



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, September 2, 2014

7:00 p.m.

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Meeting called to order at 6:56 p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance was recited

		<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	
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: LuAnn Kida, Jerry Mackey, Melissa Peterson

A. PROPOSED EXECUTIVE SESSION

None

B. MINUTES

BE IT RESOLVED upon recommendation of the Superintendent that the Board of Education of the Whitney Point Central School District approve the Minutes from the Board Meeting held on August 19, 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

Sara Bencoter briefly discussed the Board of Education Event Calendar.

G. COMMENDATIONS

Ms. Follette commended:

- Ms. Sexton for the successful New Teacher Orientation Day.
- The High School Administration, faculty and staff for the August 22, 2014 Summer Graduation ceremony.
- Mrs. Knapp, faculty and staff for a successful UPK Parent Information Night held on August 19, 2014.
- Mr. Tytler faculty and staff for the informative and successful 9th grade Orientation Night held on August 21, 2014.
- Ms. Chestnut, Mr. Kaminsky, faculty, staff and the Parent Involvement Group for an informative and successful 4th Grade Orientation Breakfast held on Saturday, August 23, 2014 and 6th Grade Orientation Night held on August 25, 2014.
- Whitney Point Central School District Faculty and Staff for a successful opening day.

H. OLD BUSINESS

None

I. NEW BUSINESS

1. District Safety Plan

BE IT RESOLVED upon recommendation of the Superintendent that the Board of Education of the Whitney Point Central School District adopt the amended District Safety Plan.

Moved by Stephanie Champney

Seconded by Kathleen Driscoll

Ms. Follette commended Bill Dean for his work on the amended plan.

6 Aye o Nay o Abstained

APPROVED

2. Unpaid Leave of Absence

BE IT RESOLVED upon recommendation of the Superintendent that the Board of Education of the Whitney Point Central School District approve the unpaid leave of absence for **Amy Alston**, Elementary Teacher, from September 8, 2014 to September 26, 2014.

Moved by Kathleen Driscoll

Seconded by Thomas Tasber

6 Aye o Nay o Abstained

APPROVED

Thomas Tasber asked if more details could be provided moving forward with the staffing resolutions. He clarified that his request is not related to this specific resolution, but to all long-term substitute staffing resolutions in general. He explained that this would help the Board obtain a better understanding of staff changes within the district.

Ms. Follette stated she would explain the reasons for staffing resolutions going forward as long as they are not of a confidential nature.

3. Appointments

BE IT RESOLVED upon recommendation of the Superintendent that the Board of Education of the Whitney Point Central School District appoint **Mindy Black**, Bus Attendant effective September 2, 2014.

Moved by Stephanie Champney

Seconded by Daniel Thorp

6 Aye o Nay o Abstained

APPROVED

BE IT RESOLVED upon recommendation of the Superintendent that the Board of Education of the Whitney Point Central School District appoint **Kim Hurbis**, Cleaner, effective September 2, 2014.

Moved by Kathleen Driscoll

Seconded by Thomas Tasber

6 Aye 0 Nay 0 Abstained

APPROVED

BE IT RESOLVED upon recommendation of the Superintendent that the Board of Education of the Whitney Point Central School District appoint **Darryl Landers**, Cleaner, effective September 2, 2014.

Moved by Daniel Thorp

Seconded by Stephanie Champney

6 Aye 0 Nay 0 Abstained

APPROVED

BE IT RESOLVED upon recommendation of the Superintendent that the Board of Education of the Whitney Point Central School District approve the probationary appointment of **Christina Fuller**, Registered Nurse effective September 1, 2014.

Moved by Kathleen Driscoll

Seconded by Thomas Tasber

6 Aye 0 Nay 0 Abstained

APPROVED

BE IT RESOLVED upon recommendation of the Superintendent that the Board of Education of the Whitney Point Central School District appoint **Autumn Singer**, Long-Term Certified Teacher Substitute, effective September 1, 2014 through September 26, 2014.

