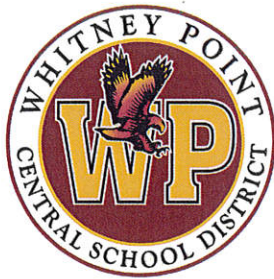


WHITNEY POINT CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

Board of Education Meeting

Whitney Point High School Building
High School Library
PO Box 249
Whitney Point, NY 13862



MINUTES

Tuesday, May 17, 2022

District Mission:

7:00 p.m.

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 called to order at 7:01 p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

		<u>Present</u>	<u>Absent</u>
Stephanie Champney	President	X	_____
Kathleen Driscoll	Vice-President	X	_____
Donette Griffith	Member	7:46 p.m.	_____
Brian Jeker	Member	X	_____
Eddie Maslin	Member	X	_____
Thomas Tasber	Member	X	_____
Christine Widdall	Member	X	_____
Jo-Ann Sexton	Superintendent of Schools	X	_____
Shannon Gillette	Assistant Superintendent	X	_____
Zachary Woodard	School Business Executive	X	_____
Stacey Forkey	District Clerk	X	_____

Others in attendance: Jo-Anne Knapp, Michael Knapp, Mary Knapp, Erik Sculley, Amy Kehoe, Murphee Hayes, Aaron Kaminsky, Dan Sweeney, Molly Goosman, Lauren Macaluso, Jocelyn Wormuth, Kenny Pegos, Julie Lamuraglia, Linda Burghardt, James Gower, Jeff Isaacs

A. PROPOSED EXECUTIVE SESSION

No need at this time.

B. CORRESPONDENCE

None.

C. POLICIES 1ST READING

None.

D. POLICIES 2ND READING

BE IT RESOLVED upon recommendation of the Superintendent that the Board of Education of the Whitney Point Central School District approve policy number **7513.1 Students with Life Threatening Health Conditions** for second reading.

Moved by Thomas Tasber

Seconded by Brian Jeker

Mr. Maslin asked if there will be a large expense associated with this change.

Ms. Sexton stated that the only change is the naloxone and that it is currently free for the district.

Dr. Widdall asked if faculty and staff will be able to be trained if they wish?

Ms. Sexton responded that they would.

6 Aye 0 Nay 0 Abstained

APPROVED

E. COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

None.

F. COMMENDATIONS

Ms. Sexton commends:

- Ms. Pullen and the Tioughnioga Riverside Academy (TRA) 6th – 8th Grade Band for their Spring Band concert held on May 5, 2022.
- Mr. Matthews and the TRA 6th – 8th Grade Chorus for their Spring Chorus concert held on May 10, 2022.
- Whitney Point High School Valedictorian Jane Austenfeld, and Salutatorian Lindsay Davis. Congratulations on your achievements.

- Whitney Point TRA Special Education Teacher Mrs. Wolfer for being featured on WBNG 12 News as part of Teacher Appreciation Week.
- The following Whitney Point High School Seniors for their placement in the top ten of the Whitney Point High School graduating class of 2022:

1. Jane Austenfeld
2. Lindsay Davis
3. Reese Abrahamson
4. Keaghan Johnson
5. Taylor Petrie
6. Kelsey Barrows
7. Kaylie Lynch
8. Emma Morgan
9. Jady Poland
10. Kyleigh Livingston

ADDENDA

A. COMMENDATIONS

Ms. Sexton commends:

- *Mrs. Goosman, Ms. Macaluso, Mrs. Winterstein and the Carnival Committee as well as the many others who were involved in the Family Fun Carnival held on Saturday, May 14th including everyone who came to enjoy it. We had a great turn out for the return of this fun filled event.*

G. OLD BUSINESS

None.

H. NEW BUSINESS

1. Approval of Consent Agenda

Items under the Consent Agenda will be enacted under one motion. There will be no separate discussion of these items prior to the time of the Board vote, unless a Board member requests an item to be removed from the consent Agenda for separate discussion and action.

