WHITNEY POINT CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

Board of Education Meeting

Whitney Point High School Building
P.O. Box 249
Whitney Point, NY 13862

LIBRARY

Tuesday, April 30, 2013

7:00 p.m.

MINUTES

District Mission:

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- 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 7:02 p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance was recited

		Present	Absent
Sara Benscoter	President		X
Stephanie Champney	Vice-President	X	
Kathleen Driscoll	Member	X	
Mary Ellerson	Member	X	
Gene-Paul Jordan	Member	X	
Joseph Silvanic	Member	X	
Thomas Tasber	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: Kim Becker, Laura Chestnut, Murphee Hayes, Jeff Isaacs, Aaron Kaminsky, Jo-Anne Knapp, Renee Korb, Dan Sweeney, Bruce Tytler

Proposed Executive Session

None

Minutes

Ms. Follette recommended Board approval of the Minutes from the Board Meeting held on April 15, 2013.

Moved by Kathleen Driscoll — Seconded by Mary Ellerson

6 Aye 0 Nay 0 Abstained — APPROVED

Ms. Follette recommended Board approval of the Minutes from the Special Board Meeting held on April 22, 2013.

Moved by Joseph Silvanic — Seconded by Gene Jordan

6 Aye 0 Nay 0 Abstained — APPROVED

Warrant

The Board of Education acknowledged receipt of the March Warrant

Correspondence

Letter from Linda Thorn

Policies – 1st Reading

None

Policies – 2nd Reading

None

Comments from the Public

None

Commendations

Ms. Follette commends:

- Ms. Brodsky of the Caryl E. Adams Primary School, SUNY Cortland professors Dr. Widdall and Dr. Uliassi, and several SUNY Cortland Students for coordinating the CEA Family Math Night held on March 26, 2013. Ms. Follette commended Dr. Widdall for her work in the Whitney Point Community.

- Mrs. Gilbert, Mr. Jones, and the Whitney Point Central School District High School Chorus and Band students for the recent Spring Concert held on Wednesday, April 17th in the High School Auditorium.

- Ms. Kristie Miner, Literacy Coordinator, for her recent chapter in the book From Fluency to Comprehension, edited by Timothy Rasinski and Nancy Padak.

- Wyatt Secoolish and Caitlyn Messina, for their participation in the County Poetry Recitation held on April 20th at the Helen Foley Theatre.

- Mrs. Richards for organizing and all who assisted with The Celebration of Young Children (a literacy event) held on Saturday, April 13, 2013. Approximately 120 children and their families attended the event.

- Whitney Point Central School District high school student Ryan Brown for being awarded the Senator Libous 2013 Student Community Service Award.

- Mrs. Knapp, faculty and staff of the Caryl E. Adams Primary School for the New Kindergarten Parent night held on Thursday, April 25, 2013.

- The following Whitney Point High School Students for their induction into the Honor Society on April 25, 2013:

Katelyn Allabaugh	Emma Maslin
Ashley Case	Katie Short
Macella Dean	Patrick Sluznis
Morgan Hill	Chris VanDusen

  Ms. Follette commended Mrs. Ford and Mrs. Cranston-Chrisler for delightful ceremony.

- The following students on their highly successful auditions at the New York State School Music Association Solo & Ensemble Festival at Johnson City High School. Students prepared many months for this adjudicated festival. They not only prepared their solos or ensemble piece for the judge, but also had to sight read unfamiliar pieces of music. The students are rated on their performance and receive feedback from the judges about strengths and advice for further development. Some students competed at the All-State level, which is the highest level you can achieve musically in New York State.