Moved by Stephanie Champney

Seconded by Kathleen Driscoll

6 Aye 0 Nay 0 Abstained

APPROVED

BE IT RESOLVED upon recommendation of the Superintendent that the Board of Education of the Whitney Point Central School District appoint **Anne Murray**, Long-Term Certified Teacher Substitute, effective September 1, 2014 through September 16, 2014.

Moved by Stephanie Champney

Seconded by Daniel Thorp

Ms. Follette stated Ms. Murray is substituting for Karen O'Brien until a permanent first grade position is filled.

6 Aye 0 Nay 0 Abstained

APPROVED

BE IT RESOLVED upon recommendation of the Superintendent that the Board of Education of the Whitney Point Central School District appoint **Jesse Hartley**, Long-Term Certified Teacher Substitute, effective September 1, 2014.

Moved by Stephanie Champney

Seconded by Kathleen Driscoll

Ms. Follette stated Jesse Hartley is substituting for David Wiley.

6 Aye 0 Nay 0 Abstained

APPROVED

BE IT RESOLVED upon recommendation of the Superintendent that the Board of Education of the Whitney Point Central School District appoint **Alissa VanLuvender**, Term Certified Teacher Substitute, effective September 1, 2014 through June 30, 2015.

Moved by Daniel Thorp

Seconded by Kathleen Driscoll

Ms. Follette asked that the resolution be amended to the effective date of September 1, 2014 through June 30, 2015. She stated Alissa VanLuvender is substituting for Melanie Winter.

6 Aye 0 Nay 0 Abstained

APPROVED

BE IT RESOLVED upon recommendation of the Superintendent that the Board of Education of the Whitney Point Central School District approve the following 2014 Fall Coaching Recommendation:

Boys' Soccer

Junior Varsity

Daniel Arseneau

Moved by Gene Jordan

Seconded by Thomas Tasber

Gene Jordan stated he was happy to have Daniel Arseneau appointed as coach.

Thomas Tasber agreed.

6 Aye 0 Nay 0 Abstained

APPROVED

4. Resignation

BE IT RESOLVED upon recommendation of the Superintendent that the Board of Education of the Whitney Point Central School District approve the resignation of **Jim Maus**, bus attendant, effective September 2, 2014.

Moved by Kathleen Driscoll

Seconded by Stephanie Champney

6 Aye 0 Nay 0 Abstained

APPROVED

5. Committee on Special Education

BE IT RESOLVED upon recommendation of the Superintendent that the Board of Education of the Whitney Point Central School District approve of the recommendations of the Committee on Special Education.

Moved by Thomas Tasber

Seconded by Daniel Thorp

6 Aye 0 Nay 0 Abstained

APPROVED

ADDENDA

A. NEW BUSINESS

1. Appointment

BE IT RESOLVED upon recommendation of the Superintendent that the Board of Education of the Whitney Point Central School District appoint **Nicole Sturdevant**, Full-Time Teacher's Aide effective September 2, 2014.

Moved by Stephanie Champney

Seconded by Thomas Taber

6 Aye 0 Nay 0 Abstained

APPROVED

BE IT RESOLVED upon recommendation of the Superintendent that the Board of Education of the Whitney Point Central School District appoint **Melissa Peterson**, Full-Time Teacher's Aide effective September 2, 2014.

Moved by Kathleen Driscoll

Seconded by Daniel Thorp

Ms. Follette stated Heather Livingston was moved to the CEA and Melissa is being appointed to Heather's position.

6 Aye 0 Nay 0 Abstained

APPROVED

2. Contract Approvals

BE IT RESOLVED upon recommendation of the Superintendent that the Board of Education of the Whitney Point Central School District approve the contract between the Staff Association and the Whitney Point Central School District dated August 26, 2014.