BE IT RESOLVED upon recommendation of the Superintendent that the Board of Education of the Whitney Point Central School District approve the following Consent Agenda items:

- a. Board of Education Meeting Minutes** – May 3, 2022
- b. Resignation** – Christina Ellerson, English Teacher – effective June 30, 2022
- c. Unpaid Leave of Absence** – Stephanie Ewald – effective May 11-June 24 with a return date of September 1, 2022
- d. Treasurer’s Report** – April 2022
- e. Extra-Classroom Treasurer’s Report** – April 2022
- f. Committee on Special Education Recommendations**

Moved by Kathleen Driscoll

Seconded by Eddie Maslin

6 Aye 0 Nay 0 Abstained

APPROVED

2. Termination

BE IT RESOLVED upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, and in accordance with Education Law 3031, that the services of James Hogan a probationary teacher serving in the tenure area of Special Education, be and the same are hereby TERMINATED, effective June 30, 2022.

Moved by Christine Widdall

Seconded by Brian Jeker

6 Aye 0 Nay 0 Abstained

APPROVED

ADDENDA

B. NEW BUSINESS

1. Transfer

BE IT RESOLVED upon recommendation of the Superintendent that the Board of Education of the Whitney Point Central School District approve the voluntary transfer of **Olivia Dennison** from Special Education Teacher to a three-year probationary tenure appointment as Elementary Education Teacher in the Elementary Education Teacher tenure area effective September 1, 2022 upon receipt of a composite or overall annual performance rating of effective or highly effective for the 2021-2022 school year according to Education Law Section 3012-d.

Moved by Brian Jeker

Seconded by Eddie Maslin

Ms. Sexton stated that Ms. Dennison will be filling the position formerly held by Rebecca Foran.

Ms. Dennison thanked the Board for the opportunity and stated that she is looking forward to transitioning into the classroom teacher role.

6 Aye 0 Nay 0 Abstained

APPROVED

3. Appointments

BE IT RESOLVED upon recommendation of the Superintendent that the Board of Education of the Whitney Point Central School District approve the three (3) year probationary appointment of **Dominick D'Imperio**, Music Teacher, in the Music Teacher tenure area effective September 1, 2022.

The probationary period of September 1, 2022 through August 31, 2025 is tentative and conditional only. Except to the extent required by the applicable provisions of Section 3012 of the Education Law, in order to be granted tenure the teacher must receive composite or overall annual performance review ratings, pursuant to Education Law Section 3012-d of either Effective or Highly-Effective for the required number of years and if the teacher receives an Ineffective composite or overall rating in the final year of the probationary period, the teacher shall not be eligible for tenure at that time.

Moved by Thomas Tasber

Seconded by Kathleen Driscoll

Ms. Sexton stated that Mr. D'Imperio will be replacing Sheila Davies.

6 Aye 0 Nay 0 Abstained

APPROVED

BE IT RESOLVED upon recommendation of the Superintendent that the Board of Education of the Whitney Point Central School District approve the three (3) year probationary appointment of **Karen Kiechle**, Special Education Teacher, in the Special Education Teacher tenure area effective September 1, 2022.

The probationary period of September 1, 2022 through August 31, 2025 is tentative and conditional only. Except to the extent required by the applicable provisions of Section 3012 of the Education Law, in order to be granted tenure the teacher must receive composite or overall annual performance review ratings, pursuant to Education Law Section 3012-d of either Effective or Highly-Effective for the required number of years and if the teacher receives an Ineffective composite or overall rating in the final year of the probationary period, the teacher shall not be eligible for tenure at that time.

Moved by Eddie Maslin

Seconded by Christine Widdall

Ms. Sexton stated that Ms. Kiechle will be replacing Violet Davis.

