



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

Date: May 1, 2012

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.

Meeting called to order at 8:05 p.m. upon suspension of the Annual Meeting & Budget Hearing.

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
Thomas Strain	Interim School Business Executive		X
Cynthia Burchell	District Clerk	X	

Others in attendance: Kim Becker, Edward Driscoll, Carol Eaton, Phillip Ford, Jeff Isaacs, Kathryn Jones, Gene Jordan, Jo-Anne Knapp, Renee Korb, Jerry Mackey, Raymon McLark, Jennifer Petrie, Jim Petrie, Sarah Roe, John Samson, Nancy Samson, Norma Snyder, Wyatt Soeffing

Minutes

Mrs. Hibbard recommended Board approval of the Minutes from the Board Meeting held on April 16, 2012.

Moved by Kathleen Driscoll

Seconded by Thomas Tasber

5 Aye 0 Nay 0 Abstained

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Warrant

None

Correspondence

None

Policies – 1st Reading

None

Policies – 2nd Reading

Mrs. Hibbard recommended Board approval of policy number **7380** Cell Phones and Other Electronic Devices policy.

Moved by Thomas Tasber

Seconded by Mary Ellerson

Mrs. Hibbard stated the policy was tabled at the last meeting and the language was updated to include "The following activities are strictly prohibited" in Section 3(a).

5 Aye 0 Nay 0 Abstained

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Comments from the Public

Mr. James Petrie stated he has been on various committees in the community and school district. He mentioned he is concerned that the school district is the largest employer in the community and is not hiring a local superintendent. He hopes the new superintendent views the position as long term and not a stepping stone. He asked the Board of Education to consider the community when hiring employees to help pull the financial load the district is facing.

Mrs. Stephanie Champney stated the community is welcome to voice an opinion and the Board of Education put together the committees to receive input. She stated she could understand Mr. Petrie's concern over a local superintendent. Unfortunately, that is not always possible and the Board made the

choice not to make residency a prerequisite of the job because it would narrow down their options of who they would be able to interview and who would be a viable candidate. The board did express to the candidates that it was their desire to have them live in the district.

Mr. Petrie stated if there were more teachers and administrators in the District it would help pull the load. He commented on how it has been nice having a superintendent residing in the district to be accessible for Rotary meetings and other local community functions.

Mrs. Champney stated each packet was looked at line by line. The input was greatly appreciated and considered.

Mr. Thomas Tasber thanked the people involved with the interview committees for their time and input.

Commendations

Mrs. Hibbard commended:

- Mrs. Knapp, faculty and staff of the Caryl E. Adams Primary School for the successful Kindergarten Registration Week held April 23 – April 27, 2012. Mrs. Hibbard stated 93 children were enrolled in kindergarten.
- Mr. Tytler, Mr. Isaacs, Mrs. Cranston-Chrisler, Mrs. Ford, the High School faculty and Office staff, the Guidance Office faculty and staff, and the National Honor Society for their successful induction of new members ceremony held Wednesday, April 26, 2012. The following students were inducted into the National Honor Society:

Nicole Carstens
Meaghan Champney
Andrew Costley
James Ellis
Molly Feeney
Evan Fiorenza
Brittany Fuller
Kacey Knapp
Allison Lewis
Staci Malmstrom
Alan McNamara
Emily Snyder
Austin Standish Warpus
Nicholas Stevens
Megan Taggart
Anna Warfield
Julia White

- Meredith Summers, Whitney Point High School Senior, for receiving the Student Community Service Award sponsored by Senator Thomas W. Libous, Broome-Tioga BOCES and WBNG-TV.
- Retired Math Teacher Mary Jo Whithead for partnering with the Whitney Point High School Library for World Book Night U.S. Students were able to sign up in their English classes to be part of a drawing. On Monday, April 23, 2012. Fourteen students were given a free copy of the book Bel Canto by Ann Patchett.

Mr. Thomas Tasber commended Mrs. Heather Pudish for coordinating a trip for 7th & 8th grade field trip to Expanding Your Horizons – girls in science and math workshops at Cornell University on April 21, 2012.

ADDENDA

Mrs. Hibbard commends:

- The following students on their highly successful auditions last weekend 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.

