



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, December 16, 2014

7:00 p.m.

District Mission:

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Meeting called to order at 7:02 p.m.

		<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: Laura Chestnut, Laura Dunham, Jeff Isaacs, Aaron Kaminsky, Dan Sweeney

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 18, 2014.

Moved by Brian Jeker

Seconded by Stephanie Champney

7 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 Minutes from the Board Meeting held on December 9, 2014.

Moved by Stephanie Champney

Seconded by Brian Jeker

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:

- The following band and chorus students on their recent acceptances into various honor performing ensembles:

Ithaca Area All-State Symphonic Orchestra
Maria Dewey, Piccolo AND Flute

Ithaca Area All-State Symphonic Band

Holden LaPadula – Tenor Sax
MacKenzie Cafferty – Bass Clarinet

Ithaca Area All-State Mixed Chorus

Jacob Balanda
Kirstie Dean
Kaylee Tasber

5th & 6th Grade All-County Band

Aleise Shipman, Flute
Rhiannon Craver, Flute
Hayley Collins, Clarinet
Trevor Merlin, Clarinet
Brianna Afify, Clarinet
Allison Randall, Clarinet
Prudence Harrison, Alto Saxophone
Alexander Hoepfner, Trumpet
Noah Somers, Tuba

7th-9th Grade All-County Band

Abigail Somers, Flute
Emily Woughter, Flute
Marlee Smith, Clarinet
Ethan Baker, Alto Saxophone
Sarah Case, Alto Saxophone
Rachel Ward, Baritone Saxophone

Mr. Tasber stated the students can only qualify for one ensemble per festival. He discussed the wording in the choral program.

- Whitney Point High School Student and All-Eastern Champion Maria Dewey for her acceptance into the National Association for Music Education/Music Educators National Conference All-Eastern Symphonic Band on flute 1.
- Whitney Point High School Student Maria Dewey for her performance in the 2014 All-State Symphony Orchestra.
- The Boys' Varsity Basketball team for winning the Mark Voitach Tip-Off Tournament on Friday, December 5 and Saturday, December 6, 2014.
- Whitney Point High School senior Gabe Shrauger for being named the Class C "Wide Receiver of the year" by WBNG.
- Mrs. Barbara Welsh, Mrs. Julie Brosius, Mrs. Marybeth Purce, Mrs. Sally DiMascio, Ms. Laura Chestnut and the Tioughnioga Riverside Academy Student Council for organizing the collection of food, as well as the faculty members who donated money. There were two generous Thanksgiving baskets donated by the Whitney Point United Methodist Church that brought the total count up to twenty-one Thanksgiving Baskets to benefit families of children in the Tioughnioga Riverside Academy.

- The following Whitney Point High School Students for their induction into the Honor Society on November 20, 2014:

Hannah Burchell
 Jessica Cafferty
 Mackenzie Cafferty
 Jodi Ceurter
 Courtney Dunham
 Samantha Goss
 Nathaniel Grubham
 Allison Hall
 Nick Hust

Taras Logvis
 Luke Lotheridge
 Katie Perry
 Cole Poyer
 Graci Standish-Warpus
 Robert Stevens
 Kaylee Tasber

Ms. Follette commended Mrs. Ford and Mrs. Cranston-Chrisler for doing such a nice job with the National Honor Society and the Induction Ceremony.

- Ms. Williamson and the Tioughnioga Riverside Academy grades 6-8 for the delightful concert held on December 11, 2014.
- Mr. Jones, Mrs. Desmond and the Tioughnioga Riverside Academy Grades 4-5 Chorus, grades 6-8 Chorus and TRA Select Chorus for their Winter Choral Concert held on December 11, 2014.

