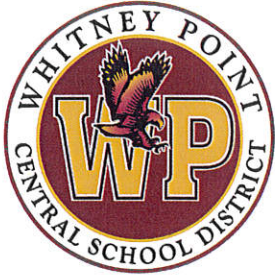


WHITNEY POINT CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT



Board of Education Meeting

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

MINUTES

Tuesday, December 13, 2022

6:00 p.m.

District Mission:

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 6:06 p.m.

The 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: Dan Sweeney, Molly Hawley, Deb Burdick, Amanda Burns, Molly Goosman, Lauren Prokop

A. PROPOSED EXECUTIVE SESSION

No need at this time.

B. CORRESPONDENCE

Letter from Gregory McDonald of Bond, Schoeneck, & King.

Mr. Woodard explained that at the last capital project update the Board received there was some discussion with Ashley McGraw Architects and Turner Construction regarding liquidated damages and the merit of putting that language into the contracts. The district sought legal counsel and it was recommended that the term “actual damages” rather than “liquidated damages” be in the contract.

C. POLICIES 1st READING

BE IT RESOLVED upon recommendation of the Superintendent that the Board of Education of the Whitney Point Central School District approve policy number **3240 Public Sales on School Property** for first reading.

Moved by Brian Jeker

Seconded by Christine Widdall

Mr. Woodard stated that Erie1 does not have a policy on this topic, but the committee thought the policy should be kept, with a slight update to the language.

Mr. Tasber stated that the Fall Festival did not seem to fall under this policy stating that the festival includes people selling goods outdoors on school property.

Mr. Woodard stated that the Fall Festival goes through our ML Scheduling program and follows a channel of approvals which does include the Superintendent. He said that with those approvals, he would consider that under the umbrella, but it could be clarified if the Board wishes.

Mrs. Champney stated that unfortunately, the Fall Festival is no longer and that the group and the 501c3 have been closed.

Mr. Woodard stated that if those types of events do occur it is okay as long as there is written approval from Ms. Sexton.

6 Aye 0 Nay 0 Abstained

APPROVED

Aye - Stephanie Champney, Brian Jeker, Eddie Maslin,
Tyanna Moseman, Thomas Tasber, Christine Widdall

BE IT RESOLVED upon recommendation of the Superintendent that the Board of Education of the Whitney Point Central School District approve policy number **3241 Advertising in Schools** for first reading.

Moved by Brian Jeker

Seconded by Thomas Tasber

Mr. Woodard stated that this policy has not been updated or reviewed since 1991. He said there were very few changes to the language which include importantly, “or conflict with the rules of the Board of Regents.” The new policy also includes a legal reference to the NYS Constitution.

6 Aye 0 Nay 0 Abstained

APPROVED

Aye - Stephanie Champney, Brian Jeker, Eddie Maslin,
Tyanna Moseman, Thomas Tasber, Christine Widdall

BE IT RESOLVED upon recommendation of the Superintendent that the Board of Education of the Whitney Point Central School District approve policy number **3242 Solicitation of Funds** for first reading.

Moved by Christine Widdall

Seconded by Brian Jeker

Mr. Woodard stated that there is no Erie1 policy on this but that it is a policy the district has had for a long time, and we did see merit in keeping this policy. The proposed new language includes the authority of the Superintendent to make exceptions to the policy.

Mrs. Champney stated that 50/50 raffles were mentioned and that some booster clubs do raffles during sporting events. She asked if they would be affected.

Mr. Woodard stated that those raffles fall under the umbrella of approved by the Superintendent.

Mr. Tasber asked about concessions at varsity sporting events and if they would be covered under the policy.

Mrs. Champney responded that those concessions are for the Booster Club.

Mr. Tasber stated that the concessions are usually run by members of the public and that Booster Club is not a school group.

Mr. Woodard stated that this policy is for first reading, so if the Board would like to see different language used, they are welcome to send it to him for review and second reading.

Ms. Sexton stated that the district wants to prevent people from the public attending open events and selling for personal profit or other personal reasons.