Instrumental Music Participants

Level 1

Sarah Case, Alto Sax - Outstanding
Katie Cafferty, Flute - Outstanding
Kyle Gates, Snare - Outstanding
Ciara Davis, Clarinet - Excellent
Abigail Somers, Flute - Outstanding
Melanie Frederick, Flute - Outstanding
Kelly Perry, Trumpet - Outstanding

Alexis Henderson, Kelly Perry & Alex Watson
Trumpet Trio - Excellent

Level 2

Alyssa Ellerson, Flute -Excellent
Kimberly Vojtko, Flute -Excellent

Lindsey Switzer, Kimberly Vojtko & Jacklynn Ballard
Flute Trio - Excellent

Zach Kelsey & Evan Slack
Trombone Duet: - Excellent

Flo Wolf & Katie Perry
Flute Duet: - Excellent

Alyssa Ellerson & Sara Dewey
Flute/Clarinet Duet: - Excellent

Level 3

Stephanie Jeker, Clarinet - Excellent
Hunter Jordan, Alto Sax - Excellent

Holly Smith, Flute - Outstanding
Kirstie Dean, Clarinet -Outstanding
Rachel Mihalko, Clarinet -Excellent

Holden LaPadula, Nikki Kitson, & Bobby Stevens
Saxophone Trio- Outstanding

Level 4

Florence Wolf, Flute - Excellent
Holden LaPadula, Tenor Sax - Excellent
Katie Perry, Flute - Outstanding
Noah Wenzinger, Trumpet - Excellent
Danell Jones, Xylophone - Excellent
Mackenzie Cafferty, Bass Clarinet – Excellent
Kaylee Tasber, Clarinet - Outstanding
Breanna Stanton - Trumpet - Excellent

Level 5

Marissa Taylor, Flute Solo - A

Level 6

Maria Dewey, Flute - A+
Maria Dewey, Piccolo - A+
Jessica Cafferty, Flute - A-
Macella Dean, Clarinet - A-
Meaghan Champney, Clarinet - B

Vocal Music Participants

Level 1:

Maggie Biondi - Excellent
Ashley Barnhart - Outstanding

Kelly Perry - Excellent
Stephanie Jeker - Outstanding
Megan Mau - Excellent

Level 2:

Level 3:

Sierra Bigelow - Excellent
Emily Doyle - Excellent
Jacob Dunham - Excellent
Mackenzie Gibson - Excellent
Hunter Jordan - Excellent

Level 4:

Dalanna Fralick- Outstanding
Marissa Taylor - Excellent
Rachel Mihalko - Excellent
Kirstie Dean - Excellent
Mackenzie Cafferty - Excellent
Aubrey Roe – Outstanding
Melissa Maldonado – Excellent
Tiffany Utter – Excellent

Level 5:

Kaylee Tasber - A
Lexi Bencoter – A-
Samantha Holcomb – A-
Kaitlinn Wickwire – A-

Level 6

Nicole Cartstens – B+
Emily Snyder – A
Katie Short – A
Dakota Williams – A-
Chris Carey – B+
Brianna Bennett – A

- To the following Envirathon Team members for their participation in competition on April 26, 2012:

Forest Ostrander
Ben Covill
Nick St John
Eric Monsen
Adam Tillotson
Kyle Luschwitz
Jay Lindow
Tyler Hunsinger
Josh Wheeler
Dillon Hatch

Old Business

a. Phase II Update

Mrs. Hibbard presented an update on the Phase II Renovation work. She stated the work progresses in the general music room and the band room. Work is continuing that the CEA Library. The District has been given approval by the State Education Department to continue renovations.

New Business

a. Spring Sports Update

Ms. Hayes was unable to attend the meeting to give a report on the participation of students in the Spring Sports Program. Mrs. Hibbard referred to the packet provided by Ms. Hayes to the Board of Education and discussed some of the participation levels noted.

Mr. Thomas Tasber stated he appreciated the time Ms. Hayes put into the packet of information provided.

Mr. Anthony Burchell asked about the status of the score board usage.

Mrs. Mary Ellerson stated they may not have been used very often due to the recent changes in the sports schedules.

Mr. Ed Driscoll stated the score board does not have the capacity to score 12 innings of baseball.

A discussion ensued.

b. Unpaid Leave of Absence

Mrs. Hibbard recommended Board approval of a one year unpaid leave of absence for Jennifer Cucci, Elementary Teacher, for the 2012-2013 school year.

Moved by Kathleen Driscoll

Seconded by Thomas Tasber

Mr. Thomas Tasber stated best wishes to Ms. Cucci.

Mrs. Stephanie Champney stated she hopes Ms. Cucci quickly returns to the District.

5 Aye 0 Nay 0 Abstained

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c. Resignations

Mrs. Hibbard recommended Board approval of the resignation of Suzanne Kemak, Bus Monitor, effective May 3, 2012.

Moved by Mary Ellerson

Seconded by Anthony Burchell

5 Aye 0 Nay 0 Abstained

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Mrs. Hibbard recommended Board approval of the resignation of Holly Crown, Cleaner, effective May 4, 2012.

Moved by Kathleen Driscoll

Seconded by Thomas Tasber

Mr. Thomas Tasber wished her well.

Mrs. Mary Hibbard stated she was sad to see her leave.

