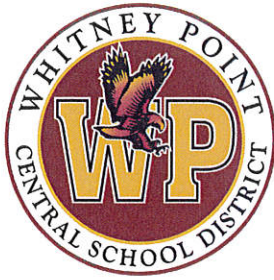


WHITNEY POINT CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

Board of Education Meeting

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



MINUTES

Tuesday, June 21, 2022

District Mission:

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

6:00 p.m.

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 6:17 p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

		<u>Present</u>	<u>Absent</u>
Stephanie Champney	President	ZOOM	_____
Kathleen Driscoll	Vice-President	_____	X
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: Dan Sweeney, Molly Goosman, Lauren Macaluso, Murphee Hayes, Aaron Kaminsky, Cindy Lawrence, Tyanna Moseman, Erik Sculley

A. PROPOSED EXECUTIVE SESSION

BE IT RESOLVED upon recommendation of the Superintendent that the Board of Education of the Whitney Point Central School District recess the public meeting at 6:18 p.m. and adjourn to Executive Session to hear discussion on contractual matters.

Moved by Brian Jeker

Seconded by Thomas Tasber

5 Aye 0 Nay 0 Abstained

APPROVED

The Board reconvened to the regular meeting at 6:26 p.m.

B. CORRESPONDENCE

None.

C. POLICIES 1ST READING

None.

D. POLICIES 2ND READING

None.

E. COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

Erik Sculley, Whitney Point resident stated that as Whitney Point Fire Captain, he sent a request to the District to pick up senior Hailie Dickel who is a member of the fire department with a fire truck on the last day of school. He thanked Ms. Sexton, Mr. Wolf, and Officer Noyes for allowing this to happen and helping to coordinate a safe and organized way to do so on behalf of Hailie, her family, and the fire department.

F. COMMENDATIONS

Ms. Sexton commends:

- The Whitney Point Art and Music Departments and the Music Booster Club for organizing the District Art Show and Ice Cream Social held on June 8, 2022. Thank you also to those who donated their time to help make this great event happen.
- All of the Whitney Point students who displayed their talents through artwork and choral, and band performances at the District Art Show and Ice Cream Social and the families and community for showing their support for our students.
- Mrs. Goosman, Ms. Macaluso and the CEA faculty and staff for bringing back Kinderville, giving our Kindergarten students an opportunity to learn about community and how everyone has their own important roles in a successful community.

- Beth Whittaker and Julia Jurena, Mrs. Goosman and Ms. Macaluso for organizing a car seat safety event and the Broome County Child Passenger Safety Program for performing car seat checks for our community on June 11, 2022. Participants included Head Start of Whitney Point, Whitney Point UPK, Early Eagles and the Community Schools program, local churches, WIC (Women, Infants, & Children), Family Enrichment Network, Mothers and Babies Perinatal Network, Broome County Health Department, Fidelis Care, PACT Program, and Rural Health Network.
- Mr. Sweeney, Mrs. Monico, Mrs. Turner, Mr. Ellerson, Mr. Vachon, Mr. Nardocci, Ms. Thomas, Mr. & Mrs. Noyes, Mrs. Gillette as well as all of the students who attended, for a memorable prom on June 11, 2022.
- Mrs. Buss, Mrs. Champney, the After Prom Committee, high school administration, faculty and staff, and all of the volunteers for a fun filled After Prom Party.
- Mr. Sweeney, Ms. Sexton, Mrs. Gillette and Whitney Point High School faculty and staff for the successful High School Awards and Scholarship Ceremony, High School juniors, Brenna Bough and Ava Morgan for their assistance in presenting awards, and the many people and organizations for their scholarships to Whitney Point High School graduating seniors. The ceremony was held on June 13, 2022. Congratulations to all of our recipients!
- Ms. Thomas and the Yearbook Club for coordinating the “Top Twenty” display case located outside of the High School Auditorium.
- Our Community Salutes (OCS) and the Kiwanis Club of Conklin, NY for recognizing area students who have chosen to enter military service post-graduation at the 2022 First to Say Thank You program. Whitney Point High School seniors, Grayson Ayers (US Air Force), Alexander Dickel (US Army), and Kenneth Pegos (US Marines) were honorees at the ceremony. The ceremony was held on June 15, 2022, at Windsor High School.
- Broome-Tioga Association of Chief School Administrators for hosting the 31st Annual Broome-Tioga Scholastic Dinner held on June 16, 2022, at Traditions at the Glen. Whitney Point Valedictorian Jane Austenfeld and Salutatorian Lindsay Davis were honored at this dinner recognizing Valedictorians and Salutatorians from the Broome-Tioga BOCES District.