6 Aye 0 Nay 0 Abstained

APPROVED

Aye - Stephanie Champney, Brian Jeker, Eddie Maslin,
Tyanna Moseman, Thomas Tasber, Christine Widdall

BE IT RESOLVED upon recommendation of the Superintendent that the Board of Education of the Whitney Point Central School District approve the removal of policy number **7150 Educational Services for Married/Pregnant Students** for first reading.

Moved by Thomas Tasber

Seconded by Brian Jeker

Mrs. Gillette stated that this policy was last reviewed in 1991 and is not a required policy. She said that there is not a comparable Erie1 policy. She stated that as a NYS public school, we are required to educate all students under NYSED Law, so the policy seemed redundant.

Ms. Sexton stated that we are also required to accommodate any leave requirements.

6 Aye 0 Nay 0 Abstained

APPROVED

Aye - Stephanie Champney, Brian Jeker, Eddie Maslin,
Tyanna Moseman, Thomas Tasber, Christine Widdall

BE IT RESOLVED upon recommendation of the Superintendent that the Board of Education of the Whitney Point Central School District approve the removal of policy number **7212 Minimum Yearly Course Requirements** for first reading.

Moved by Brian Jeker

Seconded by Christine Widdall

Mrs. Gillette stated that the committee felt that these requirements should not be policy but should continue to be part of the district's annually reviewed course guide.

Ms. Sexton stated that as a New York State public school district, we need to follow State Education Law and with the frequent changes it makes sense to remove this as a policy.

6 Aye 0 Nay 0 Abstained APPROVED
Aye - Stephanie Champney, Brian Jeker, Eddie Maslin,
Tyanna Moseman, Thomas Tasber, Christine Widdall

BE IT RESOLVED upon recommendation of the Superintendent that the Board of Education of the Whitney Point Central School District approve the removal policy number **1332 Duties of the School District Treasurer** for first reading.

Moved by Brian Jeker Seconded by Christine Widdall

Mr. Woodard stated that as we attempt to clean up policies, this and the next few listed (1332-1337) will be recommended for removal. He said that the district reached out to legal counsel on the removal of these policies and the reason for the removal is that they are just job descriptions and do not need to be policy.

6 Aye 0 Nay 0 Abstained APPROVED
Aye - Stephanie Champney, Brian Jeker, Eddie Maslin,
Tyanna Moseman, Thomas Tasber, Christine Widdall

BE IT RESOLVED upon recommendation of the Superintendent that the Board of Education of the Whitney Point Central School District approve the removal policy number **1333 Duties of the Tax Collector** for first reading.

Moved by Eddie Maslin Seconded by Brian Jeker

6 Aye 0 Nay 0 Abstained APPROVED
Aye - Stephanie Champney, Brian Jeker, Eddie Maslin,
Tyanna Moseman, Thomas Tasber, Christine Widdall

BE IT RESOLVED upon recommendation of the Superintendent that the Board of Education of the Whitney Point Central School District approve the removal policy number **1334 Duties of the Independent Auditor** for first reading.

Moved by Thomas Tasber Seconded by Christine Widdall

6 Aye 0 Nay 0 Abstained APPROVED
Aye - Stephanie Champney, Brian Jeker, Eddie Maslin,
Tyanna Moseman, Thomas Tasber, Christine Widdall

BE IT RESOLVED upon recommendation of the Superintendent that the Board of Education of the Whitney Point Central School District approve the removal policy number **1335 Duties of the School Activities Treasurer** for first reading.

Moved by Brian Jeker Seconded by Eddie Maslin

6 Aye 0 Nay 0 Abstained APPROVED
Aye - Stephanie Champney, Brian Jeker, Eddie Maslin,
Tyanna Moseman, Thomas Tasber, Christine Widdall

BE IT RESOLVED upon recommendation of the Superintendent that the Board of Education of the Whitney Point Central School District approve the removal policy number **1336 Duties of the School Attorney(s)** for first reading.

