a bid price of \$18,611.00.

Moved by Stephanie Champney

Seconded by Kathleen Driscoll

6 Aye o Nay o Abstained

APPROVED

J. COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

Mr. Tytler stated Jessica Vest was only here for one year and did a very good job. He stated Ms. Vest understood the situation and was a very effective teacher. Mr. Tytler stated students took to her very well.

Mr. Tytler invited the Board of Education to Patrick Sluznis' graduation ceremony at noon in the High School Library on June 19, 2014.

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K. SUPERINTENDENT'S UPDATE

• 2014-2015 Full Day UPK Application – Ms. Follette stated the District is intending to submit a new UPK grant application for next year. She stated she will be meeting with Opportunities for Broome and the Whitney Point Day Care Center. She stated there is a chance we will not, once again, be considered. She stated the funding structure is unusual in that the State will only provide 25% of the funding in April and the rest after the fiscal year is over, in July or later. She stated she has her reservations as to how many districts and organizations can afford to do that. She stated the district will have an application submitted so we could move forward if we are awarded.

Mr. Jordan asked Ms. Follette if she has communicated with the Whitney Point Daycare. Ms. Follette stated, yes. She stated we need to canvass the district and will put the information on the website.

L. ADJOURNMENT

Ms. Follette recommended Board approval of the motion to recess the public meeting at 8:46 p.m. and adjourn to Executive Session to hear discussion on personnel issues.

Moved by Stephanie Champney

Seconded by Kathleen Driscoll

6 Aye o Nay o Abstained

APPROVED/REJECTED

M. FYI

Fire Inspection Announcement
Class of 2014 – After Graduation Plans
May Monthly Enrollment Comparison
Broome-Tioga BOCES' Partnership for Excellence Recognition Event Program
June 26 – Baccalaureate, St. Patrick's Church, 7:00 p.m.
June 27 – HS Graduation
Board of Education Reorganizational Meeting – July 8, 2014, 7:00 p.m., HS Library

Respectfully submitted,

Cyrulhio Burcher

Cynthia Burchell District Clerk



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,	•	<u>Present</u>	<u>Absent</u>
Sara Benscoter	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	

Executive Session

For matters concerning legal and capital project issues.

Meeting Adjournment

Sara Benscoter motioned to adjourn the Executive Session at 7:23 p.m.

Moved by Stephanie Champney

Seconded by Kathleen Driscoll

6 Aye o Nay o Abstained

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Respectfully submitted,

Cynthia Burchell District Clerk



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		Present	Absent
Sara Benscoter	President	X	
Stephanie Champney	Vice-President	X	
Kathleen Driscoll	Member	X	
Brian Jeker	Member	X	
Gene-Paul Jordan	Member	X	
Thomas Tasber	Member	X	

Executive Session

For matters concerning legal and capital project issues.

Meeting Adjournment

Sara Benscoter motioned to adjourn the Executive Session at 10:45 p.m.

Moved by Stephanie Champney

Seconded by Kathleen Driscoll

6 Aye o Nay o Abstained

APPROVED

Respectfully submitted,

Cynthia Burchell
District Clerk