6 Aye 0 Nay 0 Abstained

APPROVED

BE IT RESOLVED upon recommendation of the Superintendent that the Board of Education of the Whitney Point Central School District approve the four (4) year probationary appointment of **Grace Dow**, English Teacher, in the English Teacher tenure area effective September 1, 2022.

The probationary period of September 1, 2022 through August 31, 2026 is tentative and conditional only. Except to the extent required by the applicable provisions of Section 3012 of the Education Law, in order to be granted tenure the teacher must receive composite or overall annual performance review ratings, pursuant to Education Law Section 3012-d of either Effective or Highly-Effective for the required number of years and if the teacher receives an Ineffective composite or overall rating in the final year of the probationary period, the teacher shall not be eligible for tenure at that time.

Moved by Kathleen Driscoll

Seconded by Grace Dow

Ms. Sexton stated that Ms. Dow will be replacing Christina Philbert.

Mr. Jeker asked why this probationary period is for four years and the previous two appointments are only three?

Ms. Sexton responded that the previous two appointments were previously tenured, which is the reason for a shorter probationary period.

6 Aye 0 Nay 0 Abstained

APPROVED

ADDENDA

C. NEW BUSINESS

2. Appointments

BE IT RESOLVED upon recommendation of the Superintendent that the Board of Education of the Whitney Point Central School District approve the four (4) year probationary appointment of **Joseph Clain**, Special Education Teacher, in the Special Education Teacher tenure area effective September 1, 2022.

The probationary period of September 1, 2022 through August 31, 2026 is tentative and conditional only. Except to the extent required by the applicable provisions of Section 3012 of the Education Law, in order to be granted tenure the teacher must receive composite or overall annual performance review ratings, pursuant to Education Law Section 3012-d of either Effective or Highly-Effective for the required number of years and if the teacher receives an Ineffective composite or overall rating in the final year of the probationary period, the teacher shall not be eligible for tenure at that time.

Moved by Eddie Maslin

Seconded by Christine Widdall

Ms. Sexton stated that Mr. Clain will replace Olivia Dennison.

6 Aye 0 Nay 0 Abstained

APPROVED

BE IT RESOLVED upon recommendation of the Superintendent that the Board of Education of the Whitney Point Central School District approve the four (4) year probationary appointment of **Dalton Gates**, English Teacher, in the English Teacher tenure area effective September 1, 2022.

The probationary period of September 1, 2022 through August 31, 2026 is tentative and conditional only. Except to the extent required by the applicable provisions of Section 3012 of the Education Law, in order to be granted tenure the teacher must receive composite or overall annual performance review ratings, pursuant to Education Law Section 3012-d of either Effective or Highly-Effective for the required number of years and if the teacher receives an Ineffective composite or overall rating in the final year of the probationary period, the teacher shall not be eligible for tenure at that time.

Moved by Brian Jeker

Seconded by Christine Widdall

Ms. Sexton stated that Mr. Gates will replace Christina Ellerson.

6 Aye 0 Nay 0 Abstained

APPROVED

BE IT RESOLVED upon recommendation of the Superintendent that the Board of Education of the Whitney Point Central School District approve the appointment of **Sara Ames**, Bus Monitor, effective May 18, 2022.

Moved by Thomas Tasber

Seconded by Eddie Maslin

Ms. Sexton stated that Ms. Ames will replace Stacy Singer.

6 Aye 0 Nay 0 Abstained

APPROVED

3. Tenure Recommendations

BE IT RESOLVED upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools that **Julie Lamuraglia** be and is hereby granted tenure in the area of Administrator effective September 1, 2022.

Moved by Kathleen Driscoll

Seconded by Eddie Maslin

Ms. Sexton stated that she is very thankful that Mrs. Lamuraglia is working with us.

Mrs. Lamuraglia thanked the Board for this opportunity. She said that she cannot believe how fast four years went and that she feels like she has found her home.

