

BOARD OF EDUCATION

WHITNEY POINT CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

PO BOX 249

Whitney Point, NY 13862

Date: August 3, 2010

District Mission:

To provide an excellent education ensuring that all children maximize their potential, become contributing citizens, and pursue lifelong learning.

District Beliefs:

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### Meeting called to order at 7:01 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: Michael Decker, Jo-Anne Knapp, Murphee Hayes

## Minutes

Mrs. Hibbard recommended Board approval of the Minutes from the Organizational Meeting held on July 13, 2010.

Moved by Anthony Burchell Seconded by Mary Ellerson

6 Aye 0 Nay 0 Abstained APPROVED

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6 Aye 0 Nay 0 Abstained APPROVED

**Commendations**

Mrs. Hibbard commended:

* Mrs. Slack and Mr. Isaacs for their participation in the Coughlin & Gerhart LLP Golf Tournament which raised $1,010.00 for the High School Student Incentive Committee.
* Ms. Phillips, Mrs. Taylor, and Ms. Edwards for participating on the interviewing team for the Spanish Teaching position.
* Ms. Cucci, Ms. Miner, Mrs. Tyler and Mrs. Foran for participating on the interviewing team for the elementary teaching positions.
* Mrs. Pfeiffer, Mrs. Hubbard, Mrs. Ward, Mrs. Heinle, and Ms. Williamson for their participation on the interviewing team for the music teaching position.
* Veronica Gober and Cheryl Maxson for their participation in the NYAPT New York Association of Pupil Transportation “Roadeo”.

**Correspondence**

None

**Policies**

None

**Comments from the Public**

None

## Old Business

Mrs. Hibbard and Mrs. Lindsley provided a brief update on the Phase II Renovation work, which is progressing in several areas at the High School, CEA, and athletic fields. It is anticipated the High School and CEA main offices will locate to their renovated spaces on August 30th. Mr. Riordan will present a full construction update at the August 17th Board meeting.

**New Business**

**a. Tax Warrant Presentation**

Mrs. Lindsley presented information regarding the tax warrant. Please see attached. The tax rate calculation factors of equalization rates and total taxable assessed values were reviewed. The NYS Office of Real Property Services (ORPS) and the local assessors are responsible for those factors with the school district only in control of the amount of the tax levy. Michael Decker assisted the district in providing a review of residential sales prices in the Towns of Triangle and Lisle. The information demonstrated that Triangle’s increasing sales prices are resulting in a declining equalization rate, while the opposite is occurring in Lisle; therefore, Triangle is becoming responsible for more of the tax levy.

A discussion ensued.

**New Business**

**a. Tax Warrant**

Mrs. Hibbard recommended that the Board approve the attached, authorizing the collection of taxes for the 2010-2011 fiscal year and the issuance of the tax warrant for the collection thereof, by authority of Article 13 of the Real Property Tax Law.

Moved by Stephanie Champney Seconded by Thomas Tasber

6 Aye 0 Nay 0 Abstained APPROVED

**b. Request from Football Gridiron Club**

Mr. Dan Thorp requested that the Board consider allowing a one-night football game next season, with the understanding that the Club would pay for the rental of portable lights.

Mrs. Hibbard recommended Board approval of the use of rental lights for one night football game for the 2010-2011 football season, with the financial responsibility belonging to the Gridiron Club, as mentioned above.

Moved by Kathleen Driscoll Seconded by Mary Ellerson

Mrs. Hibbard presented a letter identifying the potential date of the game, 9/24 at 7 p.m. Ms Hayes stated the opposing team has not confirmed and that security will need to be worked out.

6 Aye 0 Nay 0 Abstained APPROVED

**c. Coaching Appointment**

Mrs. Hibbard recommended Board approval of the following 2010 Fall Coaching Recommendations:

**Boys and Girls Cross-Country**

Varsity/Modified Rebecca Molloy

**Boys Soccer**

JV Jason Moore

**Girls Volleyball**

Varsity Danielle DeVaul

Please see attached supporting documentation.

Moved by Stephanie Champney Seconded by Mary Ellerson

Ms. Hayes clarified participation levels are high enough to support boys JV soccer team.

6 Aye 0 Nay 0 Abstained APPROVED

**d. Policies**

Mrs. Hibbard discussed the organization of the District’s Policy Manual. The on-line set up of the policies on the district’s web-site was reviewed. Stephanie Champney, Mary Ellerson, and Thomas Tasber agreed to serve on a committee to review the district’s policies.

