



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, August 5, 2014

7:00 p.m.

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Meeting called to order at 7:47 p.m.

		<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	
Daniel Thorp	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: Ed Driscoll, LuAnn Kida

A. PROPOSED EXECUTIVE SESSION

None

B. MINUTES

Ms. Follette recommended Board approval of the Minutes from the Board Meeting held on July 8, 2014.

Moved by Kathleen Driscoll

Seconded by Brian Jeker

Zachary Woodard stated the Minutes were amended to add the term dates of the approved cafeteria bids.

6 Aye 0 Nay 0 Abstained

APPROVED/REJECTED

C. CORRESPONDENCE

Letter from Sandra Ruffo

Letter from the Killawog Cemetery Association

D. POLICIES 1ST READING

None

E. POLICIES 2ND READING

None

F. COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

LuAnn Kida invited to the Board of Education to the Jr. Steam Celebration on August 14, 2014 at 6:00 p.m. at The Saving Grace Arts Center on Main Street in Whitney Point.

G. COMMENDATIONS

Ms. Follette commended:

- Mr. Woodard and Mr. Kaminsky for their participation in the Coughlin & Gerhart LLP Golf Tournament which raised \$1,175.00 for the High School Student Incentive Committee.

H. OLD BUSINESS

ADDENDA

1. 2010-2014 Five Year Plan

Ms. Follette recommended Board approval of the 2010-2014 Five Year Plan as prepared by Ashley McGraw Architects and the Riordan Group, LLC.

Moved by Kathleen Driscoll

Seconded by Thomas Tasber

6 Aye 0 Nay 0 Abstained

APPROVED

I. NEW BUISNESS

1. Work Session Meeting Dates

The Board of Education discussed the 2014-2015 Work Session dates.

Ms. Follette recommended Board approval of the 2014-2015 Work Session dates as follows:

Work Session one: October 7, 2014

Work Session two: December 16, 2014

Work Session three: February 17, 2015

Work Session four: April 7, 2015

All Board approved Work Sessions will be held at 6:30 p.m. prior to the start of the regularly scheduled Board Meeting on that date.

Moved by Brian Jeker

Seconded by Daniel Thorp

Zachary Woodard asked if the 6:30 time was going to allow enough time before the 7:00 meetings.

Sara Bencoter stated perhaps they can adjust the start time if needed for specific meetings.

6 Aye 0 Nay 0 Abstained

APPROVED

II. EXECUTIVE SESSION

Sara Bencoter recommended Board approval of the motion to recess the public meeting at 7:58 p.m. and adjourn to Executive Session to hear discussion on personnel matters.

Moved by Kathleen Driscoll

Seconded by Thomas Tasber

6 Aye 0 Nay 0 Abstained

APPROVED

The Board of Education reconvened to the regular meeting at 8:05 p.m.

2. Appointments

Ms. Follette recommended Board approval of the two-year probationary appointment of **Margo Undercoffer**, Elementary Teacher effective September 1, 2014.

Moved by Kathleen Driscoll

Seconded by Brian Jeker

6 Aye 0 Nay 0 Abstained

APPROVED

Ms. Follette recommended Board approval of the appointment of **September Desmond**, Long Term Substitute Teacher effective September 1, 2014.

Moved by Kathleen Driscoll

Seconded by Gene Jordan

5 Aye 1 Nay (*Thomas Tasber*) 0 Abstained

APPROVED

Ms. Follette recommended Board approval of the following Dignity Act Coordinators for the 2014-2015 school year

Jo-Ann Sexton, District Coordinator

Bruce Tytler, High School Coordinator

Laura Chestnut, Tioughnioga Riverside Academy Coordinator

Jo-Anne Knapp, Caryl E. Adams Primary School Coordinator

Moved by Thomas Tasber

Seconded by Brian Jeker

6 Aye 0 Nay 0 Abstained

APPROVED

Ms. Follette recommended Board approval of **Jo-Ann Sexton**, Title 9 Compliance Officer for the 2014-2015 school year.

Moved by Brian Jeker

Seconded by Kathleen Driscoll

6 Aye 0 Nay 0 Abstained

APPROVED

ADDENDA

1. Appointment

Ms. Follette recommended Board approval of the three-year probationary appointment of **Casey Baumlin**, Special Education Teacher, effective September 1, 2014.

Moved by Gene Jordan

Seconded by Thomas Tasber

6 Aye 0 Nay 0 Abstained

APPROVED

2. Coaching Appointment

Ms. Follette recommended Board approval of the following 2014 Fall Coaching Recommendation:

Varsity Football

Assistant Parker Curley

Moved by Kathleen Driscoll

Seconded by Daniel Thorp

6 Aye 0 Nay 0 Abstained

APPROVED

3. Donation

Ms. Follette recommended Board approval of the acceptance of financial responsibility for the use of rental lights for the 2014-2015 Homecoming Week Events from the Eagles Nest Booster Club.

Moved by Kathleen Driscoll

Seconded by Brian Jeker

5 Aye 0 Nay 1 Abstained (Daniel Thorp) APPROVED

3. Coaching Appointment

Ms. Follette recommended Board approval of the following 2014 Fall Coaching Recommendation:

Girls' Field Hockey

Modified

Linda Burghardt

Moved by Kathleen Driscoll

Seconded by Brian Jeker

6 Aye 0 Nay 0 Abstained

APPROVED

4. Unpaid Leave of Absence

Ms. Follette recommended Board approval of an unpaid leave of absence for **Melanie Winter**, Elementary Teacher, from September 2014 to September 2015.

Moved by Gene Jordan

Seconded by Thomas Tasber

The Board of Education wished her well.