6 Aye o Nay o Abstained

APPROVED

BE IT RESOLVED upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools that **Amanda Doolittle** be and is hereby granted tenure in the area of School Counselor effective July 1, 2022.

Moved by Brian Jeker

Seconded by Christine Widdall

Mr. Tasber asked for an explanation of the APPR language.

Ms. Sexton stated that all of the people receiving tenure this evening did receive the full cycles but that laws were changed through the pandemic to waive requirements for APPR because of the cancellations of regents.

6 Aye o Nay o Abstained

APPROVED

BE IT RESOLVED upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools that **Danielle Stanke** be and is hereby granted tenure in the area of Elementary Teacher effective September 1, 2022.

Moved by Thomas Tasber

Seconded by Eddie Maslin

6 Aye o Nay o Abstained

APPROVED

BE IT RESOLVED upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools that **Kaitlyn Stanton** be and is hereby granted tenure in the area of Elementary Teacher effective September 1, 2022.

Moved by Kathleen Driscoll

Seconded by Christine Widdall

Dr. Widdall stated that this young lady was her student for a couple of years and then became a graduate assistant.

6 Aye o Nay o Abstained

APPROVED

BE IT RESOLVED upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools that **Jaqueline Atwood** be and is hereby granted tenure in the area of Elementary Teacher effective September 1, 2022.

Moved by Christine Widdall

Seconded by Brian Jeker

Dr. Widdall stated that Ms. Atwood is her neighbor, has been an inspiration, has fought adversity, and that she started in the PreK building and has worked her way up.

Mrs. Champney stated that she has also had the pleasure of working with Ms. Atwood when she was a PreK teacher.

6 Aye o Nay o Abstained

APPROVED

BE IT RESOLVED upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools that **Loganne DiRusso** be and is hereby granted tenure in the area of Elementary Teacher effective September 1, 2022.

Moved by Eddie Maslin

Seconded by Christine Widdall

Dr. Widdall stated that Ms. DiRusso is another one of SUNY Cortland's students who came to Whitney Point after doing student teaching. She said that we are a lucky community.

6 Aye o Nay o Abstained

APPROVED

BE IT RESOLVED upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools that **Caitlyn Sweeney** be and is hereby granted tenure in the area of Elementary Teacher effective September 1, 2022.

Moved by Christine Widdall

Seconded by Kathleen Driscoll

Dr. Widdall stated that Ms. Sweeney is also one of her former students. She said that she was very quiet but has blossomed into an amazing young teacher. She also said that Ms. Sweeney had some experience elsewhere and we are very lucky that she came back to Whitney Point to teach.

6 Aye o Nay o Abstained

APPROVED

BE IT RESOLVED upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools that **Mary Knapp** be and is hereby granted tenure in the area of Elementary Teacher effective September 1, 2022.

Moved by Kathleen Driscoll

Seconded by Christine Widdall

Mrs. Champney told Ms. Knap that she is very proud of her and that seeing how far she has come is amazing.

Dr. Widdall stated that she has been one of SUNY Cortland's student teacher's mentors this year and they have given her rave reviews.

6 Aye o Nay o Abstained

APPROVED

BE IT RESOLVED upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools that **Angela DeVito** be and is hereby granted tenure in the area of Elementary Teacher effective September 1, 2022.

Moved by Christine Widdall

Seconded by Eddie Maslin

6 Aye o Nay o Abstained

APPROVED

BE IT RESOLVED upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools that **Jessica Cortese** be and is hereby granted tenure in the area of Art Teacher effective September 1, 2022.

Moved by Kathleen Driscoll

Seconded by Christine Widdall

6 Aye o Nay o Abstained

APPROVED

4. District Attorney Investigator Agreement (SRO)

BE IT RESOLVED upon recommendation of the Superintendent that the Board of Education of the Whitney Point Central School District approve of the renewal Agreement between the Board of Education of the Whitney Point Central School District and Broome County dated May 17, 2022.

