



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

Date: July 10, 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.

Pledge of Allegiance was recited

		<u>Present</u>	<u>Absent</u>
Sara Benscoter	President		X
Stephanie Champney	Vice-President	X	
Kathleen Driscoll	Member	X	
Mary Ellerson	Member	X	
Gene-Paul Jordan	Member	X	
Andrew Palmer	Member	X	
Patricia Follette	Superintendent of Schools	X	
Jo-Ann Sexton	Director of Curriculum and Instruction	X	
Zachary Woodard	School Business Executive	X	
Cynthia Burchell	District Clerk	X	

Others in attendance: Murphee Hayes

## Minutes

Thomas Tasber recommended the Board amend the minutes of the June 19, 2012 Board Meeting by adding his comment under Grade/Department Chairpersons and Team Leaders that it is his hope that the Department Chairpersons and Team Leaders will lead by example. Mr. Tasber also recommended the other members of the PTA be added to the Dirtmeister commendation. Mary Ellerson stated the adjournment of the executive session was seconded by Kathleen Driscoll.

Ms. Follette recommended Board approval of the amended Minutes from the Board Meeting held on June 19, 2012.

Moved by Kathleen Driscoll

Seconded by Thomas Tasber

6 Aye 0 Nay 0 Abstained

APPROVED

## Warrant

Ms. Follette recommended Board approval of the May 2012 Warrant.

Thomas Tasber asked if the necessary changes were made.

Zachary Woodard stated, yes.

Stephanie Champney stated she hopes the Warrant remains in the same format in the future as it is easier to read.

Moved by Kathleen Driscoll

Seconded by Thomas Tasber

6 Aye 0 Nay 0 Abstained

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## Correspondence

None

## Policies – 1<sup>st</sup> Reading

Ms. Follette recommended Board approval of policy **5220** District Investments Policy for first reading.

Ms. Follette stated this policy and the next policy are required to be reviewed each year. This policy was revised to capitalize Treasurer in the second paragraph.

Moved by Mary Ellerson

Seconded by Kathleen Driscoll

6 Aye 0 Nay 0 Abstained

APPROVED

Ms. Follette recommended Board approval of policy **5410** Principals of Purchasing/Procurement Policy for first reading.

Thomas Tasber asked about the total amount of food product that could be purchased without a bid.

Zachary Woodard replied approximately \$40,500.00.

Thomas Tasber asked how the District could get bids from local farms to buy milk and/or fresh produce.

Zachary Woodard stated he would look into the process.

A discussion ensued.

Moved by Mary Ellerson

Seconded by Thomas Tasber

6 Aye 0 Nay 0 Abstained

APPROVED

### **Policies – 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading**

Ms. Follette recommended Board approval of policy **7310.1** School Conduct and Discipline.

Thomas Tasber recommended the Board amend policy 7310 School Conduct and Discipline to state "but" instead of "by" in the first line on Page 5; to remove "written" and "his" in section five on page 35; and to change item 11 on page 36 to read, "Possess, consume or exchange tobacco products, or to possess, consume, exchange or be under the influence of alcoholic beverages, drugs or narcotics on school properties."

Moved by Kathleen Driscoll

Seconded by Andrew Palmer

6 Aye 0 Nay 0 Abstained

APPROVED

Ms. Follette recommended Board approval of policy **7370** Prohibition of Harassment, Intimidation and Bullying.

Thomas Tasber recommended the Board amend policy 7370 Prohibition of Harassment, Intimidation and Bullying by correcting two page breaks within the document.

Moved by Kathleen Driscoll

Seconded by Mary Ellerson

6 Aye 0 Nay 0 Abstained

APPROVED

### **Comments from the Public**

None

Due to the length of the meeting, Ms. Follette invited Ms. Hayes to give her presentation.

### **New Business**

#### **a. Athletics, Health and Physical Education Update**

Ms. Hayes presented an update on Athletics, Health and Physical Education. She discussed the mission of New York State interscholastic athletic programs and the values of NYS interscholastic athletes. She reviewed studies revealing the following information comparing student-athletes and non-athletes. The study showed student athletes:

- have higher grade point averages
- lower dropout rates
- attend college more often
- are absent from school fewer days per year

The study also showed that 96% of dropouts in 14 school districts in seven regions of the nation were not participating in an athletic program. She reviewed the WPCSD Athletic Strategic Plan and the number of students competing in one, two and three sports. She reviewed the grade point averages of the WPCSD student athletes compared to the overall student GPA and Non-athlete GPA's which supported the studies showing the athletes with a higher final average. She discussed the graduation rate and behavior referral comparison of athletes and non-athletes. Ms. Hayes reviewed the district's coaching retention and provided an outline of the number of coaches that coach one, two and three sports. She discussed the comprehensive school health and wellness goals, and the physical education program and how it relates to k-12 progression and cognitive assessments.