Addenda

A. COMMENDATIONS

Ms. Sexton commends:

- *Mr. Whalen, Mrs. Lamuraglia, and the Tioughnioga Riverside Academy faculty for their successful Awards Ceremony and formal dance held Friday, June 17, 2022, for 8th grade students.*

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** – June 7, 2022
- b. **Resignation** – Marcus Maslin, Cleaner – effective June 1, 2022
- c. **Resignation** – Donette Griffith, Board Trustee – effective June 14, 2022
- d. **Resignation** – Erin Mahoney, Cleaner – effective June 24, 2022
- e. **Snack Bid** award to Renzi Brothers Food and Ginsberg for the 2022-2023 school year as prepared by Broome Tioga BOCES Food Service Program.
- f. **Committee on Special Education Recommendations**

Moved by Thomas Tasber

Seconded by Brian Jeker

4 Aye 0 Nay 1 Abstained *Eddie Maslin*

APPROVED

2. Resolution to Create a Position

BE IT RESOLVED upon recommendation of the Superintendent that the Board of Education of the Whitney Point Central School District create one (1) position of a **Personnel/Payroll Coordinator** effective June 22, 2022, and subject to meeting Civil Service requirements.

Moved by Brian Jeker

Seconded by Eddie Maslin

Mr. Woodard stated that this is a current position in the district held by Lori Mudge. She is currently listed as a Deputy Claims Auditor and Benefits Coordinator. Her position is more benefits oriented than claims auditing, so this is to align her duties with the appropriate Civil Service title. Once approved, Ms. Mudge will be appointed into this new title.

Mr. Tasber asked if the Deputy Claims Auditor position will be left open?

Mr. Woodard responded that it will be unfilled and that the District had a lot more claims auditing work in the past but that much of it has been transferred to CBO. However, CBO cannot audit their own bills for BOCES, so Whitney Point still needs one appointed at the District. He said that Ms. Mudge will still be appointed as Deputy Claims Auditor, but her Civil Service title will be Personnel/Payroll Coordinator.

5 Aye 0 Nay 0 Abstained

APPROVED

ADDENDA

B. NEW BUSINESS

1. Extraclassroom Activity Report - May 2022

BE IT RESOLVED upon recommendation of the Superintendent that the Board of Education of the Whitney Point Central School District approve the May 2022 Extraclassroom Activity Fund Report.

Moved by Thomas Tasber

Seconded by Eddie Maslin

Mr. Woodard stated that the Extraclassroom Activity Report is usually on the consent agenda, but that the bank statement was not received until today.

5 Aye 0 Nay 0 Abstained

APPROVED

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 **Ashleigh Catalfamo**, Elementary 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 Brian Jeker

Seconded by Thomas Tasber

Ms. Sexton stated that there were a number of Special Education Teacher positions open. This is partially to cover Christine Gregoire's position and partially for CPSE provider services for preschool special education.

5 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 appointment of **Alysia Lewis**, Term Substitute (Special Education Teacher) for the 2022-2023 school year effective September 1, 2022, pending completion of certification.

Moved by Eddie Maslin

Seconded by Brian Jeker

Ms. Sexton stated that Ms. Lewis is a certified teacher who is getting her extension in Special Education and she will finish during the course of the year. She will be filling the position formerly held by Violet Davis.

Mrs. Champney was not available for the voting portion of this resolution.

4 Aye o Nay o 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 **Destini Gardner**, Term Substitute (Special Education Teacher) for the 2022-2023 school year effective September 1, 2022, pending completion of certification.

Moved by Thomas Tasber

Seconded by Brian Jeker

Ms. Sexton stated that Ms. Gardner is also a certified teacher getting an extension in Special Education. She has been a long-term substitute for WPCSD in the past and will complete her certification by the end of the year. Ms. Gardner will replace James Hogan.

5 Aye o Nay o 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 **Yanghui (Daisy) Yu**, Instructional Support Teacher, in the Math 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 Brian Jeker

Ms. Sexton stated that this position was created at the June 7, 2022, Board of Education meeting for intervention support for students who are trying to get back on track in math. Ms. Yu plans to be with WPCSD short term and is a certified math teacher, so her appointment language is that of a permanent teacher.

5 Aye o Nay o Abstained

APPROVED

BE IT RESOLVED upon recommendation of the Superintendent that the Board of Education of the Whitney Point Central School District approve of the following list of Grade/Department Chairpersons and Team Leaders for the 2022-2023 school year:

Grade Chairpersons:

Kindergarten – Kimberly Frechen*
Kindergarten – Sharryl Tiderencel*
Grade 1 – Loganne DiRusso*
Grade 1 – Anne Lloyd*
Grade 2 – Jessica Head*
Grade 2 – Angela DeVito*
Grade 3 – Stephanie Abrahamson*
Grade 3 – Christy Croft-Driscoll*
Grade 4 – Cheryl Donnelly
Grade 5 – Kristi Passionino-Zabadal

Middle School Team Leaders:

- Grade 6 – Renee Zennaiter
- Grade 7 – Jackie Bucinell
- Grade 8 – Julie Brosius*
- Grade 8 – Kevin Gaydorus*
- TRA Encore/Health – Amy Alston

Department Chairpersons:

- 6-8 Mathematics – Michael Giovenco
- 6-8 Social Studies – Kim Becker
- 6-8 Science – Jackie Bucinell
- 6-8 ELA – Renee Zennaiter
- HS English – Holly Holbrook-Rice
- HS Mathematics – Teresa Monico
- HS Science – Ethan Leet
- HS Social Studies – Jamie Monaco
- 6-12 Career Education – Lisa Thomas
- K-12 Art – Will Manvell
- District Pupil Personnel Services – Annamarie Holt
- K-12 Music – Ken Jones*
- K-12 Music – Jennifer Haynes*
- TRA/HS World Language Department – Paula Kupiec
- CEA Special Services – Michael Williams
- HS Special Services – Randi Belanger
- Health Offices – Jessica Burke

**Splitting positions and stipends*

Moved by Thomas Tasber

Seconded by Brian Jeker

Ms. Sexton stated that the Grade and Department Chairpersons and Team Leaders do very important work and the district expects a lot out of them, which is why many of them prefer to share the positions.

5 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 of the following Technology Integrators for the 2022-2023 school year:

- Michael Williams*
- Nadine Ferguson*
- Gene Jordan
- Kari DiTondo

**Splitting positions and stipends*

Moved by Eddie Maslin

Seconded by Brian Jeker

Dr. Widdall stated that the Technology Integrators have been doing a great job and she appreciates everything they do.

5 Aye 0 Nay 0 Abstained

APPROVED

4. Bus Drivers Association Agreement

BE IT RESOLVED upon recommendation of the Superintendent that the Board of Education of the Whitney Point Central School District approve the Employment Agreement between the Chief Executive Officer and the Whitney Point Bus Drivers Association effective July 1, 2022, through June 30, 2025.

Moved by Thomas Tasber

Seconded by Eddie Maslin

5 Aye 0 Nay 0 Abstained

APPROVED

5. Marathon Central School District Agricultural Program Agreement

BE IT RESOLVED upon recommendation of the Superintendent that the Board of Education of the Whitney Point Central School District approve the Agreement between the Marathon Central School District and the Whitney Point Central School District effective July 1, 2022, through June 30, 2023.

Moved by Brian Jeker

Seconded by Eddie Maslin

Mr. Woodard stated that this is an agreement the District started with Marathon CSD a few years ago. It is a mutually beneficial agreement. MCSD charges WPCSD the net cost of a BOCES program slot. He said that this past year we had three (3) students who participated in Marathon's Agriculture program.

Mr. Tasber stated that he appreciates that this is being offered and thanked the District as well as Marathon CSD.

Ms. Sexton added a thank you to Marathon CSD as well.

5 Aye 0 Nay 0 Abstained

APPROVED

6. Bus Use Request

BE IT RESOLVED upon recommendation of the Superintendent that the Board of Education of the Whitney Point Central School District approve the request from the Whitney Point Preschool & Daycare for bus use from July 15, 2022, to August 26, 2022.

Moved by Thomas Tasber

Seconded by Brian Jeker

5 Aye 0 Nay 0 Abstained

APPROVED

7. Treasurer's Report

BE IT RESOLVED upon recommendation of the Superintendent that the Board of Education of the Whitney Point Central School District approve the May 2022 Treasurer's Report.

Moved by Eddie Maslin

Seconded by Brian Jeker

Mr. Woodard stated that the Treasurer's Report is usually in the consent agenda but was pulled out to highlight page 16 which shows a financial outlook through April on cafeteria performance. He said that prior to covid, the cafeteria was always running a deficit balance. We usually wrote off about \$20,000 per year in meals that were not paid for. He referenced page 15 showing last year vs the current year to date noting that last year we were offering free food on breaks and weekends, which were not offered this school year. Mr. Woodard stated that the cafeteria fund had a positive surplus of \$230,000 last year. He said that the District has been able to buy equipment that has been needed out

of the fund. We are still looking at a \$136,000 profit for the current year. This allows us to get the latest equipment and have the cafeteria adequately staffed.

Mr. Tasber commended the food service staff for all of their hard work throughout the pandemic working nights, weekends, etc.

Ms. Sexton added, during the worst part of the pandemic, they served with smiles on their faces.

Mr. Woodard drew attention to the last page of the Treasurer's Report, which shows the reserve fund summary and the financial plan for this year including the creation of the repair reserve fund (\$500,000 will fund that), teacher's retirement system reserve, and employee retirement system reserve. He stated that it is helpful when we do have difficult budget years to dip into the reserve funds to offset costs. He said that the next few resolutions will allow the District to move the money into the reserve funds.