Moved by Brian Jeker

Seconded by Thomas Tasber

6 Aye 0 Nay 0 Abstained

APPROVED

Aye - Stephanie Champney, Brian Jeker, Eddie Maslin,
Tyanna Moseman, Thomas Tasber, Christine Widdall

BE IT RESOLVED upon recommendation of the Superintendent that the Board of Education of the Whitney Point Central School District approve the removal policy number **1337 Duties of the School Physician** for first reading.

Moved by Christine Widdall

Seconded by Brian Jeker

6 Aye 0 Nay 0 Abstained

APPROVED

Aye - Stephanie Champney, Brian Jeker, Eddie Maslin,
Tyanna Moseman, Thomas Tasber, Christine Widdall

D. POLICIES 2ND READING

None.

E. COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

None.

F. COMMENDATIONS

Ms. Sexton commends:

- TRA 6th grade ELA teacher, Renee Zennaiter for being awarded the Golden Apple Award by News Channel 34.
- The following Whitney Point High School Students for their induction into the National Honor Society on December 1, 2022:

Megan Baker	Holden Maslin
Michelle Baker	Ian McMullen
Valerie Barrows	David Tupy
Owen Hubbard	Gerek Tupy
- Mr. D’Imperio, Ms. Pullen, and the Tioughnioga Riverside Academy Grades 7 & 8 Chorus and Band for a wonderful winter concert held on December 8, 2022.
- Mrs. Cook and the High School Student Council for assembling and distributing holiday food boxes for Whitney Point Community members in need. The meals will be distributed in December and will include donated food items, food purchased with donations from area businesses and individuals and turkeys donated by Catholic Charities for 70 families.
- Broome County Executive Jason Garnar for proclaiming November 21, 2022, as Whitney Point Field Hockey Day in Broome County.
- Broome County Legislator Matt Hilderbrant for presenting the Varsity Field Hockey team with certificates of recognition.

- Whitney Point High School senior, Bryson Smith for being selected to represent Whitney Point as a quarterback on the 2022 Section IV Ernie Davis Team.
- Wal-Mart, Cortland for donating \$350 worth of hygiene supplies for the High School Care Closet.
- Mrs. Goosman, Mrs. Prokop, the CEA Cafeteria Team, Grade Chairs, Ms. Frechen, Mr. Laudig, student interns, volunteers, teachers, and staff for a successful Cookies & Compassion event held on December 9, 2022.

ADDENDA

A. COMMENDATIONS

Ms. Sexton commends:

- *Mr. Jones, Mrs. Jones, Ms. Pullen, and the High School Drama Club for their production of The Crucible by Arthur Miller. Performances were held on Friday, December 9th and Saturday, December 10, 2022.*
- *Added by Dr. Widdall – SUNY Cortland students collected hats, gloves, warm socks, and clothing items which they donated to the CEA.*

G. OLD BUSINESS

None.

H. NEW BUSINESS

1. TRA Update Presentation

TRA Principal, Mr. Daniel Sweeney presented an update for the Board of Education on the TRA.

- SMART Goals
- Guiding Coalition
 - o Guiding Coalition Plus
 - o Guiding Coalition PLC
 - Math Strand
 - ELA Strand

Mr. Tasber stated that he is pleased to see that the students who are at level or above will be able to continue learning at their pace and those who need additional help will get it.

Dr. Widdall suggested possibly bringing students to the TRA to talk to younger students about the State exams and encourage them to take them.

- o Guiding Coalition Planning
 - Dr. Patricia Follette was brought in to work with constituent groups to gain feedback and perspective. From that, she created a report that was broken into categories and is being used in the planning portion.
 - Student Incentives Committee
- o Belonging & Inclusion

Ms. Moseman stated that she is impressed with all of the items Mr. Sweeney is taking the lead on and wished him the best of luck with continuing to get the support that is needed to succeed in all of this.

Mr. Tasber stated that it makes things feel lighter as a board member and a community member to know that there are good days and that there are people there doing what you are doing to redirect the

school to align with our community values. He said that it is nice that all students are being looked at and accounted for.