Moved by Christine Widdall

Seconded by Eddie Maslin

Mr. Woodard stated that this agreement is in the same context that we have worked with the County in previous years as far as payment terms and structure. He said that it is now for two SROs rather than one and that the District was awarded a grant last year for this position. Mr. Woodard stated that the plan is to have one SRO at the upper campus and one at the lower campus.

Mr. Tasber stated that if we are as lucky as we were with the first SRO, we will be very blessed.

Mrs. Champney stated that having officer Noyes has been very valuable to the District, even just considering the relationships he builds with the students as someone who is reliable, safe, and trusted is great, not only when he is needed.

6 Aye 0 Nay 0 Abstained

APPROVED

ADDENDA

B. NEW BUSINESS

3. Field Trip Request

BE IT RESOLVED upon recommendation of the Superintendent that the Board of Education of the Whitney Point Central School District approve the Tioughnioga Riverside Academy 8th Grade field trip proposal to the Buffalo and Rochester area on Wednesday June 22, 2022 and to Hershey Park, PA on Thursday June 23, 2022.

Moved by Thomas Tasber

Seconded by Brian Jeker

Ms. Sexton stated that this would replace the DC Trip and that it was decided to do drivable trips for the students this year.

Mr. Tasber stated that he feels this is a once in a lifetime trip for many of our students and is happy that we can provide it.

6 Aye 0 Nay 0 Abstained

APPROVED

5. Last Day of School Information

The last day of school information for the Whitney Point Central School District is as follows:

- The last day of school for all students **Pre-K-8** will be half days on Wednesday, June 22 and Thursday, June 23, 2022.
- The last day of school for **High School** students will be on Tuesday, June 14, 2022. Regents and final exams will be held Wednesday, June 15 through Friday, June 17 and Tuesday, June 21 through Friday, June 24, 2022.
- The last day for **Teachers** will be a full day on Friday, June 24, 2022.

- The last day for the **Staff Unit (aides and food service workers)** will be a full day on Monday, June 27, 2022.

Ms. Sexton stated that this year because of the April storm and the loss of power, we were short days but we were given a waiver we could apply for because there was a county-wide state of emergency.

6. WP RFP 2021-2022 Generator Load Testing

WHEREAS, the Whitney Point Central School District did open for public bid according to General Municipal Law, the following Proposal: WP 2021-2022:01 Generator Load Testing, and whereas, the proposals were publicly opened and read on May 12, 2022 at 2:00 p.m., at the BT Boces Central Business Office at 100 Marshall Drive, Endicott NY 13760, be it resolved, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the School Business Executive and the Purchasing Agent, that the bid proposal be awarded to: Matco Electric Corp., 3913 Gates Road, Vestal, NY 13850.

Moved by Eddie Maslin

Seconded by Kathleen Driscoll

Mr. Woodard stated that during recent power outages, it has been difficult to know what runs on the generator and what does not. He said that the District is looking to expand what the generator can run during power outages when school is in session such as restrooms, data centers for Wi-Fi, etc.. He said that the schools routinely have several power outages per year.

Mr. Tasber asked what the laws are about power outages when the roads are clear.

Mr. Woodard stated that the High School is a designated Red Cross area and that once the District feels comfortable with the amount of things that can be run by the generator, we will be able to offer our spaces as other area schools did during the long power outage.

6 Aye 0 Nay 0 Abstained

APPROVED

7. WP 2022-2023:01 – Garbage/Recycling

WHEREAS, the Whitney Point Central School District did open for public bid according to General Municipal Law, the following bid: WP2022-2023:01 – GARBAGE / RECYCLING and whereas, the bids were publicly opened and read on May 12, 2022 at 11:00 AM, in the BOCES Central Business Office, be it resolved, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools and the Purchasing Agent, that the bid for GARBAGE/ RECYCLING be awarded to Taylor Garbage, PO Box 362, Vestal, NY 13851.

