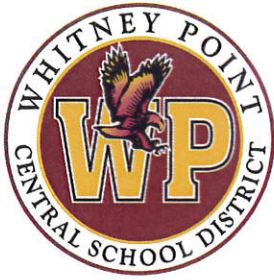


WHITNEY POINT CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT



Special Board of Education Meeting

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

MINUTES

Thursday, July 28, 2022

District Mission:

6:30 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 6:31 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: None.

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 6:32 p.m. and adjourn to Executive Session to hear discussion on personnel.

Moved by Christine Widdall

Seconded by Eddie Maslin

6 Aye 0 Nay 0 Abstained

APPROVED

The Board reconvened to the regular meeting at 6:46 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** – Mary Tillotson, Teacher’s Aide – effective August 26, 2022

- b. **Unpaid Leave** – Ashley Driscoll, Elementary Teacher – effective September 1, 2022, through February 1, 2023
- c. **Extraclassroom Treasurer’s Report** – June 2022

Moved by Kathleen Driscoll

Seconded by Brian Jeker

6 Aye 0 Nay 0 Abstained

APPROVED

2. **Instructional Calendar (amended)**

BE IT RESOLVED upon recommendation of the Superintendent that the Board of Education of the Whitney Point Central School District approve the amended 2022-2023 Instructional Calendar.

Moved by Christine Widdall

Seconded by Eddie Maslin

Ms. Sexton stated that a half day for all schools was added to allow for Safety Team annual training.

Dr. Widdall asked about the inclusion of inhaler training.

Ms. Sexton stated that it is on the radar, but these trainings are for tabletop drills to train for large scale emergency scenarios.

6 Aye 0 Nay 0 Abstained

APPROVED

3. **Retirement Resignation**

BE IT RESOLVED upon recommendation of the Superintendent that the Board of Education of the Whitney Point Central School District approve the retirement resignation of **Jeffrey Isaacs**, Assistant Principal, effective July 25, 2022.

Moved by Eddie Maslin

Seconded by Brian Jeker

Ms. Sexton stated that Mr. Isaacs has been in the district since 1998 when he became the Assistant Principal of what was then the Middle School until 2006. He then transferred to the High School and became the High School Assistant Principal from 2006 to 2022. She said that during those years, Mr. Isaacs has worked hard to ensure that the students in our district have had a safe environment. He is very organized and made sure that things ran smoothly so the students could focus and learn in a positive setting. She stated that Mr. Isaacs was very good at making observations and it was very important to him to make sure that all students have high quality instruction. She thanked Mr. Isaacs for his years of service and wished him happiness in the next phase of his life.

6 Aye 0 Nay 0 Abstained

APPROVED

4. **RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF THE WHITNEY POINT CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT REGARDING A STATE ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY REVIEW ACT DETERMINATION FOR THE PROPOSED PROJECT**

At the special meeting of the Board of Education of the Whitney Point Central School District, Broome County, New York, held at 10 Keibel Road Whitney Point New York in the Whitney Point High School Library at 6:30 p.m. on the 28th day of July 2022.

WHEREAS, the Board of Education of the Whitney Point Central School District ("Board") is proposing to undertake a \$100,000 Capital Outlay Project, consisting of construction and renovations

including incidentals and expenses relating to door hardware and associated work relating to door hardware replacement at the Tioughnioga Riverside Academy ("the Project"); and

WHEREAS, the Board wishes to fully comply with its obligations under the State Environmental Quality Review Act (SEQRA) and the regulations thereunder with respect to the proposed action; and

WHEREAS, the Board has carefully considered the nature and scope of the proposed action.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Education of the Whitney Point Central School District, Broome County, New York, as follows:

Section 1. The proposed action involves replacement of door hardware at the Tioughnioga Riverside Academy.

Section 2. The Board of Education hereby declares itself lead agency pursuant to SEQRA.

Section 3. The review will be not be a coordinated review.

Section 4. The proposed project represents the replacement, rehabilitation or reconstruction of a structure or facility, in kind, on the same site within the meaning of 6 NYCRR 617.5(c)(2); and/or represents routine activities of educational institutions, including expansion of existing facilities by less than 10,000 square feet of gross floor area within the meaning of 6 NYCRR 617.5(c)(11).

Section 5. The proposed action is a Type II action within the meaning of 6 NYCRR 617.5 and is therefore not subject to review under SEQRA and the regulations thereunder.

RESOLVED, that this resolution shall take effect immediately.

Moved by Kathleen Driscoll

Seconded by Christine Widdall

Mr. Woodard stated that anytime the District does a capital outlay project, we need to have a SEQRA resolution acted on by the board. This project is a Type II, meaning there will be no environmental impact. It was part of the approved budget in May 2022 and was advertised in the Budget Newsletter. The project consists of enhancing the door security at the Tioughnioga Riverside Academy (TRA) by adding wireless badge access to the second floor of the TRA.

