



**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, November 4, 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 7:05 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	
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: Kelly Breward, Tony Burchell, Laura Dunham, Robert Dunham, Melissa Jackson, Charity Summerfield

## **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 November 4, 2014.

Moved by Brian Jeker

Seconded by Kathleen Driscoll

7 Aye 0 Nay 0 Abstained

APPROVED

## **C. CORRESPONDENCE**

None

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

None

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

None

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

None

## **G. COMMENDATIONS**

Ms. Follette commends:

- Ms. Murphee Hayes for organizing, and the many volunteers for assisting with the Cross Country Invitational that was held on October 14, 2014.
- The Whitney Point School District and community for the successful Fall Festival held on Saturday, October 25, 2014.
- Mrs. Brosius, Ms. Welsh, Ms. Williamson, Ms. Godfrey and Mrs. Edwards, the Tioughnioga Riverside Academy Student Council, Tri-M Music Honor Society, FCCLA, and the Spanish Club for the successful Mix-It-Up Day on Tuesday, October 28, 2014.
- Ms. Lisa Thomas, Mrs. Phillips, Mr. Jones, Mrs. Berge-Soeffing, Mrs. Ford, and Mr. Monaco, the High School Student Council, the High School Honor Society, the GSA, and the High School Drama Club for their participation and organization of "Trick or Treat Street" held at the High School on Wednesday, October 29, 2014 in the High School. Children came to safely trick or treat and participate in the activities including many pumpkin themed games.

- Mrs. Johnston for arranging an opportunity for the students in the TRA to meet author M.D. Payne on Wednesday, October 30, 2014.
- The Whitney Point Varsity Field Hockey team for winning the Section IV Class C Championship title on Thursday, October 30, 2014.
- The Caryl E. Adams for the annual Harvest of Good Books Parade held on October 31, 2014.

**ADDENDA**

- Mrs. Tiderencel, Mrs. Pfeiffer and the Whitney Point PTA for the PARP kick-off held on Monday, November 3, 2014. The theme this year is “Camp out with a good book”. Pre-K through 3<sup>rd</sup> grade students are challenged to read a school goal of 30,000 books from November through May.

**H. OLD BUSINESS**

None

**I. NEW BUSINESS**

**1. Appointments**

**BE IT RESOLVED** upon recommendation of the Superintendent that the Board of Education of the Whitney Point Central School District approve the following list of poll workers and rate of pay for the 2016 Capital Project Vote to be held on December 9, 2014.

Rate of pay \$8.00 per hour

**Sandra Burghardt  
Mary Green  
Mary Poyer  
Marilyn Theleman**

Moved by Stephanie Champney

Seconded by Kathleen Driscoll

7 Aye 0 Nay 0 Abstained

APPROVED

**2. Authorization to Unseal and Open Ballot Box and Destroy Ballots from the March 18, 2014 Bus Vote and Public Library Vote**

RESOLVED, pursuant to Education Law 2034(6)(b) that at least six months have elapsed since the March Bus Vote and Public Library Vote, and upon information and belief of the Board of Education, there has been no challenge or proceeding commenced and, as such, the Board of Education of the Whitney Point Central School District does and hereby authorizes the District Clerk to unseal and open the wooden ballot box and destroy the official ballots contained therein, together with the unused ballots; if any.

Moved by Brian Jeker

Seconded by Gene Jordan

7 Aye 0 Nay 0 Abstained

APPROVED

### **3. 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 Kathleen Driscoll

7 Aye 0 Nay 0 Abstained

APPROVED

### **4. Extra-Class Fund Extension**

**BE IT RESOLVED** upon recommendation of the Superintendent that the Board of Education of the Whitney Point Central School District approve granting the TRA Drama Club a one-year extension until club funds will be disbursed according to Board Policy 5520.

Moved by Stephanie Champney

Seconded by Thomas Tasber

7 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 approve the probationary appointment of **Nancy Carle**, Registered Nurse effective November 5, 2014 subject to fingerprint approval.

Moved by Kathleen Driscoll

Seconded by Stephanie Champney

7 Aye 0 Nay 0 Abstained

APPROVED

## **J. COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC**

Anthony Burchell asked what could be done to have a turf field considered in the upcoming Capital Project. He stated a Petition has been signed by over 140 people in favor of the field.

