

BOARD OF EDUCATION

WHITNEY POINT CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

PO BOX 249

Whitney Point, NY 13862

Date: March 16, 2010

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### Meeting called to order at 7:11 p.m.

Present Absent

James DiMascio President X

Sara Benscoter Vice-President X

Anthony Burchell Member X

Stephanie Champney Member X

Kathleen Driscoll Member X

Mary Ellerson Member X

Thomas Tasber Member X

Mary Hibbard Superintendent of Schools X

Laura Lindsley District Clerk X

Patricia Follette Director of Curriculum and Instruction X

Others in attendance: Dan Sweeney, Tracy Pfeiffer, Amber Martin, Barbara Ellerson, Angela Martin, Karrah Pfeiffer, Mandi Brown, Gretchen Barrett, Cory Spisak, Paige Wittig, Amy Tillotson, Todd Stahl, Sandra Ruffo, Ursula Hambalek, Allen Buyck, Roger Merrill, Bill Powell, Jocelyn Ticknor, McKay Ross, Candice Gage, Don Steger, Stephanie Hodkinson, Jolene Gates, Jeff Isaacs, Jo-Ann Sexton, Laura Chestnut, Tyler Donnelly, Andrea Stanley, Jo-Anne Knapp, Dylan Judge, Tyanna Moseman, Dawn Fox, Regina Mardex, Bruce Tytler

**New Business**

**a. BOCES Budget Presentation**

Mrs. Hibbard welcomed Mr. Allen Buyck who introduced William Powell, Sandra Ruffo, Roger Merrill, and Ursula Hambalek. Sandra Ruffo recognized Mrs. Hibbard for the passionate plea on behalf of rural school districts at the legislative breakfast this past Friday. Mr. Powell presented the BOCES administrative and capital budgets discussing the factors affecting the 2% decrease and 1.2% increase respectively. Mr. Powell stated the district’s share of each budget is reduced by its declining RWADA.

A discussion of the administrative budget ensued.

## Minutes

Mrs. Hibbard recommended Board approval of the Minutes from the Board Meeting held on March 2, 2010.

Moved by Stephanie Champney Seconded by Mary Ellerson

7 Aye 0 Nay 0 Abstained APPROVED

Commendations

Mrs. Hibbard commended:

• Mr. Jones, Ms. Gac, Mrs. Knapp, Mrs. Heinle, Mrs. Gilbert and the Whitney Point Central School District’s choral students for the recent District Chorus Concert held on Tuesday evening, March 9th in the High School Auditorium.

• Mrs. Knapp for being selected as this years recipient of the BCMEA (Broome County Music Educators Association) Distinguished Service Award for her years as a music educator and her contributions to BCMEA. One music educator in Broome County is chosen each year.

• Mr. Samsel, Miss Wayne, and Mr. Morgan for their participation in organizing Badminton for Heart held on March 4, 2009 at the High School raising over $1,000 for the benefit of the American Heart Association. The District will receive a rebate for this cause from the NYS Alliance for Health, Physical Education, Recreation and Dance (NYSAHPERD).

• Mrs. Price, Mrs. Oliver and Mrs. Hayes for their work with the HOPE After School Program. Through this program, young women from the Whitney Point School District traveled to Syracuse University to listen to Professor Sascha Scott and tour resident life and the campus with alumni Marcus Stevens. A grant was provided by the Mothers and Babies Perinatal Network has funded this program and provided this travel oppotuntity.

• Mrs. Spinella and Mrs. Hayes with the support of the Tobacco Free Healthy Schools and Reality Check for enabling thirty Whitney Point School District 7th and 8th grade students to participate in an educational anti-tobacco program. The students watched a PG movie and participated in half- time events at the modified girls basketball game on Friday, March 5, 2010. In recognition of these events the Whitney Point School District received an award from the Tobacco Control Program.

• Mary Ellerson recommended a commendation for Jessica Buckley who is participating in the Special Olympics.

• Thomas Tasber recommended a commendation for the Tri M music honor society.

Correspondence

None.

Policies **for First Reading**

Mrs. Hibbard recommended Board approval of the attached updated Principles of Purchasing/Procurement Policy for first reading.

Moved by Kathleen Driscoll Seconded by Anthony Burchell

7 Aye 0 Nay 0 Abstained APPROVED

Mrs. Hibbard recommended Board approval of the attached Medicaid Compliance Policy for first reading.

Moved by Thomas Tasber Seconded by Stephanie Champney

7 Aye 0 Nay 0 Abstained APPROVED

**Comments from the Public**None.

## New Business

**b. Sequencing Plans for the Capital Project**

Mr. Fred Riordan and Ms. Cindy Transue provided an update on sequencing of the capital project. Mr. Riordan presented the construction sequencing plans for the Caryl E. Adams, High School, and site work/field reconstruction for the 2010-2011 year.

## Old Business

**a. Budget Update**

Mrs. Hibbard presented budget information and shared results from the community forum and survey. The working budget was reviewed in detail under the three components; administrative, capital, and program. Mrs. Hibbard discussed the next steps in the budget process as the district works to reduce the budget increase.

## New Business

**c. Graduation Rate Report**

Mrs. Follette presented information on the recently issued graduation report.