Vocal Music Participants

Level 6
Brianna Bennett - A
Nicole Carstens - A+
Emily Snyder - A
Kaylee Tasber - A+

Level 5
Jacob Balanda - A
Rachel Mihalko - A+
Kaitlinn Wickwire - A-

Level 4
Mackenzie Cafferty - Excellent
Meaghan Champney/
Catherine Moelder, Duet- Good
Michaela Pratt - Excellent
Hunter Jordan - Excellent
Katurah Aleba - Outstanding
Kirstie Dean - Outstanding
Megan Mau - Outstanding
Jake Dunham - Outstanding

Level 3
Stephanie Jeker - Excellent
Kelly Perry - Excellent
Ben Shear - Excellent
Miguelito Masson - Excellent

Level 2
Flo Wolf - Excellent
Megan Mihalko - Excellent
Katie Cafferty - Excellent
Ashley Barnhart - Outstanding

All-State Level 6
Hannah Bieber - A-
Chris Carey - A
Katie Short - A
Dakota Williams - A-

Instrumental Music Participants

Level 5
Flo Wolf - Flute, A
Katie Perry - Flute, A-
Kaylee Tasber - Clarinet, A
Mackenzie Cafferty - Bass Clarinet, A
Holden LaPadula - Tenor Saxophone, A

Level 4
Holly Smith - Flute, Excellent
Kirstie Dean - Clarinet, Outstanding
Stephanie Jeker - Clarinet, Excellent
Abigail Somers - Flute, Excellent
Ethan Baker - Alto Sax Solo, Excellent
Holden LaPadula/Samantha Goss –
Soprano Sax/Tenor Sax Duet, Outstanding
Taras Logvis - Piano, Outstanding

Level 3
Hunter Jordan - Alto Saxophone, Excellent
Dylan McClammey - Tuba, Excellent
Flo Wolf/Holly Smith - Flute Duet,
Excellent
Alyssa Ellerson - Flute Solo, Excellent
Kelly Perry - Trumpet Solo, Excellent
Sara Dewey - Clarinet Solo, Outstanding
Deanna Sanyshyn, Lindsey Switzer, Alyssa
Ellerson - Flute Trio, Excellent
Sarah Case - Alto Sax Solo, Excellent
Meaghan Champney/Katelyn Allabaugh,
Clarinet Duet - Outstanding

Level 2
Kaitlyn Gardner - Flute, Excellent
Melanie Frederick - Flute, Excellent
Megan Mihalko - Flute, Excellent
Kelly Perry/Alexis Henderson - Trumpet
Duet, Outstanding
Kyle Gates - Snare Drum, Outstanding
Katie Cafferty - Flute, Outstanding
Alexa Wentz - Tenor Sax, Excellent
Sylvia Rosa - Flute, Outstanding
Anna Sanyshyn - Bass Clarinet, Outstanding
Kaylee Monk - Alto Saxophone, Excellent

Level 1

Megan Mihalko/Leria Compeau - Flute/Clarinet Duet, Excellent
Ciara Davis - Clarinet, Outstanding
Ciara Davis/Makayla Langton – Clarinet Duet, Outstanding
Ethan Baker/Alexa Wentz/Sarah Case/Amy Stevens - Saxophone Quartet, Outstanding
Rachel Wars, Madeline Taylor/Mackenzie St John - Saxophone Trio, Outstanding
Joshua Shear/Hayden Kennerup – Euphonium Duet, Outstanding
Emily Woughter - Flute, Excellent
Katie Arsenseau - Clarinet, Outstanding
Owen Hodkinson - Bassoon Solo, Good
Patrick Collins - Alto Sax, Excellent
Victoria Petrie - Snare Drum, Outstanding

Level 6 All-State

Maria Dewey – Flute, A+
Maria Dewey – Piccolo, A+
Jessica Cafferty – Flute A
Macella Dean – Clarinet, A

Old Business

a. BOCES Cafeteria Service Update

Mr. Woodard provided a brief update on the BOCES cafeteria services. He explained the Whitney Point School Lunch Cost Comparison and reviewed the Supervisory Structure of the Whitney Point Cafeteria.

Thomas Tasber stated he wanted to see job descriptions for Pam Powell, Arlin White and Mark Bordeau. He clarified he wanted to see a spelled-out description of what we are paying to have them do for us. He stated he was concerned about duplication of services.