Dr. Widdall asked Mr. Sweeney if he thinks the Philadelphia trip will come back for our students and said that she knows that trip meant so much to our students and families.

Ms. Sexton responded that the district is discussing that.

2. 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 7:00 p.m. and adjourn to Executive Session to hear discussion on personnel.

Moved by Christine Widdall

Seconded by Tyanna Moseman

6 Aye 0 Nay 0 Abstained

APPROVED

Aye - Stephanie Champney, Brian Jeker, Eddie Maslin,
Tyanna Moseman, Thomas Tasber, Christine Widdall

The Board reconvened to the regular meeting at 7:09 p.m.

3. 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 Work Session Minutes** – November 15, 2022
- b. **Board of Education Meeting Minutes** – November 15, 2022
- c. **Resignation** – Amber Link, Bus Monitor – effective December 22, 2022
- d. **Termination** – Evelyn Ellis, Bus Monitor – effective December 13, 2022
- e. **Budget Calendar** – 2023-2024 Budget Development Calendar
- f. **Paper Bid** award to Hill & Marks, Renzi Brothers Food Service, Ekon O Pac, Central Poly Corp., Sanico Inc. and LJC Distributors for January 1, 2023-June 30, 2023, as prepared by Broome Tioga BOCES Food Service Program.
- g. **Extraclassroom Report** – October 2022
- h. **Treasurer's Report** – October 2022
- i. **CSE Recommendations**

Moved by Brian Jeker

Seconded by Tyanna Moseman

6 Aye 0 Nay 0 Abstained

APPROVED

Aye - Stephanie Champney, Brian Jeker, Eddie Maslin,
Tyanna Moseman, Thomas Tasber, Christine Widdall

4. Resignation Amendment

BE IT RESOLVED upon recommendation of the Superintendent that the Board of Education of the Whitney Point Central School District approve the amended resignation of **Kari Linger**, Bus Monitor from effective September 21, 2022, to effective October 21, 2022.

Moved by Thomas Tasber

Seconded by Christine Widdall

Ms. Black stated that this amendment was due to a date mistake on the previous agenda.

6 Aye 0 Nay 0 Abstained

APPROVED

Aye - Stephanie Champney, Brian Jeker, Eddie Maslin,
Tyanna Moseman, Thomas Tasber, Christine Widdall

5. Appointment Amendment

BE IT RESOLVED upon recommendation of the Superintendent that the Board of Education of the Whitney Point Central School District approve the amended appointment title of **Christina Bolson** from District Office Secretary to District Office Secretary/Provisional Senior Typist.

Moved by Eddie Maslin

Seconded by Tyanna Moseman

Mr. Woodard stated that the board appointed Mrs. Bolson as District Office Secretary but that we need to amend the appointment to include the Civil Service title of Senior Typist. The appointment is provisional until Mrs. Bolson is able to take the exam when it is offered.

6 Aye 0 Nay 0 Abstained

APPROVED

Aye - Stephanie Champney, Brian Jeker, Eddie Maslin,
Tyanna Moseman, Thomas Tasber, Christine Widdall

6. 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 **Paul Matthews**, Music Teacher, in the Music Teacher tenure area effective December 14, 2022.

The probationary period of December 14, 2022, through December 13, 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 Tyanna Moseman

6 Aye 0 Nay 0 Abstained

APPROVED

Aye - Stephanie Champney, Brian Jeker, Eddie Maslin,
Tyanna Moseman, Thomas Tasber, Christine Widdall

BE IT RESOLVED upon recommendation of the Superintendent that the Board of Education of the Whitney Point Central School District approve the appointment of **Kari Sickles**, Part-Time Teacher's Aide, effective December 14, 2022.

Moved by Christine Widdall

Seconded by Tyanna Moseman

Ms. Sickles will be filling the position formerly held by Makayla Gibbs.