6 Aye 0 Nay 0 Abstained

APPROVED

5. Non-Resident Student Applications

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

Greyson Manasse

Grade 3

Moved by Kathleen Driscoll

Seconded by Brian Jeker

6 Aye 0 Nay 0 Abstained

APPROVED

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

Gwendolyn Desmond

Grade 2

Ophelia Desmond

Kindergarten

Moved by Thomas Tasber

Seconded by Gene Jordan

6 Aye 0 Nay 0 Abstained

APPROVED

6. Transportation Request

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

Central Baptist Christian Academy:
Cari Wasson

Moved by Gene Jordan

Seconded by Daniel Thorp

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 Kathleen Driscoll

6 Aye 0 Nay 0 Abstained

APPROVED

8. Equipment Disposal

Ms. Follette recommended Board approval of the disposal of the following server located at the Tiohgniga Riverside Academy.

Integral Technologies DVXi server
Model: 3980-00500
Serial # IT0718055

Moved by Kathleen Driscoll

Seconded by Thomas Tasber

6 Aye 0 Nay 0 Abstained

APPROVED

Ms. Follette recommended Board approval of the following vehicle for disposal at the Mel Manasse & Son Auction:

Bus 83 VIN 1BAAJCPA82F202936

Moved by Brian Jeker

Seconded by Daniel Thorp

6 Aye 0 Nay 0 Abstained

APPROVED

9. Athletic Supplies Bid

Whereas, the Whitney Point Central School District did open for public bid according to General Municipal Law, the following bid: WP2014-2015:03 Athletic Supplies, and whereas, the bids were publicly opened and read on July 23, 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 Athletic Supplies be awarded to various vendors based on a line by line bid award as per attached sheets.

Moved by Kathleen Driscoll
Thomas Tasber questioned a line item on the bid.

Seconded by Thomas Tasber

Zachary Woodard explained the spreadsheet.

Sara Bencoter asked when the bid is awarded.

Zachary Woodard stated the bid is awarded upon the vote.

6 Aye 0 Nay 0 Abstained

APPROVED

10. Extra-Classroom Treasurer's Report

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

Moved by Kathleen Driscoll

Seconded by Brian Jeker

6 Aye 0 Nay 0 Abstained

APPROVED

11. Amendment to Agreement

BE IT RESOLVED the Board of Education hereby approves the Amendment to the Superintendent's Employment Agreement between the Board of Education of the Whitney Point Central School District and the Superintendent dated August 5, 2014.

Moved by Kathleen Driscoll

Seconded by Brian Jeker

6 Aye 0 Nay 0 Abstained

APPROVED

J. COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

Sara Bencoter suggested that the Board of Education place items that do not typically require discussion on a Consent Agenda.

A discussion ensued regarding a potential Consent Agenda and procedure.

K. BOARD OF EDUCATION GOALS

- October 7, 2014 Board of Education Meeting – Tim Kremer, President of the New York State School Boards Association (NYSBBA) will be present to discuss NYSBBA membership, and the roles of the Board of Education Members and the Superintendent. Ms. Follette stated Mr. Kremer will be giving a short presentation at the October 7 workshop regarding the roles of school board members and at the regular meeting present the value of school board membership with NYSBBA.
- Whitney Point Board of Education 2014-2015 Goals review. Ms. Follette reviewed the status of the Board of Education's goals to date.

K. SUPERINTENDENT'S UPDATE

- Girls' Lacrosse – Ms. Follette stated she met with Zachary Woodard, Murphee Hayes and the Ballards and they discussed the success and numbers from the 2014 JV team. She stated they would like to propose modified and varsity lacrosse teams for next year. She explained the two teams would cover grades 7-12. Ms. Follette stated the Ballards have committed approximately \$5,000 towards this cause.

Thomas Tasber stated there was success this year and wondered if this configuration of teams would be detrimental to the program.

Ms. Follette stated the JV Team was very competitive last season and made excellent gains. She stated it would be detrimental if not approved. She explained because it was JV team, some of the girls had to play on teams with the boys last year. She explained this configuration would allow the most students to play and not have too many athletes playing up.

Thomas Tasber stated our team played some 7th and 8th graders last year.

Ms. Follette stated Murphee Hayes is very thoughtful and careful, and felt comfortable with the information she was provided.

As discussion ensued about potential preferred eligibility issues.

L. ADJOURNMENT

Ms. Follette recommended Board approval of the motion to recess the public meeting at 8:42 p.m. and adjourn to Executive Session to hear discussion contractual issues.

Moved by Kathleen Driscoll

Seconded by Thomas Tasber

6 Aye 0 Nay 0 Abstained

APPROVED

M. FYI

August 20 – August Graduation, HS Library, 7:00 p.m.

August 21 – Freshman Orientation, 6:30 p.m.

August 23 – 4th Grade Meet and Greet Breakfast, 9:00 a.m.

August 25 – 6th Grade Orientation

September 1 – No School, Labor Day

September 2 & 3 – Superintendent's Conference Day

September 4 – First Day of School Grades 1-12


September 5 – First Day of School UPK/K

ADDENDA

September 15-19 – Homecoming Week

September 19 – Homecoming Dance, Grades 9-12

Respectfully submitted,



Cynthia Burchell
District Clerk



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Executive Session

For matters concerning contractual issues.

Meeting Adjournment

Sara Benscoter motioned to adjourn the Executive Session at 9:25 p.m.

Moved by Kathleen Driscoll

Seconded by Brian Jeker

6 Aye 0 Nay 0 Abstained

APPROVED

Respectfully submitted,



Cynthia Burchell
District Clerk