Gene Jordan stated his concern about requesting new reports that have not already been created.

Ms. Follette stated we can provide civil service job descriptions.

Mr. Woodard stated he would contact BOCES to see what they can provide.

A discussion ensued.

New Business

a. Spring Sports Update

Ms. Hayes presented the Spring Sports Update. She reviewed the spring sports teams and the number of athletes on each team. She also discussed the participation rates for each grade level and provided information for the previous years for comparison purposes. She provided information around the Indiana State University and NFHS and NIAAA Study stating several large scale studies that have found benefits associated with participation in extracurricular activities. She explained how participants in extra-curricular activities had significantly higher GPA's and significantly lower absenteeism than did non-participants. She stated the studies show a direct correlation between grade-point averages and involvement in activity programs. Ms. Hayes provided supporting information stating Athletic Participation has a positive effect on students' futures providing them with many attributes which make them more inviting to future employers. She shared a article from the Louisville Cardinals featuring Paige Monsen.

Mary Ellerson thanked Ms. Hayes for her presentation and the information provided.

Joseph Silvanic stated some potential employers view athletes as team players that do well in pressure situations at work.

The Board of Education commended Ms. Hayes for her presentation.

b. Donation

Ms. Follette recommended the Board accept the generous stock donation of one thousand ($1,000.00) dollars to the Whitney Point Central School District for the Jack Halloran Scholarship Fund.

Moved by Joseph Silvanic Seconded by Thomas Tasber

Mary Ellerson asked for the definition of a stock donation.

Mr. Woodard stated a stock donation cannot be held onto by the District. The District accepts the stock donation but then immediately liquidates the money and moves it into the scholarship account.

6 Aye 0 Nay 0 Abstained APPROVED

c. Amended Instructional Calendar

Ms. Follette recommended Board approval of the amended 2013-2014 Instructional Calendar.

Moved by Kathleen Driscoll Seconded by Mary Ellerson

Ms. Follette stated the numbers are on the top of each month to make the calendar days more clear and there was confusion on the take back emergency days.

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

d. Amended Legal Holidays Calendar

Ms. Follette recommended Board approval of the amended 2013-2014 Legal Holidays Calendar.

Moved by Kathleen Driscoll Seconded by Gene Jordan

Ms. Follette stated Labor Day was amended.

6 Aye 0 Nay 0 Abstained APPROVED

e. Alumni Organization

Ms. Follette recommended the Board of Education recognize the Whitney Point Central School District Alumni Organization as a school sponsored organization due to their effort to maintain

communication with former students and provide opportunities for them to stay connected to the school community.

Moved by Kathleen Driscoll Seconded by Joseph Silvanic

Ms. Follette stated she has been looking at this with Mr. Woodard. Most districts have the Alumni Association on their website. It would be right to have them affiliated with the school District.

Thomas Taber asked what that means.

Ms. Follette stated we do not look over their books, but can monitor their website activity.

Mary Ellerson asked if the Alumni Association received their 501 status?

Ms. Follette stated, not yet.

Mary Ellerson stated it is nice to have the Alumni Association affiliated with the school.

6 Aye 0 Nay 0 Abstained APPROVED

f. Appointment

Ms. Follette recommended Board approval of the appointment of **Tracy Russell**, bus attendant, effective April 30, 2013.

Moved by Joseph Silvanic Seconded by Gene Jordan

6 Aye 0 Nay 0 Abstained APPROVED

g. Retirement Resignation

Ms. Follette recommended Board approval of the retirement resignation of **Lorie Lakin**, business teacher, effective June 22, 2013.

Moved by Mary Ellerson Seconded by Kathleen Driscoll

Ms. Follette stated she personally enjoyed working with Lorie Lakin in the High School. She provided a brief history of Mrs. Lakin's time with the school district and discussed the affiliations and extensive involvement she has had with the school district. Ms. Follette stated Lorie was her 'go-to' person and she will miss her very much. She stated Mrs. Lakin is a trusted colleague whose opinions and perspectives are highly valued.

