



**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 16, 2014**

**7:00 p.m.**

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Meeting called to order at 7:03 p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance was recited

		<u>Present</u>	<u>Absent</u>
Sara Bencoter	President	X	
Stephanie Champney	Vice-President	X	<i>(left at 8:06 p.m.)</i>
Kathleen Driscoll	Member	X	<i>(arrived at 7:20 p.m.)</i>
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: Laura Chestnut, Murphee Hayes, Jeff Isaacs, Aaron Kaminsky, Lu-Ann Kida, Jo-Anne Knapp, Jerry Mackey, Dan Sweeney, Bruce Tytler

## **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 September 2, 2014.

Moved by Stephanie Champney

Seconded by Brian Jeker

Ms. Follette stated the minutes were amended to reflect James Maus as a Bus Attendant.

Mr. Tasber asked that his comments regarding the clarification of staffing resolutions be amended to state that his request is not related to a specific resolution, but to all long-term substitute staffing resolutions in general.

4 Aye 0 Nay 1 Abstained (*Brian Jeker*)

APPROVED

## **C. CORRESPONDENCE**

None

## **D. POLICIES 1ST READING**

None

## **E. POLICIES 2ND READING**

None

## **F. COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC**

Ms. Follette commended the teams and individuals within the district for their participation in the ALS challenge and their donations.

## **G. COMMENDATIONS**

Ms. Follette commends:

- Whitney Point High School student Maria Dewey for being chosen to perform flute in the All-State Symphony Orchestra. Maria has also been chosen as an All-State Alternate on piccolo.
- Whitney Point High School student Holden LaPadula for being chosen as alternate on Tenor Saxophone with the NYSSMA All-State Symphonic Band.

- High School Science Teacher Walt Peck for receiving the CollegeNow TC3 Distinguished Concurrent Enrollment Teacher Award at the Tompkins Cortland Community College Annual Conference on August 22, 2014.
- The Leadership Team for providing support and information while implementing successful teacher conference days on September 2 and September 3, 2014.

## H. OLD BUSINESS

None

## I. NEW BUSINESS

### 1. Board Member Vote: New York State School Boards Association Area 4 Director

RESOLVED that Broome-Tioga BOCES cast a vote to elect an Area 4 Director to the NYSSBA Board.

MOTION:

Stephanie Champney moved that the Board of Education cast a vote to elect Sandra Ruffo for the New York State School Boards Association Area 4 Director.

Seconded by Thomas Tasber

4 Aye 0 Nay 1 Abstained (*Gene Jordan*)                      APPROVED

### 2. Unpaid Leave of Absence Amendment

BE IT RESOLVED upon recommendation of the Superintendent that the Board of Education of the Whitney Point Central School District amend the approval of the unpaid leave of absence for **Amy Alston**, Elementary Teacher, from September 8, 2014 through September 26, 2014 to September 15, 2014 through September 26, 2014.

Moved by Thomas Tasber

Seconded by Brian Jeker

5 Aye 0 Nay 0 Abstained

APPROVED

### 3. Appointment

BE IT RESOLVED upon recommendation of the Superintendent that the Board of Education of the Whitney Point Central School District approve the three-year probationary appointment of **Anne Murray**, Elementary Teacher effective September 1, 2014.

Moved by Stephanie Champney

Seconded by Brian Jeker

5 Aye 0 Nay 0 Abstained

APPROVED

#### 4. Resignations

**BE IT RESOLVED** upon recommendation of the Superintendent that the Board of Education of the Whitney Point Central School District approve the resignation of **Jeanenne Hall**, Teacher's Aide effective September 12, 2014.

Moved by Stephanie Champney

Seconded by Thomas Tasber

Ms. Follette stated Jeanenne Hall was an aide at the CEA.

5 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 resignation of **Susan Reilly**, Bus Attendant effective September 9, 2014.

Moved by Gene Jordan

Seconded by Brian Jeker

Ms. Follette stated Susan Reilly was just recently hired last month.

