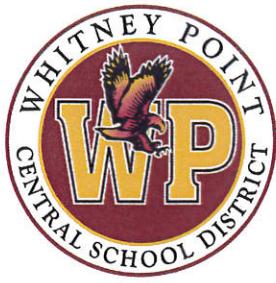


WHITNEY POINT CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT



Special Board of Education Meeting

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

MINUTES

Tuesday, July 19, 2022

District Mission:

5:30 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 5:31 p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

		<u>Present</u>	<u>Absent</u>
Stephanie Champney	President	X	_____
Kathleen Driscoll	Vice-President	X	_____
Brian Jeker	Member	X	_____
Eddie Maslin	Member	X	_____
Tyanna Moseman	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 Black	District Clerk	X	_____

Others in attendance: Cynthia Burchell, Debra David, Beth Harrington, Emily Montelione, Scott Lord

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 5:32 p.m. and adjourn to Executive Session to hear discussion on contractual matters.

Moved by Christine Widdall

Seconded by Kathleen Driscoll

7 Aye 0 Nay 0 Abstained

APPROVED

The Board reconvened to the regular meeting at 5:42 p.m.

B. CORRESPONDENCE

None.

C. POLICIES 1ST READING

None.

D. POLICIES 2ND READING

None.

E. COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

None.

F. COMMENDATIONS

None.

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. **Resignation** – Grace Dow, English Teacher – effective July 14, 2022
- b. **Resignation** – Danell Jones, English Teacher – effective July 15, 2022
- c. **Resignation** – Amanda Doolittle, School Counselor – effective August 26, 2022

Moved by Kathleen Driscoll

Seconded by Brian Jeker

6 Aye 0 Nay 1 Abstained *Christine Widdall*

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 **Kaitlyn Maslin**, Teacher of English to Speakers of Other Languages (TESOL), in the TESOL 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 this position was held by Christine Gregoire whose day was split between Special Education and TESOL. Ms. Gregoire retired in June.

7 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 **Chris McAllister**, 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 Eddie Maslin

Seconded by Thomas Tasber

Mr. McAllister is filling the position formerly held by Jessica Williamson.

7 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 **Emily**

Montelione, Elementary Education Teacher, in the Elementary 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 Christine Widdall

Ms. Montelione will be filling a position that was previously not filled due to lower enrollment.

Dr. Widdall stated that Emily graduated from SUNY Cortland and then moved on to do her Literacy Masters and was the tech Graduate Assistant working with Dr. Widdall and her co-worker through the preparation of students for online learning during the pandemic. She said that she knows Emily's skillset and the district is lucky to have her.

7 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 **Samantha Woodard**, Elementary Education Teacher, in the Elementary Teacher tenure area effective September 1, 2022.

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Moved by Brian Jeker

Seconded by Christine Widdall

Ms. Woodard will be filling a position that was previously not filled due to lower enrollment.

7 Aye 0 Nay 0 Abstained

APPROVED

3. Election Inspector Resolution

BE IT RESOLVED upon recommendation of the Superintendent that the Board of Education of the Whitney Point Central School District approve the following list of Election Inspectors and rate of pay for the sole purpose of the Budget, Bus, Repair Reserve Fund, and Board of Education Member Vote recount.

Rate of pay \$13.20 per hour

Cynthia Burchell
Debra David
Beth Harrington

Moved by Kathleen Driscoll

Seconded by Tyanna Moseman

7 Aye 0 Nay 0 Abstained

APPROVED

4. Custodians 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 Custodians Association effective July 1, 2022, through June 30, 2025.

Moved by Eddie Maslin

Seconded by Christine Widdall

7 Aye 0 Nay 0 Abstained

APPROVED

I. SUPERINTENDENT'S UPDATE

Ms. Sexton thanked the Board for coming together for this special meeting so that we could have the vote recount and ensure correct official documentation for the voting record. She thanked the Election Inspectors for their willingness to help the district by recounting the votes.

J. COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

None.

K. BOARD OF EDUCATION COMMENTS

Mr. Maslin stated that the movement within the new Custodians Association Agreement will make it easier to find employees for that department.

Dr. Widdall thanked the district for getting the summer program underway, the Dorchester meet ups, and the summer meal program for students.

L. RECESS

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 5:57 p.m. to enter a private meeting with legal counsel. This meeting is exempt from the open meetings law under §108 (3).

Moved by Kathleen Driscoll

Seconded by Christine Widdall

7 Aye 0 Nay 0 Abstained

APPROVED

The Board reconvened to the regular meeting at 9:08 p.m.

M. Certification of the Vote

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”	364
Number of votes recorded as voting “NO”	64
Number of votes void	0
Total number of votes cast	428

Proposition Two – School Vehicle Vote

Number of votes recorded as voting “YES”	342
Number of votes recorded as voting “NO”	85
Number of votes void	0
Total number of votes cast	427

Proposition Three – Repair Reserve Fund Vote

Number of votes recorded as voting “YES”	341
Number of votes recorded as voting “NO”	85
Number of votes void	0
Total number of votes cast	426

<u>Board Member elected:</u>	Dr. Christine Widdall	Number of votes cast: 220
	Tyanna Moseman	Number of votes cast: 204

Moved by Tyanna Moseman

Seconded by Eddie Maslin

Mrs. Champney stated that Brian Jeker received 185 votes and Erik Sculley received 181 votes.

7 Aye 0 Nay 0 Abstained

APPROVED

Ms. Sexton asked Ms. Black to comment on the process that was used for counting.

Ms. Black stated that there were three Election Inspectors, one was nominated as the Chairperson and that person read the votes. She said that she looked over that person’s shoulder to ensure that the

ballot votes were being read correctly while also having view of the two people who were tallying the votes. Every twenty ballots, the tallies were compared to be sure they were the same.

Ms. Sexton reminded the Board that the previous count was done by four poll clerks splitting the ballots into two piles and separating into two teams with one person each reading the votes to one person tallying, with no cross-reference.

Mrs. Champney thanked Ms. Black for recognizing the irregularities in the first certification and for the work done to gather materials and information for the petition to the State. She also thanked Ms. Sexton and Mrs. Gillette for all the work they did in preparation of the petition.

Ms. Sexton thanked the Board for being able to come together for the special meeting and thanked Attorney, Frank Miller for stepping in to assist in changing the way the District petitioned to include the candidates as participants instead of respondents.

N. 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 9:17 p.m.

Moved by Kathleen Driscoll

Seconded by Christine Widdall

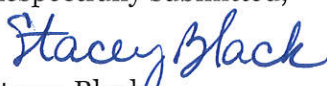
7 Aye 0 Nay 0 Abstained

APPROVED

M. FYI

August 16, 2022 – Board of Education Meeting, HS Library, 6:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,


Stacey Black
District Clerk