6 Aye 0 Nay 0 Abstained APPROVED

h. Resignations

Ms. Follette recommended Board approval of the resignation of **Jennifer Cucci**, elementary teacher, effective June 30, 2013.

Moved by Thomas Tasber Seconded by Joseph Silvanic

Ms. Follette provided a brief history of Ms. Cucci's time with the school district. She stated she wishes Ms. Cucci the best.

6 Aye 0 Nay 0 Abstained APPROVED

Ms. Follette recommended Board approval of the resignation of **Kelly Hodges**, food service helper, effective April 22, 2013.

Moved by Mary Ellerson Seconded by Kathleen Driscoll

6 Aye 0 Nay 0 Abstained APPROVED

i. Termination

Ms. Follette recommended Board approval of the termination of **Ron Boyce**, bus driver, effective April 22, 2013.

Moved by Joseph Silvanic Seconded by Gene Jordan

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

j. Whitney Point Teachers' Association Contract

Ms. Follette recommended Board approval of the 2012-2015 contract between the Superintendent of the Whitney Point Central School District and the Whitney Point Teachers' Association.

Moved by Kathleen Driscoll Seconded by Mary Ellerson

6 Aye 0 Nay 0 Abstained APPROVED

k. Equipment Disposal

Ms. Follette recommended Board approval of the following items for disposal at the Mel Manasse & Son Vehicle and Equipment Auction on May 2, 2013:

Quantity	Description
1	Bus
1	Wheelchair Bus

Moved by Mary Ellerson Seconded by Thomas Tasber

Gene Jordan asked if the names were removed from the buses.

Mr. Woodard stated yes they were.

Ms. Follette provided details about the buses being replaced. She state Mr. Wilcox chose this auction because other districts will have buses there and the auction should appeal to buyers looking for those types of vehicles.

Mary Ellerson stated she is pleased her road is fixed for the convenience of the school buses and community.

6 Aye 0 Nay 0 Abstained APPROVED

l. Committee on Special Education

Ms. Follette recommended Board approval of the recommendations of the Committee on Special Education.

Moved by Mary Ellerson Seconded by Thomas Tasber

6 Aye 0 Nay 0 Abstained APPROVED

m. Resolution for Authorization to Join Group Bid

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Whitney Point Central School District participate in Cooperative bidding for the following bids with other school districts in New York State:

Grocery– one school year (2013-2014)

Paper Products – twice per school year – (8/2013 – 12/2013) – (1/2014 – 8/2014)

Meat/Cheese/Dairy – every two months (5 times per school year)
July 2013 for August 2013 – October 2013
October 2013 for November 2013 – December 2013
December 2013 for January 2014 – February 2014
February 2014 for March 2014 – April 2014
April 2014 for May 2014 – August 2014

Processing of U.S.D.A. Commodities – one school year (2013-2014)

Milk & Milk Products/Ice Cream & Other Frozen Desserts – one school year (2013-2014)

Bread & Bread Products – one school year (2013-2014)

Dish & Cleaning Supplies – three school years (2013-2014), (2014-2015), (2015-2016)

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that Mark Bordeau, Director of Food Services, Broome Tioga BOCES, or Designee be designated to receive and open said bids and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Whitney Point Central School District reserves the right to accept or reject any or all bids.

Moved by Kathleen Driscoll | Seconded by Mary Ellerson

6 Aye 0 Nay 0 Abstained | APPROVED

n. General Funds Appropriation and Revenue Reports

Ms. Follette recommended Board approval of the attached Appropriation and Revenue Reports for the General Fund for the month of March 2013.