**e. BOCES Contract**

Mrs. Hibbard recommended Board approval of the 2010-2011 Broome Tioga BOCES Base Contract.

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education of the Whitney Point Central School District will participate in the services below during the 2010-2011 school year:

* Cross Contracts
  + Health and Safety Services
  + Shared Print Service
  + State Aid Planning
  + Interscholastic Sports Coordination
  + Negotiation Services
  + GASB 45 Service
  + Performing Arts Service
* Administration
  + Administration
  + Capital
* Management Support
  + Grant Writer
  + Public Information
  + Research/Planning Service
  + Food Service Management
  + Digital Fingerprinting Service
  + Shared Print Service
  + Chief School Officers’ Professional Development
* Instructional Programs
  + Career Pathways
  + Career Exploration
  + Occupational Education
  + Schools to Careers
  + Evertech High School
* Special Education Services
  + 12:1+1 PRIDE
  + 12:1+1 Work Study
  + 12:1+1 Center-Based/PALS
  + 8:1+1 Center-Based Spectrum/Transitions
  + 8:1+1 District-Based/Oaktree
  + 8:1+1 District-Based/Crossroads
  + 8:1+1 Center-Based/PALS
  + Occupational & Physical Therapy
  + BOCES Aides & Monitors
  + Adaptive Physical Education Services
  + Speech Services
  + Social Worker Services
  + Consultant Teacher Services
  + Summer Services
* Itinerant Services
  + Deaf/Hearing Impaired
  + English 2nd Language
* Alternative Education Programs
  + Alternative High School
  + Alternative Middle School
  + GED Program
  + Evergreen
* Instructional Programs
  + Home Schooling Liaison
  + Odyssey of the Mind
  + Cooperative Summer School
* Professional Development Services
  + School Curriculum Improvement Services
  + Literacy Professional Development
    - Reading Recovery
    - Leveled Literacy Intervention
  + Math Professional Development
  + Data Analysis
  + Technology Professional Development
  + Leadership Professional Development
* Educational Resource Services
  + Library Information Resources
    - School Library System Expanded Database Development & SCHOOLS Database
    - School Library System Coordinated Cooperative Collection Development
    - Media Library/Educational Communications
  + Technology Resources
    - Common Learning Objectives
    - Microcomputer-Based Guidance Services
    - Video Conferencing
    - School Center Service
  + Health, Wellness & Physical Education Resources
    - Comprehensive School Health/Wellness
    - Coaches Course I, II & III
  + Classroom Enrichment Resources
    - Regional Center for Science & Math
* Technology Infrastructure Services
  + Regional Telecommunications Service
  + Network Support Service
  + Telephone Interconnect Service
* Data & Applications Services
  + Student Management Systems
    - PowerSchool Student Management System
  + Data Collection/Testing
    - Data Warehouse/Data Collection
    - Test Scoring – Regents
  + Financial Applications
    - Finance Manager Financial Support
  + Cafeteria Management
    - Nutrikids Cafeteria Information Services
  + Other Administrative Technology
    - Professional Development Tracking
    - Medicaid Data Collection

ALSO BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education agrees to pay Broome Tioga BOCES the $3,016,037.06 of charges identified on the Base Contract according to the following schedule:

Eight (8) equal payments beginning October 1, 2010 and ending May 1, 2011

ALSO BE IT RESOLVED, that the payments on the supplemental contracts will be implemented by the District in consonance with the payment schedule stipulated on the contract.

Moved by Stephanie Champney Seconded by Anthony Burchell

Mrs Hibbard clarified the reasoning and benefits of supplemental billings to the district.

6 Aye 0 Nay 0 Abstained APPROVED

**f. Cellular Phones**

Mrs. Hibbard recommended the Board approve six (6) district owned cellular phones for the Transportation Department. The cellular phone contract is included in a service purchased from Broome Tioga BOCES:

These cell phones will be distributed as a safety precaution to drivers who are routinely outside of bus garage radio range:

Moved by Thomas Tasber Seconded by Mary Ellerson

6 Aye 0 Nay 0 Abstained APPROVED

**g. Appointments**

Mrs. Hibbard recommended Board approval of a one year probationary appointment for Benjamin Ellerson, Social Studies Teacher, High School effective September 1, 2010.

