



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

Date: November 6, 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.

District Vision:

- To be a community of excellence achieved through a commitment to HIGH performance, morale, and involvement.

Meeting was called to order at 7:16 p.m. Sara Bencoter apologized for the Board of Education's late arrival.

Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

		<u>Present</u>	<u>Absent</u>
Sara Bencoter	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	Director of Curriculum and Instruction	X	
Zachary Woodard	School Business Executive	X	
Cynthia Burchell	District Clerk	X	

Others in attendance: Kim Becker, Laura Chestnut, Jenny Gac, Kris Gilbert, Murphee Hayes, Aaron Kaminsky, Renee Korb, Heather Livingston, Melissa Peterson, Mark Piech, Haley Piech, Dan Sweeney, Bruce Tytler

Minutes

Ms. Follette recommended Board approval of the Minutes from the Board Meeting held on October 16, 2012.

Moved by Stephanie Champney

Seconded by Kathleen Driscoll

7 Aye 0 Nay 0 Abstained

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Warrant

None

Correspondence

None

Policies – 1st Reading

None

Policies – 2nd Reading

None

Comments from the Public

None

Commendations

Ms. Follette commends:

- The Board of Education members for their service to the Whitney Point Central School District. Attached is a proclamation from Governor Cuomo and a Broome County Proclamation from Broome County Executive Debra Preston in recognition of School Board Recognition Week October 29 – November 2, 2012.
- Ms. Laura Rice, Mrs. Jessica Head, Mrs. Nadine Ferguson, Mrs. Valerie Priscott, Madilyn Tiderencel, and several of our Practicum students from SUNY Cortland for volunteering their time as readers at the Caryl E. Adams Primary School's Beddy-Bye Story Time held on October 11th, 18th and 25th, 2012.
- The Whitney Point School District and community for the successful Fall Festival held on Saturday, October 27, 2012.
- Whitney Point High School Student Victor Beecher for being featured in the 'Class Act' article of the Press & Sun Bulletin.
- High School Science Teacher Mr. Peck for leading a workshop on the speed of light at Cornell University for 45 high school physics teachers from around the Northeast. This is in conjunction with a lead researcher from the Large Hadron Collider in Switzerland. This group 'proved' the existence of the Higgs Boson, the holy grail of modern physics. See attached article.

- PARP kick-off on Thursday November 1, 2012 and PARP movie Night on November 2, 2012, with Mrs. Tidderencel, Mrs. Bidwell, Mrs. Jessica Smith, Mrs. Petrie & Mrs. Knapp, Mrs. Arsenau, Mrs. Pfeiffer, Ms. Ferguson, Mrs. Richards, Mrs. McDonald, Mrs. Priscott, Mrs. Morgan, Ms. Ruggeiro, Mrs. Head, Ms. Stone, Mrs. Bocinski, Ms. Wirth, Ms. Flanders, Ms. Widdall and many of her SUNY Cortland students.

Old Business

None

New Business

a. Strategic Plan Presentation

Ms. Sexton, Mr. Tytler, and Ms. Chestnut provided an update on the District and Building Strategic Plans. They discussed targets and improvement plans for the High School, Tioughnioga Riverside Academy and Caryl E. Adams Primary School.

Ms. Follette discussed the new demands put on teachers and the hard work teachers have put into the APPR process. She stated there are a lot of new changes and the state has put a very aggressive timeline on districts. Ms. Follette emphasized that she can't say enough about how the staff as come together to put the mandated APPR process into effect.

b. Resolution

Ms. Follette recommended Board approval of the Board Resolution Pertaining to the Unit Methodology proposal for Broome-Tioga BOCES Services for 2013-2014.

Moved by Stephanie Champney

Seconded by Gene Jordan

Ms. Follette stated the list shows the different services and the methodology BOCES plans to use to bill for these services.

Tom Tasber mentioned he would like to see a more descriptive explanation from BOCES.

Sara Benscoer asked if we could put in a written request.

Ms. Follette stated it was requested and the report she had and shared shows the areas changed highlighted in yellow.

Tom Tasber suggested we ask the BOCES Board of Education to change the format of this report so it is easier for districts to read and understand what changes are made from one year to the next..

Sara Benscoter stated we should be able to make that request through John Paske.

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

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c. Non-Resident Application

Ms. Follette recommended Board approval of **Samantha Bleck**, Grade 8, to attend the Whitney Point Central School District for the 2012-2013 school year. Tuition has been paid.

Moved by Kathleen Driscoll

Seconded by Joseph Silvanic

Ms. Follette stated this was a Whitney Point student that moved to Marathon. The student is in good standing.