Ms. Follette stated that due to the work of Ms. Hayes, the WPCSD is leading the state in many of the health and physical education standards.

Ms. Hayes discussed health education, and health and physical education professional development. She stated the district has been active in physical education as it relates to cognitive development. She discussed health, physical education and Race to the Top.

Gene Jordan asked how much time was allotted for the pre-test, post-test and written examination. He asked if the district was losing two days out of the year for the pre and post-testing.

Ms. Hayes responded the post testing is done during midterms.

Ms. Hayes explained the wellness committee and community connections in Whitney Point. She stated the community connections and affiliation allow us to be involved in a lot of quality of work in Whitney Point.

Mary Ellerson stated students in other districts have been notified that they are targeted for being overweight.

Ms. Hayes stated the targeting is probably a result of the student's BMI.

Mr. Tasber stated the disciplinary referrals were higher than he thought they would be.

Ms. Hayes stated it is a result of a change in administration and log entries. The entries don't reflect minor/major infractions.

The Board of Education thanked Ms. Hayes for her presentation and appreciated the time spent in comparing numbers.

### **Commendations**

Ms. Follette commends:

- Mrs. Cranston-Chrisler, Mrs. Ford, Ms. Delgado, High School Administration, faculty, staff, parents and community for the June 22nd Graduation Ceremony. Mary Ellerson stated the graduation flowers were purchased by After Prom Party Funds. Mrs. Ellerson stated she felt these flowers should be purchased with remaining senior funds, or SADD should raise the money to purchase them. It should not come from After Prom Party Funds.

Ms. Follette stated the Assistant Superintendent of Chenango Forks attended our graduation and commented on how delightful the ceremony was to attend. Ms. Follette stated our students are very well behaved and treated the ceremony with the respect it deserves.

- Mr. Jones for coordinating the Baccalaureate program held on Thursday, June 21st at 7:00 p.m. at the Whitney Point United Methodist Church.
- Mrs. DeMann and Mr. Peck for coordinating the "Top Twenty" display case located outside of the High School Auditorium.
- Ms. Hayes for her two-year appointment as an Executive Council Member of the New York State Association for Health Physical Education, Recreation and Dance, Inc.

## **Old Business**

### **a. Phase II Update**

Ms. Follette presented an update on the Phase II Renovation work. She stated the new lockers are now in place at the TRA, and new molding has been placed in the auditorium. The curtains are hung and they are now working on a few punch-list items. The auditorium is near completion. The Caryl E. Adams Library work is underway.

Stephanie Champney stated she would like to see an outline of the Phase IIC Scope.

Andrew Palmer asked about Phase IIC and bus entry.

Ms. Follette stated the bus entry work will be done at the TRA. There will be some repaving at the HS. The TRA will have a change in the bus routing and parent-pick-up.

Thomas Tasber stated the Board would like to have a tour of the buildings.

Ms. Follette stated she would have the tour arranged.

A discussion ensued.

## **New Business (continued)**

### **b. Coaching Appointments**

Ms. Follette recommended Board approval of the following 2012 Fall Coaching Recommendations:

#### ***Girls' Cheerleading***

Varsity                      Mary Snyder

#### ***Boys' and Girls' Cross-Country***

Varsity                      **Position Open**

#### ***Girls' Field Hockey***

Varsity                      Nicole Huston  
Junior Varsity            **Position Open**  
Modified                    Stacie Winterstein

#### ***Football***

Varsity                      Michael Hakes  
Assistant                    Robert Heinle  
Assistant                    Chris Rice  
JV                              John Stout

JV	Robert Dunham
Modified	Joseph Kucher
Assistant	David Horton

***Boys' Soccer***

Varsity	Troy Rounds
JV	Position Open
Modified	Jed Frost

***Girls' Soccer***

Varsity	Stephen Samsel
JV	Dan Wickham
Modified	Matt Poyer

***Girls' Swimming***

Varsity	Jessica Atwater
Modified	Jessica Atwater
Life Guard	<b>Position Open</b>

***Girls' Volleyball***

Varsity	<b>Position Open</b>
JV	<b>Position Open</b>

Moved by Mary Ellerson

Seconded by Thomas Tasber

Stephanie Champney encouraged all coaches to lead by example, teaching good sportsmanship to the students as well as good behavior.

Andrew Palmer asked about an improvement plan for coaches would go into their teaching file.

Stephanie Champney stated it goes into their coaching file.