Mr. Ellerson was previously employed by the Whitney Point Central School District from September 1, 2007 until his position was abolished on June 30, 2009.

Moved by Stephanie Champney Seconded by Kathleen Driscoll

Mrs. Hibbard explained Mr. Ellerson was on the preferred eligibility list and had served two years in the entitled tenure position.

6 Aye 0 Nay 0 Abstained APPROVED

Mrs. Hibbard recommended Board approval of a three year probationary appointment for Molly Babcock, Elementary Teacher, Tioughnioga Riverside Academy effective September 1, 2010.

Moved by Kathleen Driscoll Seconded by Stephanie Champney

Anthony Burchell questioned why the candidate was relocating to the area?

Mrs. Hibbard stated to accept the teaching position.

Anthony Burchell expressed a desire for the Board to support candidates willing to reside in the district as a means to provide economic growth to the community.

A discussion ensued.

5 Aye 1 Nay (Anthony Burchell) 0 Abstained APPROVED

Mrs. Hibbard recommended Board approval of a three year probationary appointment for Lauren Oliff, Elementary Teacher, Tioughnioga Riverside Academy effective September 1, 2010.

Moved by Stephanie Champney Seconded by Anthony Burchell

Anthony Burchell expressed a concern of the candidate not residing in the district.

5 Aye 1 Nay (Anthony Burchell) 0 Abstained APPROVED

Mrs. Hibbard recommended Board approval of a three year probationary appointment for September Desmond, General Music Teacher, Caryl E. Adams Elementary School effective September 1, 2010.

Moved by Thomas Tasber Seconded by Kathleen Driscoll

Anthony Burchell expressed a concern of the candidate not residing in the district.

Jo-Ann Knapp stated the candidate is not opposed to living in the area but was unable to secure an adequate family home.

Mrs. Hibbard clarified the candidate’s children will not be attending Whitney Point.

5 Aye 1 Nay (Anthony Burchell) 0 Abstained APPROVED

Mrs. Hibbard recommended Board approval of Destra Kastning, Cleaner – Tioughnioga Riverside Academy, effective July 30, 2010. Please see attached.

Moved by Anthony Burchell Seconded by Stephanie Champney

6 Aye 0 Nay 0 Abstained APPROVED

Mrs. Hibbard recommended Board approval of John Burnett, Cleaner – High School, effective July 30, 2010. Please see attached.

Moved by Kathleen Driscoll Seconded by Thomas Tasber

6 Aye 0 Nay 0 Abstained APPROVED

**h. Appointment of Deputy Clerk**

Mrs. Hibbard recommended Board approval of Patricia Follette as Deputy District Clerk, Whitney Point Central School District effective August 3, 2010.

Moved by Stephanie Champney Seconded by Mary Ellerson

6 Aye 0 Nay 0 Abstained APPROVED

**i. Appointment of Civil Service Officer**

Mrs. Hibbard recommended Board approval of the appointment of Laura Lindsley as Civil Service Officer, Whitney Point Central School District effective August 3, 2010.

Moved by Kathleen Driscoll Seconded by Mary Ellerson

6 Aye 0 Nay 0 Abstained APPROVED

**j. Appointment of Prevailing Wage Designee**

Mrs. Lindsley presented information about the District’s responsibilities regarding this regulation and the process the district will need to follow to be in compliance.

Mrs. Hibbard recommended the Board designate Laura Lindsley the individual responsible to collect certified payrolls and review for facial validity as required by the General Provisions of Laws Covering Workers on Public Work Contracts as a Department of Jurisdiction, the Whitney Point Central School District.

Moved by Anthony Burchell Seconded by Mary Ellerson

6 Aye 0 Nay 0 Abstained APPROVED

**k. Tenure Recommendations**

Mrs. Hibbard recommended Board approval of the tenure recommendation for Mr. Bruce Tytler, High School Principal, effective August 4, 2010. Please see attached.

Moved by Kathleen Driscoll Seconded by Mary Ellerson

Mrs. Hibbard stated that Mr. Tytler is an asset to the district and leadership team. He works collaboratively with groups and committees to enhance student achievement. He promotes the importance of education with all students and wants them all to be “winners.” He is a problem solver with a positive “can do” attitude.