Moved by Joseph Silvanic | Seconded by Gene Jordan

6 Aye 0 Nay 0 Abstained | APPROVED

o. Cafeteria Funds Appropriation and Revenue Reports

Ms. Follette recommended Board approval of the attached Appropriation and Revenue Reports for the Cafeteria Fund for the month of March 2013.

Moved by Kathleen Driscoll | Seconded by Thomas Tasber

6 Aye 0 Nay 0 Abstained | APPROVED

p. Special Aid Fund Appropriation and Revenue Report

Ms. Follette recommended Board approval of the attached Appropriation and Revenue Reports for the Special Aid Fund for the month of March 2013.

Moved by Mary Ellerson | Seconded by Joseph Silvanic

6 Aye 0 Nay 0 Abstained | APPROVED

q. Treasurer's Report

Ms. Follette recommended Board approval of the March 2013 Treasurer's Report.

Thomas Tasber commended Mr. Woodard on the decrease of disparity on the reports and that the percentages have gone down.

Moved by Kathleen Driscoll | Seconded by Joseph Silvanic

6 Aye 0 Nay 0 Abstained | APPROVED

Comments from the Public

Kim Becker thanked the Board of Education for their willingness to work with the teachers and for their support with all the other items going on. She stated it has been very well received.

Bruce Tytler complimented the professionalism of the staff during negotiations. He stated Lorie Lakin will be missed. Mr. Tytler stated Lorie has been very valuable. He stated she lead her department and brought them through common core shifts and valued her work with the SLO. She has been truly amazing. She has done a great job.

Stephanie Champney replied that the Board thanks the teachers and that negotiations are two parties working together.

r. Superintendent's Update

Ms. Follette provided an update on the electronic recycling event on May 11, 2013 between 10:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m. at the Mary Wilcox Library. Proceeds will be used to benefit the library's recently diminished book budget.

Stephanie Champney stated the organization will give them five cents per pound. They recycle every bit of the electronics appropriately. She stated she would collect items until the pick-up date if needed.

s. Proposed Executive Session

Ms. Follette recommended Board approval to recess the public meeting at 8:14 p.m. and adjourn to Executive Session to hear discussion on contractual items.

Moved by Kathleen Driscoll — Seconded by Mary Ellerson

6 Aye 0 Nay 0 Abstained — APPROVED

FYI

May 1 – Family Literacy and Activity Night, TRA 6:30-8:00 p.m.
May 2 – Spring Band and Choral Concert, Grades 4 & 5, 7:00 p.m.
May 7 – Budget Hearing
May 9 – Spring Band Concert, Grades 6-8, TRA 7:00 p.m.
May 14 – Choral Concert, Grades 6-8, TRA 7:00 p.m.
May 15-17 – Destination D.C. Trip, Grade 8
May 21, 2013 – Budget and BOE Member Vote, HS 1:00-8:00 p.m.
May 21 & 22, 2013 – Cabaret
May 24-May 27 – No School, Memorial Day
May 30 – High School Academic Awards Program
June 1 –Prom/After Prom Party
June 5 – Ice Cream Social/District Art Show
June 14 – 8th Grade Awards Ceremony and Dance
June 15 – Alumni Banquet
June 11 – 21 –Regents Exams
June 20 – Baccalaureate Ceremony
June 21 - Graduation

Cynthia Burchell
District Clerk

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Kathleen Driscoll	Member	X	
Mary Ellerson	Member	X	
Gene-Paul Jordan	Member	X	
Joseph Silvanic	Member	X	
Thomas Tasber	Member	X	
Patricia Follette	Superintendent of Schools	X	
Jo-Ann Sexton	Dir. of Curriculum and Instruction	X	
Zachary Woodard	School Business Executive	X	

Executive Session

For matters of personnel and contractual issues.

Meeting Adjournment

Stephanie Champney motioned to adjourn the Executive Session at 8:56 p.m.

Moved by Mary Ellerson — Seconded by Kathleen Driscoll

6 Aye 0 Nay 0 Abstained — APPROVED

Cynthia R. Burchell
District Clerk