7 Aye 0 Nay 0 Abstained

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d. Extra-Curricular Application Approvals

Ms. Follette recommended Board approval of the following Extra-curricular applications:

Art Club- HS	Manvell, Will
Art Club – TRA	Manvell, Will
Chess Club	Jones, Ken
Destination D.C.	Hodkinson, Stephanie
Destination D.C.	Becker, Kim
Drama Club – HS	Christina Ellerson
* Drama Club – TRA	Gac, Jenny
* Drama Club – TRA	Pudish, Heather
FCCLA (Family, Career & Community Leaders of America)	Thomas, Lisa
Fly Fishing Club	Giovenco, Michael
Foreign Language Club	Edwards, Sandra
French Club	Freeh, Nancy
HS Challenge	Peck, Walter
Jazz Band - TRA	Williamson, Jessica
Jazz Band - HS	Gilbert, Kris
Junior Class Advisor	Ford, Cindi
Marching Band	Gilbert, Kris
* National Honor Society – HS	Cranston-Chrisler, Ellen
* National Honor Society - HS	Ford, Cindi
SADD	Ferrara, Joel
Select Chorus – HS	Jones, Ken
Select Chorus – TRA	Gac, Jenny
Senior Class Advisor	Delgado, Teresa
Sophomore Class Advisor	Price, Kathy
* Student Council – Grades 6-8	Brosius, Julie
* Student Council – Grades 6-8	Welsh, Barbara
* Student Council – Grades 9-12	Thomas, Lisa
* Student Council – Grades 9-12	Monaco, Jamie
* Tri-M Music Honor Society – TRA	Gac, Jenny
* Tri-M Music Honor Society – TRA	Williamson, Jessica
Tri-M Music Honor Society – HS	Jones, Ken
* Yearbook Advisor	Lakin, Lorie
* Yearbook Advisor	Berge-Soeffing, Pam
* Yearbook Advisor	Thomas, Lisa

* Co-chairing positions and sharing stipends.

Moved by Stephanie Champney

Seconded by Thomas Tasber

Stephanie Champney asked about the application for Freshman Class Advisor.

Cynthia Burchell stated it has not been received.

7 Aye 0 Nay 0 Abstained

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e. Appointment

Ms. Follette recommended Board approval of the appointment of **Sara-Jean Gage**, Cleaner, effective November 6, 2012.

Moved by Kathleen Driscoll

Seconded by Mary Ellerson

7 Aye 0 Nay 0 Abstained

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f. Coaching Appointment

Ms. Follette recommended Board approval of the following 2012-2013 Winter Coaching Recommendation:

Girls Basketball

Junior Varsity

Joe Brown

Moved by Joseph Silvanic

Seconded by Gene Jordan

7 Aye 0 Nay 0 Abstained

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g. Resolution to Abolish Position

Ms. Follette recommended Board approval to abolish one (1) position in the **Maintenance Technician Assistant** area effective November 6, 2012.

Moved by Kathleen Driscoll

Seconded by Mary Ellerson

Ms. Follette stated this position was held by Al Jenks.

7 Aye 0 Nay 0 Abstained

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h. Resolution to Create Positions

Ms. Follette recommended Board approval to create one (1) position in the **Maintenance Mechanic** area effective November 6, 2012.

Moved by Stephanie Champney

Seconded by Joseph Silvanic

Ms. Follette stated this position was just approved by Civil Service and will be posted.

7 Aye 0 Nay 0 Abstained

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Ms. Follette recommended Board approval to create one (1) position in the **Cook** area effective November 6, 2012.

Moved by Stephanie Champney

Seconded by Mary Ellerson

Ms. Follette stated Pam Powell is no longer cooking at the high school. All three schools will now have a cook.

7 Aye 0 Nay 0 Abstained

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i. Unpaid Leaves of Absence

Ms. Follette recommended Board approval of an unpaid, six week leave of absence for **Gayle Tillotson**, Speech and Language Pathologist starting in January 2013.

Moved by Kathleen Driscoll

Seconded by Gene Jordan

7 Aye 0 Nay 0 Abstained

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Ms. Follette recommended Board approval of one year leave of absence for **Jenny Gac**, Music Teacher, starting January 28, 2013.

Sara Benscoter recommended the Board of Education adjourn to Executive Session to discuss personnel and contractual issues at 8:22 p.m.

Moved by Stephanie Champney

Seconded by Kathleen Driscoll

7 Aye 0 Nay 0 Abstained

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Sara Benscoter called the open meeting back to order at 8:33 p.m.

Sara Benscoter made a motion to table this request for leave of absence until additional information is received.

Moved by Stephanie Champney

Seconded by Thomas Tasber

7 Aye 0 Nay 0 Abstained

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j. Contract Approval

Ms. Follette recommended Board approval of the contract between the Chief Executive Officer of the Whitney Point Central School District and the Administrators, effective July 1, 2012 through June 30, 2014.