Mrs. Hibbard further clarified the information the Board received included the rubrics from the recently completed Administrative Evaluation and Review documents

6 Aye 0 Nay 0 Abstained APPROVED

Mrs. Hibbard recommended Board approval of the tenure recommendation for Mrs. Jo-Anne Knapp, Elementary Principal, effective September 1, 2010. Please see attached.

Moved by Thomas Tasber Seconded by Mary Ellerson

Mrs. Hibbard stated that Mrs. Knapp has embraced the Literacy Collaborative Framework and works with the Implementation Team to move the CEA toward full implementation of the model. She keeps the building informed with weekly updates and is actively involved in the community. Mrs. Knapp is an asset to the district and leadership team.

6 Aye 0 Nay 0 Abstained APPROVED

**l. Whitney Point Staff Organization Contract**

Mrs. Hibbard recommended Board approval of the 2010-2013 contract between the Superintendent of the Whitney Point Central School District and the Whitney Point Staff Organization.

Moved by Stephanie Champney Seconded by Kathleen Driscoll

6 Aye 0 Nay 0 Abstained APPROVED

**m. Bread Bid**

Mrs. Hibbard recommended Board approval of the award to Bimbo Foods, Felix Roma, and Direnzo's as low bidders for the 2010-2011 Bread Bid as prepared by Broome Tioga BOCES Food Service Program.

Moved by Stephanie Champney Seconded by Kathleen Driscoll

6 Aye 0 Nay 0 Abstained APPROVED

**n. Treasurer’s Report**

Mrs. Hibbard recommended Board approval of the June 2010 Treasurer’s Report. Please see attached copy.

Moved by Stephanie Champney Seconded by Thomas Tasber

Mary Ellerson questioned the high amount in extra classroom account?

Mrs. Lindsley state the amount is comparable to previous year ends.

Discussion ensued.

6 Aye 0 Nay 0 Abstained APPROVED

**o. Warrant**

Mrs. Hibbard recommended Board approval of the June 2010 Warrant. Please see attached copy.

Moved by Kathleen Driscoll Seconded by Stephanie Champney

Mrs. Lindsley clarified payment questions.

6 Aye 0 Nay 0 Abstained APPROVED

**p. Extra-Classroom Report**

Mrs. Hibbard recommended Board approval of the attached 2009-2010 Year End Extra-Classroom Report.

Moved by Stephanie Champney Seconded by Thomas Tasber

Mary Ellerson expressed a concern over the amount of funds in the Junior/Senior Class and that students are not aware of the potential uses of the funds.

Discussion ensued.

6 Aye 0 Nay 0 Abstained APPROVED

#### **Addenda**

**b. Modified Athletics**

Ms. Hayes will presented information regarding modified athletics. Please see attached.

Ms. Hayes presented philosophy and data regarding participation and coaching levels of modified athletics. Responses from 18 school districts to a survey concerning modified sports were reviewed. Ms Hayes provided suggestions regarding large participation levels at the modified level. Ms. Hayes and Mrs. Hibbard explained the goal of the program is to connect athletes to the school while providing health and wellness opportunities. Unfortunately budgetary restrictions will impact decisions regarding the program.

Discussion ensued.

Mr. DiMascio stated the dialog in this area will continue and might be a consideration for the Athletic Action Committee.

**c. Donation**

Mrs. Hibbard recommended the Board accept the donation of thirty-six (36) copies of Biological Science 2/3 by Scott Freeman (Pearson, 2005) from Mando Books. Please see attached.

Moved by Thomas Tasber Seconded by Kathleen Driscoll

6 Aye 0 Nay 0 Abstained APPROVED with appreciation

**Comments from the Public**

None

**Meeting Adjournment**

James DiMascio motioned to adjourn the Executive Session at 9:58 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**

2010-2011 Whitney Point Central School District Calendar (draft) for your review/check dates

2010-2011 Leadership Retreat Agenda

SUNY Cortland Hilltop Happenings Article – Bruce Tytler

**Next Meeting**

August 17, 2010 - Renovation Update – The Riordan Group

3-8 Assessment Results/Changes in Accountability

District Shared Decision Making Plan

Laura J. Lindsley

District Clerk



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Present Absent

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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

**Executive Session**

For matters of personnel and contractual issues.

**Meeting Adjournment**

James DiMascio motioned to adjourn the Executive Session at 10:20 p.m.

Moved by Stephanie Champney Seconded by Kathleen Driscoll

6 Aye 0 Nay 0 Abstained APPROVED

Laura J. Lindsley

District Clerk