5 Aye 0 Nay 0 Abstained

APPROVED

8. Reserve Resolution

BE IT RESOLVED upon recommendation of the Superintendent that the Board of Education of the Whitney Point Central School District does and hereby approve the following reserve transactions for the 2021-2022 school year:

Funding of the Retirement Contribution Reserve Sub-Fund (A828) in the amount of \$196,500 for future Teacher Retirement System (TRS) expenses. Source of funds is the Unassigned Fund Balance (A917).

Funding of the Capital Reserve (A879) up to the amount of \$1,000,000. Source of funds is the Unassigned Fund Balance (A917).

Moved by Brian Jeker

Seconded by Thomas Tasber

Mr. Tasber thanked Ms. Sexton, Mr. Woodard, and everyone involved for being proactive and setting the funds aside in reserves.

5 Aye 0 Nay 0 Abstained

APPROVED

9. WP2022-2023:01 Janitorial Supplies

WHEREAS, the Whitney Point Central School District did open for public bid according to General Municipal Law, the following bid: WP2022-2023:01 Janitorial Supplies, and whereas, the bids were publicly opened and read on June 9, 2022 at 2:00 p.m. 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 the Janitorial Supplies be awarded to various vendors based on a line by line bid award as per attached sheet.

Moved by Eddie Maslin

Seconded by Brian Jeker

Mr. Woodard stated that this is an annual resolution for ordering janitorial supplies for the year. It was very important this year with rising inflation to get the orders in for the year and lock in the prices.

5 Aye 0 Nay 0 Abstained

APPROVED

ADDENDA

B. 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 following 2022-2023 Fall Coaching Recommendations:

Cheerleading	
Varsity	<u>position open</u>
Football	
Varsity Asst.	<u>position open</u>
Modified A	David Horton
Modified A Asst.	Ethan Leet
Modified A Asst.	<u>position open</u>
Girls Swimming	
Varsity/Modified	<u>position open</u>

Moved by Brian Jeker

Seconded by Thomas Tasber

5 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 following Grade Chairperson for the 2022-2023 school year:

Pre-Kindergarten – Tracy Pfeiffer

Moved by Thomas Tasber

Seconded by Eddie Maslin

Mrs. Gillette stated that this application came in at a different time from the others, which is the reason it is on the addenda.

5 Aye 0 Nay 0 Abstained

APPROVED

I. SUPERINTENDENT’S UPDATE

Ms. Sexton stated that there has been a lot of fun and exciting end of school year activities going on the last couple of weeks.

Ms. Sexton stated that the last two years during the pandemic, the Booster Club bought banners to put out in front of the TRA. This year, the District decided to take that over and purchase the banners. She said that the District was approached by some people with concerns about the safety of our students when putting their faces and names out on the main road for everyone to see. Mr. Sweeney worked with a student and decided to put the banners in the hallway for a “senior walk”. The plan is to move the banners to the fence at the outdoor graduation. She stated that we did purchase one banner that is generally celebratory of our students that says Congratulations Class of 2022.

Ms. Sexton said that the plan is to be outside for graduation. If the weather is poor, it will move indoors. She said that they also plan to have it open for viewing remotely.

J. COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

Ms. Murphee Hayes stated that she would like to celebrate the senior student athletes who were recognized at the college showcase and the Whitney Point Field Hockey Team ring and jacket ceremony. She noted that there were a lot of people behind the scenes who worked to make that happen including Mrs. Ellerson, custodians, food service, Eagles Nest Booster Club, the technology department, Maggie Gilroy, and the press.

Mr. Sweeney stated that he was grateful that the After Prom Committee was recognized. Mrs. Roxanne Buss really stepped up this year and did a great job of pulling things together. He said that there was a small group who were responsible for a lot of the planning and there were many adults who volunteered their time the night of to help make it a memorable evening.

K. BOARD OF EDUCATION COMMENTS

Mr. Jeker thanked the administration for all the work they’ve done this year through yet another year of trials.

Dr. Widdall announced that she was contacted by the Broome-Tioga BOCES Board and asked if she would serve as the Assistant Vice President. She will take on the role effective June 21, 2022 until voting occurs in October.

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 recess the public meeting at 7:16 p.m. and adjourn to Executive Session to hear discussion on contractual matters.

Moved by Brian Jeker

Seconded by Thomas Tasber

5 Aye 0 Nay 0 Abstained

APPROVED

The Board reconvened to the regular meeting at 8:05 p.m.

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 8:05 p.m.

Moved by Eddie Maslin

Seconded by Brian Jeker

5 Aye 0 Nay 0 Abstained

APPROVED

M. FYI

June 24, 2022 – Graduation, 6:00 p.m.

July 5, 2022 – Reorganizational Board of Education Meeting, HS Library, 6:00 p.m.

Submitted by



Stacey Forkey
District Clerk