6 Aye 0 Nay 0 Abstained

APPROVED

5. Architect Services Agreement

BE IT RESOLVED, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent that the Board of Education of the Whitney Point Central School District approve the professional services agreement for Architect and Engineering Services with Ashley McGraw Architects for the anticipated 2022-2023 Capital Outlay Project at a cost not to exceed \$15,000.00.

Moved by Brian Jeker

Seconded by Christine Widdall

Mr. Woodard stated that the District has been working with Ashley McGraw for a very long time and this is their standard fee for capital outlay projects. It has been the same for the past few years. He said that the project is a \$100,000 project and this is the only incidental expense, which goes to Ashley McGraw for coordination, SED submittals, project management, and working with the contractor who gets the bid.

Dr. Widdall stated that she knows in five years, we are expected to have zero emissions on buses and the current governor has no plan to change that. She asked if the District should be thinking about

electronic charging stations to be proactively set up for hosting large events that allow buses to charge while on site.

Mr. Woodard noted the length of project scopes and stated that the current project has been planned for years. He said that there is still time for the New York State initiatives to take place and that there are always separate funding sources that come along with changes such as this. He said that the magnitude of something like this for a rural school district will be huge and the District doesn't want to rush into anything just yet.

Mrs. Champney asked if the technology or battery capacity exists for a district of our size to travel the routes and return safely?

Mr. Woodard stated that the city of Binghamton has some electric buses, but that he does not know of any rural districts in our region who have that have introduced them.

Ms. Sexton stated that it is certainly on our radar, and we are paying attention to what is happening and the quick changes in technology along the way.

Dr. Widdall stated that at the law conference she attended, they said that the New York State School Board Association (NYSSBA) is fighting the law from the rural perspective, but so far have only gotten an extension.

6 Aye 0 Nay 0 Abstained

APPROVED

6. 2022-2023 Tax Warrant

BE IT RESOLVED that upon recommendation of the Superintendent that the Board of Education of the Whitney Point Central School District authorizes the collection of taxes for the 2022-2023 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 Kathleen Driscoll

Seconded by Brian Jeker

6 Aye 0 Nay 0 Abstained

APPROVED

7. 2022-2023 Library Tax Warrant

BE IT RESOLVED that upon recommendation of the Superintendent that the Board of Education of the Whitney Point Central School District authorizes the collection of taxes for the 2022-2023 fiscal year and the issuance of the Library tax warrant for the collection thereof, by authority of Article 13 of the Real Property Tax Law.

Moved by Christine Widdall

Seconded by Kathleen Driscoll

Mr. Jeker stated that it should be noted that we as a district do not receive these funds.

Mr. Woodard stated that this tax was voted on by the Whitney Point School District residents a few years ago and now it is an indefinite tax. He said that the district collects this tax at the same time as the school tax levy.

5 Aye 0 Nay 1 Abstained *Stephanie Champney*

APPROVED

I. SUPERINTENDENT'S UPDATE

Ms. Sexton drew the Board's attention to the printed agenda for Tuesday's Board of Education retreat.

Mrs. Champney stated that it will be something different and good.

J. COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

None.

K. BOARD OF EDUCATION COMMENTS

Dr. Widdall stated that the NYSSBA major conference will be held in Syracuse this year, October 27th-29th. She said that they have a call for student booths to represent the district with adult supervision. She said that she thought we may want to showcase. Dr. Widdall shared the open meetings law information that she received at the law conference she attended. She also asked whether WPCSD has a panic button system?

Mr. Woodard responded that we do have them as part of our overall security procedures.

Ms. Moseman asked how the Board gets things done if they can't meet outside of open meetings or act on their own, for example, if a Board member has some ideas that may have a positive impact on what is going on in the district?

Ms. Sexton responded that the Board comments section of the agenda is set aside for this reason and would be the appropriate time and place to bring up any topics for discussion.

Ms. Moseman stated that she has heard a number of teachers express their disappointment in the district's phone policy and how it is carried out. She said that she believes the policy is a little vague about what the students can and can't do with their cell phones. She mentioned concern about giving students a good education if they are on their cell phones too often. She stated that she has reached out to superintendent friends of hers who have recently revised their phone policies and suggested having a policy where students need to place their phone in a pouch upon entering the classroom and it being available to them in case of an emergency.

Ms. Sexton stated that this issue has been being discussed in the committee meetings that are open to the community. There are many things particularly after this past year that we need to put in place. Students are here to get an education and phones are a huge distraction and a lot of cyber bullying is occurring. Everyone needs to be on the same page and all classrooms need to be consistent. Kids are here to learn, and phones have become a huge distraction.

Dr. Widdall stated that the policy will be coming to the Board fairly soon for review and will require many changes.

A discussion ensued regarding policy procedures and the open Board comments period of Board of Education meetings.

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 7:36 p.m.

Moved by Kathleen Driscoll

Seconded by Christine Widdall

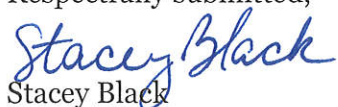
6 Aye 0 Nay 0 Abstained

APPROVED

M. FYI

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

Respectfully submitted,



Stacey Black
District Clerk