## d. Notice of Public Meeting and Nomination Form for the BOCES Board of Trustees

The Board of Education selected three nominees to the BOCES Board of Trustees; Ursula Hambalek, Marcia L. Modlo and Sandra H. Ruffo who are seeking re-election. Please see attached.

*Nominee #1* Sandra Ruffo

Nominated by Thomas Tasber Seconded by Stephanie Champney

7 Aye 0 Nay 0 Abstained APPROVED

*Nominee#2* Marcia Modlo

Nominated by Kathleen Driscoll Seconded by Anthony Burchell

7 Aye 0 Nay 0 Abstained APPROVED

*Nominee #3* Ursula Hambalek

Nominated by Stephanie Champney Seconded by Sara Benscoter

7 Aye 0 Nay 0 Abstained APPROVED

**e. Tenure Recommendation**

Mrs. Hibbard recommended Board approval of the tenure recommendation for Amy Manvell, Reading Teacher, effective February 4, 2010. Please see attached.

Moved by Stephanie Champney Seconded by Kathleen Driscoll

7 Aye 0 Nay 0 Abstained APPROVED

**f. Coaching Appointment**

Mrs. Hibbard recommended Board approval of the following 2010 Spring Coaching Recommendation:

***Track & Field***

Assistant Sheryl Bodnar

Please see attached recommendation.

Moved by Mary Ellerson Seconded by Kathleen Driscoll

7 Aye 0 Nay 0 Abstained APPROVED

**g. Appointments**

Mrs. Hibbard recommended Board approval of Cindy Murrer, Cleaner – High School effective March 9, 2010. Please see attached.

Moved by Stephanie Champney Seconded by Kathleen Driscoll

7 Aye 0 Nay 0 Abstained APPROVED

Mrs. Hibbard recommended Board approval of Denise Boyce, Bus Driver effective March 15, 2010. Please see attached.

Moved by Anthony Burchell Seconded by Stephanie Champney

7 Aye 0 Nay 0 Abstained APPROVED

**h. Resignation**

Mrs. Hibbard recommended Board approval of the resignation of Nancy Brooks, Food Service Worker, effective February 3, 2010.

Moved by Thomas Tasber Seconded by Anthony Burchell

7 Aye 0 Nay 0 Abstained APPROVED

**i. Committee on Special Education**

Mrs. Hibbard recommended Board approval of the attached recommendations of the Committee on Special Education.

Moved by Mary Ellerson Seconded by Thomas Tasber

7 Aye 0 Nay 0 Abstained APPROVED

**j. Certification of Bus Vote**

Mrs. Hibbard recommended Board approval of the Certification of the Bus Vote as follows:

Number of votes recorded as voting “YES” 49

Number of votes recorded as voting “NO” 17

Number of votes void 2

Total number of votes cast 68

Moved by Mary Ellerson Seconded by Stephanie Champney

7 Aye 0 Nay 0 Abstained APPROVED

#### **Addenda**

**New Business**

**a. Probationary Employment Termination**

Mrs. Hibbard recommended Board approval of the probationary employment termination of Erica Bensley, Aide, effective March 12, 2010.

Moved by Kathleen Driscoll Seconded by Anthony Burchell

7 Aye 0 Nay 0 Abstained APPROVED

**Comments from the Public**

Tyanna Moseman questioning the reductions of 4-6 salaries in the budget.

Mrs. Hibbard responded that the budget does not reflect any staffing reductions but that the reduction which appears in that line is a result of correctly aligning staff to the appropriate code. The offset of that reduction appears other salary lines.

**Meeting Adjournment**

James DiMascio motioned to adjourn to executive session at 9:03 p.m.

Moved by Stephanie Champney Seconded by Kathleen Driscoll

7 Aye 0 Nay 0 Abstained APPROVED

**Executive Session**

For matters of personnel and contractual issues.

**FYI**

February 2010 Monthly Enrollment Comparison

Broome-Tioga BOCES Annual Meeting Invitation – Thursday, April 1, 2010

March 17 – Whitney Point/Maine Endwell Concert TRA

March 19 – No School, Superintendent’s Conference Day

March 20 – Family Fun Carnival, 11-3 p.m., CEA

March 27 – CEA Celebration of Young Children

March 31 – HS Band and Chorus Spring Concert, 7 p.m.

April 1 – April 11, 2010 – No School, Spring Recess

April 15 – TRA Spring Chorus and Band Concert, 7 p.m.

#### **Addenda**

**FYI**

Rachel’s Challenge Article

Laura J. Lindsley

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### Executive Session called to order at 9:10 p.m.

Present Absent

James DiMascio President X

Sara Benscoter Vice-President X

Anthony Burchell Member X

Stephanie Champney Member X

Kathleen Driscoll Member X

Mary Ellerson Member X

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**Executive Session**

For matters of personnel and contractual issues.

**Meeting Adjournment**

James DiMascio motioned to adjourn the Executive Session at 9:20 p.m.

Moved by Stephanie Champney Seconded by Kathleen Driscoll

6 Aye 0 Nay 0 Abstained APPROVED

Laura J. Lindsley

District Clerk