6 Aye 0 Nay 0 Abstained

APPROVED

Aye - Stephanie Champney, Brian Jeker, Eddie Maslin,
Tyanna Moseman, Thomas Tasber, Christine Widdall

6. Non-Resident Student

BE IT RESOLVED upon recommendation of the Superintendent that the Board of Education of the Whitney Point Central School District approve student of school employee **Spencer Baumlin**, grade 4 to attend the Whitney Point School District for the 2022-2023 school year and that tuition be waived.

Moved by Thomas Tasber

Seconded by Tyanna Moseman

6 Aye 0 Nay 0 Abstained

APPROVED

Aye - Stephanie Champney, Brian Jeker, Eddie Maslin,
Tyanna Moseman, Thomas Tasber, Christine Widdall

ADDENDA

B. NEW BUSINESS

1. 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 **Amanda Burns**, Long-Term Administrative Substitute, effective December 19, 2022.

Moved by Tyanna Moseman

Seconded by Christine Widdall

Ms. Sexton stated that she would like to amend the date from December 19, 2022, to December 12, 2022.

Ms. Moseman and Dr. Widdall agreed to the amendment.

6 Aye 0 Nay 0 Abstained

APPROVED

Aye - Stephanie Champney, Brian Jeker, Eddie Maslin,
Tyanna Moseman, Thomas Tasber, Christine Widdall

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 **Cathy Mihalko**, Teaching Assistant, in the Teaching Assistant tenure area effective December 14, 2022.

Moved by Thomas Tasber

Seconded by Tyanna Moseman

Ms. Sexton stated that the addition of these two teacher assistant positions allows for more people to be working more directly in terms of instruction with students.

6 Aye 0 Nay 0 Abstained

APPROVED

Aye - Stephanie Champney, Brian Jeker, Eddie Maslin,
Tyanna Moseman, Thomas Tasber, Christine Widdall

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 **Sheila Hibbard**, Teaching Assistant, in the Teaching Assistant tenure area effective December 14, 2022.

Moved by Brian Jeker

Seconded by Christine Widdall

2. RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF THE WHITNEY POINT CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT, BROOME, CHENANGO, CORTLAND AND TIOGA COUNTIES, NEW YORK (THE "DISTRICT"), DATED DECEMBER 13, 2022, CLASSIFYING CERTAIN DISTRICT PREKINDERGARTEN CLASSROOM RENOVATIONS, ALTERATIONS AND IMPROVEMENTS AS A "TYPE II" ACTION PURSUANT THE STATE ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY REVIEW ACT

WHEREAS, the Board of Education (the "Board") of the Whitney Point Central School District, Broome, Chenango, Cortland and Tioga Counties (the "District") intends to undertake a capital project consisting of the construction of alterations, renovations and improvements to additional prekindergarten classrooms, including site work improvements and other appurtenant and related improvements, and the acquisition and installation in and around the foregoing improvements of original furnishings, equipment, machinery, apparatus and technology improvements, and other services incidental thereto (the "Project"); and

WHEREAS, the Board now intends to determine as to the classification of the Project as a "Type II" action under Article 8 of the New York State Environmental Conservation Law and 6 NYCRR, Part 617 (collectively, "SEQRA").

NOW, THEREFORE, THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF THE WHITNEY POINT CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT, BROOME, CHENANGO, CORTLAND AND TIOGA COUNTIES, NEW YORK, HEREBY RESOLVES AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1. Based upon its review of the materials and records of the District, the Board hereby determines that the proposed Project constitutes a "Type II" action under SEQRA (6 NYCRR 617.5(c)(2)) (as a replacement, rehabilitation or reconstruction of a facility, in kind on the same site), and that no further actions or proceedings by the District are required to be taken under SEQRA with respect to such Project.

SECTION 2. This resolution shall take effect immediately upon its adoption.

Moved by Brian Jeker

Seconded by Eddie Maslin

Mr. Woodard stated that the last time there was a capital project update in October this was one of the final components, getting SED approval so that the work can be put out for bid. He said that the UPK classrooms were added after the initial SEQRA was approved. A comment from SED was that due to the addition, a new SEQRA needed to be done to address the UPK classrooms. He said that they will get this back to SED tomorrow and hope to have a final sign-off soon.