Moved by Kathleen Driscoll

Seconded by Joseph Silvanic

7 Aye 0 Nay 0 Abstained

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k. 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

7 Aye 0 Nay 0 Abstained

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I. Change Orders

Ms. Follette recommended Board approval of the following Phase II-B and Phase II-C change orders:

- EC-106** - Work order #12326 to reroute power for ACCU-03 to accommodate discovered field conditions.
- Work order #12328 to install owner requested surge protection on fire alarm panel.
 - Work order #12330 to install 4 new pull stations at rear of auditorium.
 - Work order #12342 to install duplex receptacle and raceway for auditorium projector.
 - Work order #12332 to install owner requested monitor wiring for maintenance office.
 - Work order #12336 to reroute existing wire molding and cable to allow soffit insulation.
 - Work order #12341 to install two additional receptacles in auditorium sound booth 4000 raceway.
 - Work order #12338 to replace existing conduit, box to make room for new fixture in the bay ceiling.
 - Work order #12337 to replace existing old devices as directed in the field.

The Contract Sum of \$5,260,478.00 will be increased by this Change Order in the amount of \$4,985.00 to \$5,265,463.00.

EC-107 - to provide all labor, material and equipment to expand the CCTV system and access control system at the TRA.

The Contract Sum of \$5,265,463.00 will be increased by this Change Order in the amount of \$19,150.00 to \$5,284,613.00.

EC-108 - to provide all labor, material and equipment to wire/connect ductless split system in TRA Room 117.

The Contract Sum of \$5,284,613.00 will be increased by this Change Order in the amount of \$1,080.00 to \$5,285,693.00.

EC-109 - to provide all labor, material and equipment to install power and VGA cables for solar monitors.

The Contract Sum of \$5,285,693.00 will be increased by this Change Order in the amount of \$167.00 to \$5,285,860.00.

EC-110 - to provide all labor, material and equipment to wire temporary power for the large cooking kettle in the CEA kitchen.

The Contract Sum of \$5,285,860.00 will be increased by this Change Order in the amount of \$1,371.00 to \$5,287,231.00.

EC-111 - provide all labor, material and equipment to install a motorized mount, 4000 raceway, power and data drops in CEA room #119 to support a SmartBoard installation.

The Contract Sum of \$5,287,231.00 will be increased by this Change Order in the amount of \$7,916.00 to \$5,295,147.00.

CC-015 - to supply and install work stations and reception systems at TRA main office reception area.

The Contract Sum of \$1,008,579.00 will be increased by this Change Order in the amount of \$12,978.00 to \$1,021,557.00.

Change Orders (Phase II-C)

SC-001 - to provide all labor, material and equipment to excavate to cut/cap the existing water main at the TRA, install new 4" ductile iron pipe with two tapping sleeves and valves. Pressure test and chlorinate, restore topsoil/seed and mulch.

Total cost of \$24,860.00 will be subtracted from the Contract Allowance. Hence, the Contract sum of \$1,688,700.00 will remain unchanged.

Moved by Kathleen Driscoll

Seconded by Stephanie Champney

Tom Tasber asked about the work being done on the roofs.

Ms. Follette stated they are receiving scheduled improvements.

Tom Tasber asked if all the leaks in the high school were fixed.

Ms. Follette stated she believes so, as she has not heard otherwise.

Tom Tasber stated he wanted to be sure the leaks were being addressed while the roof was under repair and that it was not finished and then leaking.

A discussion ensued.

7 Aye 0 Nay 0 Abstained

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Comments from the Public

Mr. Tytler stated he appreciated the resolution of the contract. He stated he wanted to publically thank Ms. Follette for all the work she put into negotiations.

Sara Benscoter stated the TRA Chorus will be performing the "Wizard of Oz" on November 16th and 17th.

Kathleen Driscoll commended the Whitney Point Cheerleaders for being awarded grand champion at a recent cheerleading competition. She stated this was an exceptional win for our cheerleaders as some of the schools in the competition were much larger than Whitney Point.

Kathleen Driscoll commended Matt Driscoll for making the East-West Ernie Davis Football Team.

Mary Ellerson asked if the school district has approached the Town of Barker regarding the roads that were not repaired.

Ms. Follette stated she will discuss this with Ben Wilcox.

Mary Ellerson offered to go with Ben to the town if he would like.

Motion to Adjourn

Motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:17 p.m.

Moved by Stephanie Champney


Seconded by Kathleen Driscoll

7 Aye 0 Nay 0 Abstained

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FYI

October 2012 Monthly Enrollment Comparison
November 12, 2012 – No School – Veteran’s Day
November 16, 2012 – 11:30 Dismissal
November 21-25, 2012 – Thanksgiving Recess
November 30, 2012 – 11:30 a.m. Dismissal – P/T Conferences
December 4, 2012 – District Picture Retakes
December 4, 2012 – Winter Choral Concert, Grades 4-5, TRA 7:00 p.m.
December 7 – Whitney Point Tree Lighting Ceremony
December 11, 2012 – Band Concert, Grades 6-8 TRA, 7:00 p.m.
December 13, 2012 – Choral Concert, Grades 6-8, TRA 7:00 p.m.
December 17, 2012 – HS Winter Concert, 7:00 p.m.
December 24, 2012 – January 1, 2013 –No School, Winter Recess



Cynthia R. Burchell
District Clerk