ADDENDA

- *Congratulations to Rachael Burchell and Taylor Clink who have been named to the National Field Hockey Coaches Association 11-member North All-Region team.*
- *Whitney Point High School senior Rachael Burchell for officially signing her letter of intent to play field hockey for UMass Amherst.*
- *Whitney Point High School seniors Rachael Burchell, Taylor Clink and Courtney Dunham for being named National Academic All-Americans.*
- *The following Whitney Point Central School District students for having their artwork featured in the Holiday Children's Art Show at Wilson Regional Medical Center through January 3, 2015:*

CEA:

Victoria Hill
 Justice Hinton
 Genevieve Huston
 Darcy Purdom
 Madelyn Tyler
 Dylan Wood
 Janis Wormsley

TRA:

Nathan Baker
 Emily Gordinier
 Zachary Howard
 Madison McCall
 Ada Roe

- *The following Tioughnioga Riverside Academy students for their acceptance into All-County Band. They will perform this March at Binghamton University.*

5th & 6th Grade

Aleise Shipman, Flute
 Rhiannon Craver, Flute
 Hayley Collins, Clarinet
 Trevor Merlin, Clarinet

Brianna Afify, Clarinet
 Allison Randall, Clarinet
 Prudence Harrison,
 Alto Saxophone

Alexander Hoepfner, Trumpet
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7th-9th Grade
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Marlee Smith, Clarinet
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Sarah Case, Alto Saxophone
Rachel Ward, Baritone
Saxophone

H. OLD BUSINESS

Mrs. Benscoter discussed the results of the December 9, 2014 Capital Project Vote. She stated the Board of Education will now need to decide what direction they want to go as a result of the Capital Project being voted down. She stated the safety of the students and the stewardship of the current facilities remain a concern.

I. NEW BUSINESS

ADDENDA

1. Donation

BE IT RESOLVED upon recommendation of the Superintendent that the Board of Education of the Whitney Point Central School District accept the donation of \$500.00 for families in need from St. Mark's Episcopal Church.

Moved by Stephanie Champney

Seconded by Kathleen Driscoll

Ms. Follette stated Ms. Chestnut attends the church and they do help a number of schools. This money would be used for families in need with such things as gas, food, and help with counselor appointments.

Ms. Chestnut stated they have previously donated to the school supplying such things as coats and hats.

Mrs. Benscoter stated the donation is greatly appreciated.

7 Aye 0 Nay 0 Abstained

APPROVED

1. Field Trip Requests

BE IT RESOLVED upon recommendation of the Superintendent that the Board of Education of the Whitney Point Central School District approve the Student Voice Group field trip proposal to the educational rally and legislative visit in Albany, NY on Tuesday, January 13, 2015. (UPDATE: Changed to January 12, 2013.)

Moved by Thomas Tasber

Seconded by Brian Jeker

7 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 Wrestling Team overnight field trip proposal to Watkins Glen, NY from Friday, January 9, 2015 through Saturday January 10, 2015.

Moved by Kathleen Driscoll

Seconded by Brian Jeker

7 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 annual 5th grade field trip to Philadelphia, PA to be conducted on Friday, June 12, 2015.

Moved by Brian Jeker

Seconded by Stephanie Champney

7 Aye 0 Nay 0 Abstained

APPROVED

2. Appointment

BE IT RESOLVED upon recommendation of the Superintendent that the Board of Education of the Whitney Point Central School District approve the appointment of **Karen Zembek**, part-time Teacher's Aide effective December 16, 2014.

Moved by Stephanie Champney

Seconded by Daniel Thorp

Ms. Follette stated this is a new part-time aide position created by the need for consistent aide time in the CEA nurse's office. Ms. Follette stated Ms. Zembek will be working part-time in cafeteria to allow Mrs. Lawrence to stay in the CEA nurse's office during the day.

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. Equipment Disposal

BE IT RESOLVED upon recommendation of the Superintendent that the Board of Education of the Whitney Point Central School District approve High school vending machine model #AMS39VCF / Serial # 1-0906-1087 to be traded in towards the purchase of a new vending machine from Betson Distributing.

Moved by Stephanie Champney

Seconded by Daniel Thorp

Mr. Jeker asked who kept the profits from the vending machine.

Mr. Woodard stated these machines are owned by the school, so the school keeps the profit.

Mr. Jeker asked who supplies the food for the vending machines

Mr. Woodard stated the school cafeteria service supplies the food.

7 Aye 0 Nay 0 Abstained

APPROVED

5. Cost Unit Methodology

BE IT RESOLVED upon recommendation of the Superintendent that the Board of Education of the Whitney Point Central School District approve the Board Resolution Pertaining to the Unit Cost Methodology proposal for Broome-Tioga BOCES Services for 2015-2016.