Moved by Thomas Tasber

Seconded by Stephanie Champney

6 Aye 0 Nay 0 Abstained

APPROVED

BE IT RESOLVED upon recommendation of the Superintendent that the Board of Education of the Whitney Point Central School District approve the NYS Full/Extended Day UPK Contract between Opportunities for Broome and the Whitney Point Central School District dated September 2, 2014.

Moved by Kathleen Driscoll

Seconded by Stephanie Champney

6 Aye 0 Nay 0 Abstained

APPROVED

BE IT RESOLVED upon recommendation of the Superintendent that the Board of Education of the Whitney Point Central School District approve the NYS Full/Extended Day UPK Contract between the Whitney Point Preschool and Daycare and the Whitney Point Central School District dated September 2, 2014.

Moved by Stephanie Champney

Seconded by Kathleen Driscoll

Ms. Follette stated this UPK Contract is an addition to the existing UPK contract and covers the other half of the day for the UPK Program. Ms. Follette explained one contract is for the old grant and one contract is for the new grant.

5 Aye 0 Nay 1 Abstained (*Gene Jordan*)

APPROVED

BE IT RESOLVED upon recommendation of the Superintendent that the Board of Education of the Whitney Point Central School District approve the Universal Pre-K Contract between the Whitney Point Pre School and Daycare, and the Whitney Point Central School District dated September 2, 2014.

Moved by Daniel Thorp

Seconded by Stephanie Champney

Ms. Follette asked that the resolution be amended to state the Whitney Point Preschool and Daycare.

5 Aye 0 Nay 1 Abstained (*Gene Jordan*)

APPROVED

J. COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

None

K. BOARD OF EDUCATION GOALS

- Whitney Point Board of Education 2014-2015 Goals review – Ms. Follette reminded the Board of Education to please review the Board of Education Event List and pick events they are able to attend so coverage may be reviewed.
- December 16, 2014 Workshop Meeting – Ms. Follette stated Kathy Blackman of the BOCES Central Business Office will review fund balances, provide an overview of the financial condition of the district, and provide a summary of the district's long range plan.

L. SUPERINTENDENT'S UPDATE

- Update UPK – Ms. Follette commended everyone who worked hard to put the full-day UPK Program in place within two weeks.
- Update Capital Project – Ms. Follette stated that she met with Mr. Woodard, the Riordan Group and Ashley McGraw Architects. The team reviewed the plan and discussed the site work for the high school and CEA bus loop.

Mr. Woodard stated they looked at the renovation of the old ticket booth and concession stand.

Stephanie Champney stated she could help with details.

Ms. Follette stated they will be visiting Harpursville for a look at their facilities and are working on the upcoming Capital Project Newsletter.

A discussion ensued.

M. ADJOURNMENT

Ms. Follette recommends Board approval of the motion to recess the public meeting at 7:36 p.m. and adjourn to Executive Session to hear discussion on contractual issues.

Moved by Stephanie Champney

Seconded by Kathleen Driscoll

6 Aye 0 Nay 0 Abstained

APPROVED

N. FYI

Letter from Royice Harford
Superintendent's Conference Day Agenda
Homecoming Week Agenda
September 4 – First Day of School Grades 1-12
September 5 – First Day of School UPK/K
September 15 – 19 – Homecoming Week
September 19 – Homecoming Dance
September 25 – TRA Open House
October 1 – Destination D.C. Trip Parent Meeting, TRA Aud. 7:00 p.m.
October 2, 9, 16, 23 & 30 – Beddy-Bye Story Time 7:00 p.m. CEA
October 7 – BOE Workshop, 6:30 HS Library
October 7 – BOE Meeting, 7:00 HS Library
October 9 – CEA Open House
October 24 & 25 – Fall Festival
October 31 – CEA Parade of Good Books

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 8:34 p.m.

Moved by Stephanie Champney

Seconded by Kathleen Driscoll

6 Aye 0 Nay 0 Abstained

APPROVED

Respectfully submitted,



Cynthia Burchell
District Clerk