5 Aye 0 Nay 0 Abstained

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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

e. BOCES Resolution

Be it resolved that the Board of Education of the Whitney Point Central School District will participate in the following services during the 2012-2013 school year. The Board of Education agrees to pay Broome-Tioga BOCES the charges identified on the base contract according to the following schedule - (8) equal payments beginning October 1, 2012 and ending May 1, 2013. Also, be it resolved that payments on supplemental contracts will be implemented by the district in consonance with the payment schedule stipulated on the contract.

Management Support Services

- Personnel Services
- Business Services
- Other Support Services
- Communication and Development

Cross contracts with Other BOCES

- GASB45 Planning and Valuation Service
- Safety/Risk Management
- Interscholastic Sports Coordination
- Negotiations
- Merry-Go-Round Playhouse
- State Aid and Financial Planning
- Printing

Instructional Programs

- Alternative Education Programs
- Career Education
- Special Education Programs
- Itinerant Services

Extended Programs

- Cooperative Summer School
- Extra-Curricular Activities
- Instructional Coordination

Professional Development Services

- Literacy Professional Development
- Math Professional Development
- Data Analysis
- Technology Professional Development
- Leadership Professional Development
- District Budgets

Educational Resource Services

- Technology Resources
- Health, Wellness and Physical Education Resources
- Classroom Enrichment resources

Library Information Services

Technology Infrastructure Services

Data and Application Services

Student Management Systems
Data Collection and Testing
Financial Applications
Cafeteria Management
Other Administrative Technologies
Communication and Productivity Services

Moved by Kathleen Driscoll

Seconded by Anthony Burchell

Mrs. Hibbard stated by law BOCES has to have this Resolution before the Board no later than May 1, 2012.

Mr. Thomas Tasber asked if the District could receive the lunch menus in a more timely manner.

5 Aye 0 Nay 0 Abstained

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ADDENDA

a. Field Trip Request

Mrs. Hibbard recommended Board approval of the High School Band field trip to Darien Lake/Niagara Falls, NY to be conducted Friday, May 25, 2012 and Saturday, May 26, 2012.

Moved by Mary Ellerson

Seconded by Kathleen Driscoll

Mrs. Hibbard stated the High School Band raised all the funds for the trip.

5 Aye 0 Nay 0 Abstained

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Comments from the Public

Mrs. Kim Becker commended the students, teachers, staff, and administrators of grades 3-8 for the incredible efforts displayed during the recent testing at the Tioughnioga Riverside Academy.

Mrs. Stephanie Champney stated on behalf of the Board of Education, she would like to thank the students, teachers, staff, and administrators for all the work put into preparing the students for these tests.

Mr. Ed Driscoll stated there has been some concern regarding the longevity of the new superintendent.

Mrs. Stephanie Champney responded the Board of Education did not find a reason for concern during their interview process.

Mrs. Stephanie Champney stated the District received a notice from the Village of Whitney Point regarding the closing of the rail road crossing on Main Street for two days this month.

Mrs. Hibbard stated she will be sure the appropriate school department personnel are aware.

Mrs. Mary Ellerson asked anyone who may have questions or would like to help with the Prom or the After Prom Party to please see her.

Mrs. Stephanie Champney stated the upcoming *Once Upon a Mattress* is first musical production that has a full student cast and there is amazing talent in the Whitney Point school district.

Mr. James Petrie stated the Intercollegiate Rowing scheduled for this weekend needs help starting at 7:00 in the morning. He asked anyone who may be interested to please see him.

Meeting Adjournment

Motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:37 p.m.

Moved by Kathleen Driscoll

Seconded by Anthony Burchell

5 Aye 0 Nay 0 Abstained

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FYI

May 2, 2012 – TRA Family Literacy and Activity Night – 6:30 – 8:00 p.m.

May 3, 2012 – TRA Spring Band Concert

May 4 & May 5, 2012 – 7:00 p.m., HS Auditorium Whitney Point Tri-M Music Honor Society Presents:
Once Upon a Mattress

May 5, 2012 – SAT Tests

May 9, 2012 - Financial Planning Committee Public Information Meeting

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

May 10, 2012 - TRA Spring Chorus Concert

May 15 & May 16, 2012 – Cabaret, 7:00 HS Auditorium

May 23, 2012 – CEA Spring Festival

May 24, 2012 – UPK Applications Due

May 28-25, 2012 – No School, Memorial Day

May 31, 2012 – HS Academic Awards Night

ADDENDA

FYI

April Monthly Enrollment Comparison

Village of Whitney Point – Village News

Upcoming Meetings

May 15, 2012

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Budget Vote

Medicaid Compliance

Dual Credit Courses/Career Pathways



Cynthia Burchell
District Clerk