



BOARD OF EDUCATION
WHITNEY POINT CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
PO BOX 249
Whitney Point, NY 13862

Date: April 3, 2012

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Meeting called to order at 7:04 p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance was recited

		<u>Present</u>	<u>Absent</u>
Sara Benscoter	President	X	
Stephanie Champney	Vice-President	X	
Anthony Burchell	Member	X	
Kathleen Driscoll	Member	X	
Mary Ellerson	Member	X	
Thomas Tasber	Member	X	
Mary Hibbard	Superintendent of Schools	X	
Patricia Follette	Director of Curriculum and Instruction	X	
Laura Lindsley	School Business Executive	X	
Cynthia Burchell	District Clerk	X	

Others in attendance: Kim Becker, Terry Dean, Sandra Edwards, Rebecca Foran, Nancy Freeh, Gretchen Glezen, Rich Glezen, Paula Kupiec, Eddie Maslin, Hannah Marye, Stacey Marye.

Minutes

Mrs. Hibbard recommended Board approval of the Minutes from the Board Meeting held on March 27, 2012.

Moved by Stephanie Champney

Seconded by Mary Ellerson

6 Aye 0 Nay 0 Abstained

APPROVED

Warrant

None

Correspondence

None

Policies – 1st Reading

None

Policies – 2nd Reading

None

Comments from the Public

Mrs. Gretchen Glezen discussed her concerns about the Board's role in decisions regarding non-resident students.

Mrs. Hibbard explained due to contractual restraints, the Board has been advised to waive non-resident tuition with certain bargaining units until successor agreements are negotiated.

Mrs. Sara Benscoter shared with Mrs. Glezen that it was unfortunate that tuition rates have changed since they built their home out of the district and assured her every residency issue brought to the Board's attention has been researched. Tuition rates are established annually toward the end of the school year.

Commendations

ADDENDA

Mrs. Hibbard commended:

- Mr. Christopher Rice, High School Art Teacher, and Whitney Point High School students for taking three of the six awards at the local level in the 2012 Artistic Discovery juried exhibition/competition sponsored by the US Congress. Allison Lewis earned Best in Show. The other category winners were Anna Warfield who won the Composition Award, and Shirlee Illsley

who won the Level of Difficulty Award. The artwork is on display along with the rest of the entries from the three local districts at the Broome County, Arts Council in Binghamton through the end of April.

- Mrs. Joyce Granish and Odyssey of the Mind team members Anna Warfield, Alan McNamara, Emily Snyder, Erin Hamm, Meaghan Champney and Megan Taggart for their successful trip to the Odyssey of the Mind state competition. They tied for 8th place out of 18 teams.
- Mrs. Jessica Williamson and the following Tioughnioga Riverside Academy 8th Grade Band Students for competing in the STMTA (Southern Tier Music Teachers Association) Middle School Solo Competition at Binghamton University on Saturday, March 31, 2012.

Mackenzie Cafferty	Bass Clarinet
Holden LaPadula	Tenor Saxophone
Katie Perry	Flute

- Jordan Torbitt, Tioughnioga Riverside Academy 8th grade student, for winning the National Title for his division at the All American National Wrestling Championship held in Virginia Beach on Saturday, March 31, 2012.
- Mrs. Gilbert, Mr. Jones, Mrs. Jo-Anne Knapp, Mrs. Barbara Heinle and the High School Jazz Ensemble, Saxophone Ensemble, Flute Ensemble, Concert Band, Select Chorus and Concert Chorus for their accomplished performances at the Whitney Point High School Spring Concert held on Monday, April 2th in the High School Auditorium.

Old Business

a. Phase II Update

Mrs. Hibbard and Mrs. Lindsley presented an update on Phase II Renovation work. Work in the TRA auditorium continues. The painting is nearly completed and new seats should arrive later in April. Contractors will begin closing in the hallway ceilings starting on the second floor next week.

b. Budget Development Update

Mrs. Hibbard presented updated budget information. The approved state budget yielded an additional \$191,283 in aid over the governor's proposed budget. Mrs. Hibbard recommends that the additional aid be used to reduce the amount of money needed from reserves for the 2012-2013 budget. Mrs. Hibbard reviewed the Financial Planning Committee's budget survey results. Mrs. Hibbard shared the reductions necessary to arrive at \$31,041,874 budget resulting in a 1.97% levy increase and a \$30,896,207 contingent budget.

Mrs. Nancy Freeh again expressed her concerns over the District losing a French teaching position. She re-read parts of a letter she presented to Board of Education at a previous meeting.

Mrs. Paula Kupiec stated Deposit is the only school in Broome County that offers only one language this year.

Mrs. Stacy Marye expressed her support of the continuation of French. She explained how taking French helped her daughter throughout school and compliments her current college study in economics.

Ms. Emily Snyder stated she felt sports should be cut before academic classes. She felt students come to school to learn and they can play sports outside of school.

Mrs. Sandra Edwards stated it would dishearten her to see Whitney Point Central School District students not have the same choices available to students in other districts.

Mrs. Sara Benscoter thanked all who spoke.

Mrs. Mary Ellerson stated she would like to have a procedure in place to have the portable score board available for use at home games.

Mr. Terry Dean stated this could be done and would need to be organized through the athletic department, perhaps incorporated through the request for facility use.