Moved by Gene Jordan

Seconded by Brian Jeker

Mr. Tasber stated he was glad to see the report in the desired format.

Mr. Woodard stated we are the only district that requests that format and agreed it was a lot more useful.

Ms. Follette stated Molly St. John from BOCES did a good job preparing the report.

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

APPROVED

6. Approval of a New Credit Card

BE IT RESOLVED upon recommendation of the Superintendent that the Board of Education of the Whitney Point Central School District approve of the following credit card:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Issued</u>	<u>Credit Line</u>
Whitney Point CSD	Wegman's Shoppers Club for Business	\$500.00

Moved by Kathleen Driscoll

Seconded by Stephanie Champney

Mr. Woodard stated this allows the district greater flexibility to purchase gluten-free food as needed.

Mr. Tasber asked if BOCES will be providing a wider variety of gluten-free foods moving forward.

Mr. Woodard stated the District will be looking into it.

7 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 November 2014 Treasurers Report.

Moved by Stephanie Champney

Seconded by Brian Jeker

7 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 November 2014 Extra-Classroom Treasurers Report.

Moved by Thomas Tasber

Seconded by Brian Jeker

7 Aye 0 Nay 0 Abstained

APPROVED

9. Application for Refund and Credit of Real Property Taxes

BE IT RESOLVED upon recommendation of the Superintendent that the Board of Education of the Whitney Point Central School District approve the applications for refund and credit of real property taxes pursuant to Section 554 of the NYS Real Property Tax Laws.

Total Warrant Changes: \$(20,610.63)

Moved by Stephanie Champney

Seconded by Kathleen Driscoll

Mr. Woodard stated this process is done every year as a result of the August Warrant. He stated when the levy is approved in August, changes happen due to challenges in assessments, changes in STAR Exemptions, etc. He explained this amount can be found on the first line of page 5, in the Treasurer's Report.

7 Aye 0 Nay 0 Abstained

APPROVED

10. Unpaid Tax Report

BE IT RESOLVED upon recommendation of the Superintendent that the Board of Education of the Whitney Point Central School District approve the 2014-2015 Unpaid Tax Report.

Moved by Stephanie Champney

Seconded by Kathleen Driscoll

Mr. Woodard stated taxes not paid are made whole to the District through the counties.

7 Aye 0 Nay 0 Abstained

APPROVED

J. COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

None

K. BOARD OF EDUCATION GOALS

- Work Session Goals – Ms. Follette reviewed the planned Work Sessions with the Board of Education and the goals accomplished to date. A discussion ensued regarding the possibility of Sean Brady coming in to facilitate with other topics moving forward. Ms. Follette asked the Board of Education what else they would like to discuss as a Work Session Goal. Mr. Jordan suggested “community outreach” as a potential topic. Mr. Woodard stated the Rural Schools Association would be good to consider as well.

- Attendance at District Events – The Board of Education discussed their attendance at upcoming district events in January.

L. SUPERINTENDENT’S UPDATE

- New Dental Plan – Ms. Follette stated the district has a new dental plan. She stated it currently does not cost the district any more money. She stated the “In-Network” plan would cover most providers in full. She stated this will be a benefit to those who could not afford treatment otherwise.
- New Vision Plan – Ms. Follette stated the new vision plan is completely self-funded. She stated there is no cost to the district. She explained this is a benefit that we did not have before in the District.

M. ADJOURNMENT

Ms. Follette recommends Board approval of the motion to recess the public meeting at 7:55 p.m. and adjourn to Executive Session to hear discussion on contractual negotiations.

Moved by Stephanie Champney

Seconded by Kathleen Driscoll

7 Aye 0 Nay 0 Abstained

APPROVED

N. FYI

November Monthly Enrollment Comparison

Press and Sun Bulletin article “Education initiative shows great Promise”

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

December 24 – January 4 – Winter Recess

Respectfully submitted by:



Cynthia Burchell
District Clerk



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Executive Session

For matters concerning contractual negotiations.

Meeting Adjournment

Sara Benscoter motioned to adjourn the Executive Session at 8:45 p.m.

Moved by Stephanie Champney

Seconded by Kathleen Driscoll

7 Aye 0 Nay 0 Abstained

APPROVED

Respectfully submitted,



Cynthia Burchell
District Clerk