Ms. Moseman asked if we will still be on schedule to finalize the bid documents for a January or February award.

Mr. Woodard said that we would and that as soon as we get the approval it will be advertised.

Ms. Moseman asked if once all of the bids have been awarded, will the company provide a detailed project schedule that the Board will be privy to.

Mr. Woodard responded that there would be a more detailed schedule. He also said that there was a meeting today to discuss potential alternates if needed.

6 Aye o Nay o Abstained APPROVED
Aye - Stephanie Champney, Brian Jeker, Eddie Maslin,
Tyanna Moseman, Thomas Tasber, Christine Widdall

7. Substitute Teacher Rates

BE IT RESOLVED upon recommendation of the Superintendent that the Board of Education of the Whitney Point Central School District approve of the substitute rate of pay schedule effective December 31, 2022.

Aide substitute:	Minimum hourly wage as per NYS law
Daily Non-certified Teacher Substitute:	\$95.00/day (7 hrs.)
Daily Certified Teacher Substitute:	\$120.00/day (7 hrs.)
Long-term Certified Teacher Substitute*:	\$165.00/day (7.5 hrs.) <i>*by request and approval of Superintendent</i>
LPN Substitute:	\$17.50/hour

- Up to 89 days in same assignment, no retroactive pay for previous daily work, no benefits

Term Certified Teacher Substitute:	Salary and benefits per Teachers' Association Contract
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- Finite period of time equal to a semester or more in duration, no retroactive pay for previous daily or long-term work

Substitute teachers working a 1/2 day (half the hours of a full-day substitute) will receive half the pay rate for the appropriate substitute category.

Moved by Tyanna Moseman Seconded by Christine Widdall

Mr. Woodard stated that the only change that is proposed is the daily non-certified teacher substitute rate due to the minimum wage increase at the end of the year.

Dr. Widdall asked how Whitney Point School District ranks in comparison to other Broome-Tioga BOCES area schools.

Mr. Woodard stated that right now all of our rates are very competitive noting also that we have come a long way in the past five years or so. He stated that minimum wage is currently \$13.20 and will be going up to \$14.20.

Mrs. Champney asked if there will be adjustments made to the wages of other employees beyond those who will require an increase to meet the minimum wage increase.

Mr. Woodard stated that wages would not immediately be increased and would be subject to collective bargaining.

6 Aye o Nay o Abstained APPROVED

Aye - Stephanie Champney, Brian Jeker, Eddie Maslin,
Tyanna Moseman, Thomas Tasber, Christine Widdall

8. Unpaid Tax Report

BE IT RESOLVED upon recommendation of the Superintendent that the Board of Education of the Whitney Point Central School District approve the 2022-2023 Unpaid Tax Report.

Moved by Tyanna Moseman

Seconded by Brian Jeker

Mr. Woodard stated that this is approved each year in December after the tax collection period. He said that he likes to take a look at the percentage of the uncollected school tax vs the overall levy and said that we are trending in the right direction.

6 Aye 0 Nay 0 Abstained

APPROVED

Aye - Stephanie Champney, Brian Jeker, Eddie Maslin,
Tyanna Moseman, Thomas Tasber, Christine Widdall

9. External Audit Extra-Classroom Corrective Action Plan

BE IT RESOLVED upon recommendation of the Superintendent that the Board of Education of the Whitney Point Central School District approve the External Audit Extra-Classroom Corrective Action Plan addressing the June 30, 2022, Extra-Classroom Audit Report.

Moved by Brian Jeker

Seconded by Christine Widdall

Mr. Woodard stated that the district has within 90 days of the Board's receipt of the External Audit to respond back with the corrective action plan with any comments. He said that you can see in the corrective action plan what the district's response is to the audit. Once this is approved, it will be sent to the State.