New Business

a. Solar Energy Update

Mr. Terry Dean presented information regarding the District's photovoltaic panels. He stated the Whitney Point Central School District has realized an energy savings of about one million dollars to date since the Energy Management Program was started in 2004. He discussed what is currently happening with the solar power in the school buildings. The District has a total of 489 solar panels between the three schools. He explained that if our solar system is producing more electricity than we can use, the system will feed power back in to the electrical grid and will be credited to the District's account.

Mr. Dean stated the three solar panel systems cost \$587,000. The District's favorable building aide ratio and a NYSERDA grant made the installation of the panels very affordable. Only \$8,000 of local tax dollars were used toward the solar project. The panels paid for themselves in two semesters.

Mr. Anthony Burchell asked what would happen if the grids were covered by snow?

Mr. Dean explained the panels are angled and black, so the snow does not stay on them long.

Mrs. Kathleen Driscoll asked how you determine when they need to be replaced?

Mr. Dean stated the panels are expected to last 20-25 years. We will need to keep track of the amount of electricity they are producing to determine when they will need to be replaced.

A discussion ensued.

b. Transfer of Position

Mrs. Hibbard recommended that in accordance with Civil Service Law §70, the function of School Business Executive be transferred to Broome Tioga BOCES beginning May 15, 2012.

Moved by Stephanie Champney

Seconded by Kathleen Driscoll

Mrs. Hibbard thanked Mrs. Laura Lindsley for all she has done for the District, and for her expertise and dedication to the management of the construction project and the District's finances. Mrs. Hibbard wished Mrs. Lindley well on her new endeavor.

Mrs. Sara Benscoter commented on Mrs. Lindsley's humbleness and willingness to work with others.

Mrs. Lindsley stated the business office staff has taken on extra duties with changing mandates and she appreciates their willingness to accept the challenge of increasing reporting and auditing requirements.

6 Aye 0 Nay 0 Abstained

APPROVED (Regretfully – Sara Benscoter)

c. IPA Technology Equipment Resolution

Mrs. Hibbard recommended Board approval of the Installment Purchase Agreement (IPA) for Technology Equipment from the Common Learning Objectives (CLO) service from the Broome-Tioga BOCES in the amount of \$141,342.85.

Mrs. Hibbard recommended the Board amend the Resolution to include the (NSS) Network Support System. She stated this five year purchase plan is used to purchase technology on a cycle. Some units being replaced are past warranty.

Mr. Tasber asked if the equipment is aid able.

Mrs. Hibbard stated, yes.

Moved by Stephanie Champney

Seconded by Mary Ellerson

6 Aye 0 Nay 0 Abstained

APPROVED

d. Committee on Special Education

Mrs. Hibbard 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/REJECTED

ADDENDA

a. Appointment

Mrs. Hibbard recommended Board approval of the appointment of Joe Monaco, full-time cleaner, effective date will be the date of fingerprint clearance.

Moved by Kathleen Driscoll

Seconded by Thomas Tasber

6 Aye 0 Nay 0 Abstained

APPROVED

Comments from the Public

None

Meeting Adjournment

Motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:45 p.m.

Moved by Stephanie Champney

Seconded by Kathleen Driscoll

6 Aye 0 Nay 0 Abstained

APPROVED

Executive Session

For matters of personnel and contractual issues.

FYI

District Report Card

April 4, 2012 – TRA Spring Concert, Grades 4-5, Band & Chorus

April 6 - April 15, 2012 – Spring Recess

April 17 & April 18, 2012 – Grades 3-8 ELA Assessments

April 23 & April 24, 2012 – Grades 3-8 Mathematics Assessment

April 25, 2012 – Financial Planning Committee Public Information Meeting

Proposed 2012-2013 Budget Information Meeting – 6:30 HS Library

April 25, 2012 – Destination D.C. Parent Meeting, 7 p.m.

April 26, 2012 – HS National Honor Society Inductions

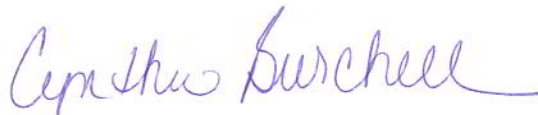
April 27 & April 28, 2012 – NYSSMA Solo and Ensemble, Johnson City HS

May 9, 2012 - Financial Planning Committee Public Information Meeting

Proposed 2012-2013 Budget Information Meeting – 6:30 HS Library

Upcoming Meetings

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| Monday, April 16, 2012 | – | Grant Initiatives Update
Adopt 2012-2013 Budget |
| May 1, 2012 | – | Budget Hearing |
| May 15, 2012 | – | Budget Vote
Medicaid Compliance
Dual Credit/Career Pathways |



Cynthia Burchell
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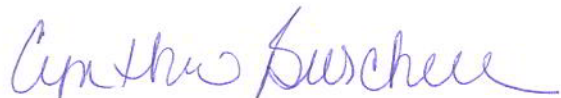
Sara Bencoter motioned to adjourn the Executive Session at 9:45 p.m.

Moved by Stephanie Champney

Seconded by Mary Ellerson

5 Aye 0 Nay 0 Abstained

APPROVED



Cynthia R. Burchell
District Clerk