Moved by Eddie Maslin

Seconded by Brian Jeker

Mr. Woodard stated that it was brought up previously that the District was going to be seeking a new garbage service beginning in July. The rate is very comparable to what we are currently paying but will be better service and better access for our facilities staff.

Mr. Tasber asked if this will be an upgrade.

Mr. Woodard stated that this proposal is giving us more dumpsters at closer locations that are picked up more regularly with an overall better service.

Mr. Tasber ask if recycling will be done better than has been done in the past.

Mr. Woodard stated that we are always trying to do better and that we have recycling containers where paper and cardboard products are recycled. He noted that he had reached out to the landfill for a battery recycling bin, but they declined.

Mr. Jeker stated that Taylor has a large recycling plant, so there should be less of an issue with this.

Mr. Maslin asked how many bidders there were.

Mr. Woodard stated that there were two bid responses and they were Bert Adams and Taylor and that Bert Adams was exceptionally higher than Taylor.

6 Aye 0 Nay 0 Abstained APPROVED

The Board recessed the meeting at 7:46 p.m.

6 Aye 0 Nay 0 Abstained APPROVED

The meeting reconvened at 9:30

Moved by Kathleen Driscoll Seconded by Donette Griffith

7 Aye 0 Nay 0 Abstained APPROVED

8. Certification of the Vote

(The Board may take a brief recess to ascertain the voting results.)

BE IT RESOLVED upon recommendation of the Superintendent that the Board of Education of the Whitney Point Central School District approve of the Certification of the Vote as follows:

Proposition One – Budget Vote

Number of votes recorded as voting “YES”	362
Number of votes recorded as voting “NO”	79
Number of votes void	1
Total number of votes cast	442

Proposition Two – School Vehicle Vote

Number of votes recorded as voting “YES”	344
Number of votes recorded as voting “NO”	81
Number of votes void	1
Total number of votes cast	426

Mr. Jeker stated that this year it is far less costly than it was before we dropped it and the reasons we dropped it was the cost. They offer a lot of different areas of involvement that he said he thinks would be beneficial.

Mr. Maslin stated that he thinks we need all the resources we can pull at this time and that it would benefit the District.

Motion to join NYSSBA for the next fiscal year.

Moved by Christine Widdall

Seconded by Donette Griffith

7 Aye 0 Nay 0 Abstained

APPROVED

L. ADJOURNMENT

BE IT RESOLVED upon recommendation of the Superintendent that the Board of Education of the Whitney Point Central School District approve the motion to adjourn the Public Meeting at 9:47 p.m.

Moved by Kathleen Driscoll

Seconded by Christine Widdall

7 Aye 0 Nay 0 Abstained

APPROVED

M. FYI

May 18, 2022 – NYSSMA Major Organization Festival (6-8th Grade Band)

May 19, 2022 – HS Spring Band Concert, HS Auditorium, 7 p.m.

May 24-June 3 – NYS Science testing window grades 4 & 8 Lab

May 27-30, 2022 – Memorial Weekend - NO SCHOOL

June 4, 2022 – SAT Test

June 6, 202 – NYS Science written test grades 4 & 8

June 6-10, 2022 – Kinderville at the CEA

June 11, 2022 – High School Prom

June 15-17 & 21-24, 2022 – HS Regents Exams

June 20, 2022 – Juneteenth observed – NO SCHOOL

June 21, 2022 – Board of Education Meeting, HS Library, 6:00 p.m.

June 24, 2022 – Graduation

ADDENDA

D. FYI

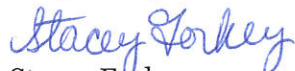
May 19, 2022 – 8th Grade Algebra Field Test

May 24, 2022 – 8th Grade NYS Field Test

June 7, 2022 – Board of Education Meeting, HS Library, 6:00 p.m.

June 17, 2022 – 8th Grade Awards Ceremony

Respectfully submitted,



Stacey Forkey
District Clerk