Sara Benscoter stated she welcomes the petition. She explained a turf field is part of the district's plan, but just not this time.

Robert Dunham stated the public has been told that in the past.

Anthony Burchell stated they are not asking that the current project plans be thrown out, just to put off what we have on there now to a later date. He stated other schools have been able to add a turf field with a small impact on the taxes. He stated every year the administration comes to the public for money. Mr. Burchell stated it is not very often that the public asks for something

in return. He asked why the bus loop was not addressed before the money was spent to upgrade the fields behind the CEA.

Robert Dunham stated the bus loop has been there for 40 years with no incidents. He stated there are people outside of the sports community that are not happy about the removal of the grass area for the parking lot and bus loop. He asked why the District needs to redo the bus loop, and if the turf field is not being put in, will the District be providing for a way to maintain the current fields? He stated there have been athletes injured due to poor field quality.

Ms. Follette explained that decisions are made based on a 5-year plan that studies the overall conditions of the district. The black top needs to be repaired and for the repairs to be aided, it will need to be done at the level the State requires. There is also a safety issue due to vehicle, bus and pedestrian traffic coming together throughout the campus. The new design meets State guidelines by providing a separate bus loop, designated student drop-off areas, and a separation of vehicle traffic. She stated parking is also limited at the High School/CEA campus and this creates problems at many events, especially for many elderly community members. She stated there are repairs that need to be done throughout the buildings, including roof and electrical work and if the Capital Project is voted down, it will leave the school in a vulnerable position. The district would have to pay for these repairs through the operating budget.

Thomas Tasber stated if the project is voted down, the turf field will be pushed further out due to the way that the State allocates aid and the reset dates for aid.

Gene Jordan stated if the choice is between safety in the parking lot or a turf field, safety will come first.

Ms. Follette stated she would be happy to meet with them if they would like to discuss this further.

A discussion ensued regarding historical project work and the scope of the parking lot work to be done.

Dan Thorp announced the Eagles Nest is 501(c)(3) non for profit organization as of a week ago.

Thomas Tasber discussed a mailing received by the Board of Education.

## **K. BOARD OF EDUCATION GOALS**

- The Board of Education reviewed their upcoming schedule for attendance at District events.

## **L. SUPERINTENDENT'S UPDATE**

- Capital Project – Ms. Follette stated the Eagles' View Newsletters are mailed and a new Superintendent's Message is on the website.
- Census – Ms. Follette explained the census in the Newsletter is a legal requirement.
- State Education Testing Transparency Report – Ms. Follette stated she received the report at the end of the summer. She stated she will be going through the APPR and look at ways to reduce the number of tests we are using.

## M. ADJOURNMENT

Ms. Follette recommends Board approval of the motion to adjourn the public meeting at 8:09 p.m.

Moved by Stephanie Champney

Seconded by Kathleen Driscoll

7 Aye 0 Nay 0 Abstained

APPROVED

## N. FYI

Broome-Tioga School Boards Association Annual Business Meeting Schedule

November 6 – CEA Math Night, 6:30 p.m.

November 11 – No School, Veteran’s Day

November 14 – Half Day TRA and CEA only, HS Full Day

November 14 – Drama Club Production, HS, 7:00 p.m.

November 15 – Drama Club Production, HS, 7:00 p.m.

November 19 – Capital Project Public Information Session, HS Library 6:00 p.m.

November 20 – Honor Society Induction, 6:00 p.m.

November 21 – Half Day TRA and CEA only, HS Full Day

November 26-30 – Thanksgiving Recess

December 1 – Capital Project Public Information Session, HS Library 6:00 p.m.

December 5 – Whitney Point Tree Lighting Ceremony

December 9 – Capital Project Vote

December 9 – TRA 4-5 Winter Chorus Concert, TRA Aud. 7:00 p.m.

December 11 – TRA 6-8 Winter Chorus Concert, TRA Aud. 7:00 p.m.

December 16 – Board of Education Workshop, 6:30 HS Library

December 16 – Board of Education Meeting, 7:00 HS Library

December 18 – HS Winter Concert, HS Aud. 7:00 p.m.

December 24 – January 4 – Winter Recess

Respectfully submitted,



Cynthia Burchell