5 Aye 0 Nay 0 Abstained

APPROVED

#### 5. Transportation Request

**BE IT RESOLVED** upon recommendation of the Superintendent that the Board of Education of the Whitney Point Central School District approve the following transportation request for the 2014-2015 school year:

##### Central Baptist Christian Academy:

Tedd Morgan  
Todd Morgan

Moved by Thomas Tasber

Seconded by Stephanie Champney

5 Aye 0 Nay 0 Abstained

APPROVED

#### 6. Equipment Disposals

Ms. Follette recommends Board approval of the following equipment for disposal at the Mel Manasse & Son Fall Auction on October 11, 2014:

- 1999 Chevrolet short bus VIN# 1GDHG31F2X1087662
- 2000 Chevrolet short bus VIN# 1GBHG31FOY1217660
- Propane water heater 50-gallon
- 1000-gallon poly tank on skids
- Library card file cabinet Advance floor scrubber Model 2810D AVENGER
- Windsor Plus carpet shampooer (20+ years old)
- Windsor Admiral carpet shampooer (20+ years old)

Moved by Stephanie Champney

Seconded by Brian Jeker

5 Aye 0 Nay 0 Abstained

APPROVED

## 7. Treasurers Report

**BE IT RESOLVED** upon recommendation of the Superintendent that the Board of Education of the Whitney Point Central School District approve the August 2014 Treasurers Report.

Moved by Brian Jeker

Seconded by Gene Jordan

5 Aye 0 Nay 0 Abstained

APPROVED

## 8. Extra-Classroom Treasurers Report

**BE IT RESOLVED** upon recommendation of the Superintendent that the Board of Education of the Whitney Point Central School District approve the August 2014 Extra-Classroom Treasurers Report.

Moved by Brian Jeker

Seconded by Stephanie Champney

5 Aye 0 Nay 0 Abstained

APPROVED

## J. COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

Mr. Mackey asked why some soccer athletes are wearing different shirts that didn't match?

Ms. Follette stated that uniforms were on order.

Mr. Jeker stated he does not know why the kids cannot have jerseys when the season starts.

Ms. Follette stated it is an unfortunate situation. She explained the lack of a JV coach at the beginning of the season left a few things undone. She reassured them that the new shirts were ordered.

Mr. Jeker asked what happened to the old shirts?

Ms. Follette stated she is uncertain, but some were not collected by the previous coach at the end of the year as expected. She stated Murphee is looking into the situation.

Mr. Tasber stated the situation is embarrassing.

Ms. Follette stated she shared similar feelings.

A discussion ensued.

Mrs. Bencoter stated she would like to hear back from Ms. Follette or Ms. Hayes as to the resolution of the situation.

## K. BOARD OF EDUCATION GOALS

- Attendance at District Events – Ms. Follette reminded the Board that Mr. Kremer will be at the October 7, 2014 Board of Education Meeting. The board reviewed their event schedule and discussed their options for attendance.

## L. SUPERINTENDENT'S UPDATE

- Dress Code - Mr. Tytler asked the Board of Education to review the Code of Conduct as it pertains students and hats. The Board of Education discussed some of the pros and cons regarding students wearing hats during the school day, such as:
  - Removing a hat is a sign of respect.
  - Would have to monitor language on hats.
  - Schools that maintain a professional look have a more academic atmosphere.
  - May erode on what students are expected to do.
  - School should be getting students ready for the real world that does not accept hats in a job or college classroom.
  - Potential start of downward spiral in our environment.
  - Most schools do not allow hats.
  - Hallway and lunchroom usage only, similar to the cell phones.
  - Some students view a hat as part of their identity.
  - Teachers could be allowed to have their own expectations in their classroom.

## M. ADJOURNMENT

Ms. Follette recommends Board approval of the motion to recess the public meeting at 8:10 p.m. and adjourn to Executive Session to hear discussion on contractual issues.

Moved by Kathleen Driscoll

Seconded by Gene Jordan

5 Aye 0 Nay 0 Abstained

APPROVED

## N. FYI

Broome-Tioga Boards Association Annual Business Meeting and Meet the Candidates/Guest Speaker Invitation

2013-2014 Years of Service Awards

September Preliminary Monthly Enrollment Comparison

Whitney Point Reporter Article – “It Takes a Community to to Bus Our Children Safely”

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

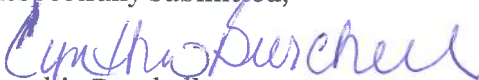
October 7 – BOE Meeting, 7:00 HS Library

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 Bencoter motioned to adjourn the Executive Session at 8:25 p.m.

Moved by Kathleen Driscoll

Seconded by Sara Bencoter

6 Aye 0 Nay 0 Abstained

APPROVED

Respectfully submitted,



Cynthia Burchell  
District Clerk