Gene-Jordan stated students involved in athletics tend to stay out of trouble and obtain higher academics. He thanked the coaches for their work with our students.

6 Aye 0 Nay 0 Abstained

APPROVED

**c. 2012-2013 Non-Resident Student Tuition**

Ms. Follette recommended Board approval of the Non-Resident Student Tuition Rate of the 2012-2013 School Year as follows:

\$1,896 for grades K-6  
\$3,804 for grades 7-12

Moved by Mary Ellerson

Seconded by Andrew Palmer

Gene Jordan stated it seemed like a large increase and as a new board member, doesn't understand the numbers.

Ms. Follette stated the numbers are used to formulate bills being sent to our non-resident students. They are based on a rate received by the state. The current Board Policy states this year the district will charge 74% of that rate. We will be sure to get them out in a timely manner to avoid confusion as to whether payment is due or not.

5 Aye 0 Nay 1 Abstained (Gene Jordan) APPROVED

#### **d. School Lunch Pricing**

Ms. Follette recommended Board approval of the student breakfast and lunch prices for the 2012-2013 school year:

##### **2011/2012**

Caryl E Adams School  
Breakfast - \$1.25  
Lunch - \$2.00

Tioughnioga Riverside Academy and  
Whitney Point High School  
Breakfast - \$1.25  
Lunch - \$2.10

Moved by Mary Ellerson

6 Aye 0 Nay 0 Abstained

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Lunch - \$2.20

Seconded by Kathleen Driscoll

APPROVED

#### **e. 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

### **Addenda**

#### **New Business**

##### **a. Bus Use Request**

Ms. Follette recommended Board approval for the request from the Northern Broome Senior Center for bus use. The costs of the mileage and bus driver will be paid by the Senior Center.

Moved by Mary Ellerson

Seconded by Gene Jordan

6 Aye 0 Nay 0 Abstained

APPROVED

##### **b. Resignation**

Ms. Follette recommended Board approval of the resignation of Laura Chestnut, Tioughnioga Riverside Academy Assistant Principal, effective July 15, 2012.

Moved by Kathleen Driscoll

Seconded by Mary Ellerson

6 Aye 0 Nay 0 Abstained      APPROVED

**c. Appointments**

Ms. Follette recommended Board approval of a two-year probationary appointment for **Laura Chestnut**, Tioughnioga Riverside Academy Principal, effective July 16, 2012.

Moved by Thomas Tasber      Seconded by Mary Ellerson

6 Aye 0 Nay 0 Abstained      APPROVED

Ms. Follette recommended Board approval of a three-year probationary appointment for **Gayle Tillotson**, Speech Language Pathologist, effective September 1, 2012.

Moved by Mary Ellerson      Seconded by Gene Jordan

6 Aye 0 Nay 0 Abstained      APPROVED

Ms. Follette recommended Board approval of the following Dignity Act Coordinators

Jo-Ann Sexton, District Coordinator  
Bruce Tytler, High School Coordinator  
Laura Chestnut, Tioughnioga Riverside Academy Coordinator  
Jo-Anne Knapp, Caryl E. Adams Primary School Coordinator

Moved by Kathleen Driscoll      Seconded by Mary Ellerson

6 Aye 0 Nay 0 Abstained      APPROVED

**d. Non-Union Agreement**

Ms. Follette recommended Board approval of the Non-Union Employees Agreement for the 2012-2013 school year.

Moved by Andrew Palmer      Seconded by Gene Jordan

6 Aye 0 Nay 0 Abstained      APPROVED

**e. Memorandums of Understanding**

Ms. Follette recommended Board approval of the Custodians' Association Memorandum of Understanding for the 2011-2012 and 2012-2013 school year.

Moved by Kathleen Driscoll      Seconded by Thomas Tasber

6 Aye 0 Nay 0 Abstained      APPROVED

Ms. Follette recommended Board approval of the Coordinator of Maintenance & Grounds Memorandum of Understanding for the 2011-2012 and 2012-2013 school year.



Moved by Mary Ellerson

Seconded by Andrew Palmer

6 Aye 0 Nay 0 Abstained

APPROVED

Ms. Follette recommended Board approval of the Head Bus Driver Memorandum of Understanding for the 2012-2013 school year.

Moved by Andrew Palmer

Seconded by Gene Jordan

6 Aye 0 Nay 0 Abstained

APPROVED

**Comments from the Public**

None

**Meeting Adjournment**

Motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:55 p.m.

Moved by Kathleen Driscoll

Seconded by Mary Ellerson

6 Aye 0 Nay 0 Abstained

APPROVED

**FYI**

June Monthly Enrollment Comparison



Cynthia Burchell  
District Clerk