6 Aye 0 Nay 0 Abstained

APPROVED

Aye - Stephanie Champney, Brian Jeker, Eddie Maslin,
Tyanna Moseman, Thomas Tasber, Christine Widdall

I. SUPERINTENDENT'S UPDATE

Ms. Sexton began by responding to questions from the previous board meeting.

She stated that Dr. Widdall had a question about homeschooling in the district. She said that she reviewed 2018-2019 (pre-pandemic) and 2022-2023 numbers. At the end of the 2018-2019 school year there were 88 students homeschooled out of 1578 which is the total of the enrolled in district students, or 5.5% of students. This year there are 97 students being homeschooled out of 1545 which is 6.3% so there is a slight uptick. Ms. Sexton noted that during the pandemic we did see a greater increase in homeschooled students, many of whom returned to regular enrollment.

Why did the district not apply for the grant offered for free lunches? Ms. Sexton stated that she did some research on this because this is a topic that is managed by BOCES as far as what we qualify for and what we don't. She said that our direct certification numbers are not high enough and it would cost approximately \$100,000 for our district to offer free lunches. She stated that she and others thought with the lobbying there would be free lunches for all from the beginning of the 2022-2023 school year. She also said that some of our neighboring districts had different numbers and were able to absorb the amount which was significantly less than the \$100,000 for Whitney Point or just outright qualify for the program. She noted that the district constantly looks to see what we qualify for and that we do have Provision II which qualifies us for free breakfast and after-school snacks.

Ms. Sexton stated that she will be working with Ms. Pullen to order new uniforms for the marching band, and they intend to seek student input on this.

Another question was regarding offering Driver's Education at the school. Ms. Sexton stated that the district will put it out there to see if anyone is interested in taking the training to become certified for this as she believes it would be beneficial to offer that again.

Ms. Sexton stated that girls wrestling has been a popular topic and that she has met with some people and has appointments yet to come to discuss this. She said that currently there is no procedure in place for adding a team and that the district has more of a history of consolidating or cutting things rather than adding. She also said that the district has also decreased in population, so some teams have merged. Ms. Sexton stated that if the district is going to make a change and put money into a new sport, we need to ensure it is the best thing for our students, that there is interest from the students, and that it is in the district's best interest moving forward. She said that there needs to be a qualified coach for the team and that the Board needs to decide whether we will be able to fund this moving forward.

Ms. Moseman asked if there will be a protocol put in place in general for this type of change.

Ms. Sexton responded that there would be and that there have been previous requests for other new programs as well as other programs that have been downsized.

Ms. Sexton stated that there was a question about the uniform schedule and how it is determined. She said that it was brought up in the last board meeting that the Wrestling Club was purchasing new singlets for the varsity team. She said that there was no request to the district for new uniforms and the general uniform schedule for the district is four years. However, if there is a need brought to the attention of the Athletic Director it is investigated.

Ms. Sexton stated that the feeling was that the wrestling club was the only entity that was being charged for facility use and that she had done some research and found that were 11 other organizations that were charged. The reason is that employees are required to work overtime or to come into work outside of regularly scheduled hours for special scheduled events. She said that wrestling tournaments are very large and there is a need for employees that would not normally be on-site.

Ms. Sexton responded to a question about access to the press box, scoreboards, and concession stand. This has been a topic, there is a history there. She said that the district is trying to find a balance moving forward between accessibility and ensuring security for everyone and protection of investments. She said that access to the press board is a security issue and we want to find a way to allow this but also protect our equipment. She said that she met with some Youth Club representatives yesterday to discuss how the club and district can work together on this.

Ms. Sexton stated that with so many of these things, communication is important and sometimes things that have happened historically are expected rather than reaching out again to find solutions. The district is trying to focus on opening the lines of communication and having face-to-face conversations to find a way that works for everyone. She said if you hear someone saying the district says no, please encourage them to ask again.

J. COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

None.

K. BOARD OF EDUCATION COMMENTS

Ms. Moseman thanked Ms. Sexton for her update and asked where the district stands on the bullying issues, referencing Mr. Sweeney mentioning inclusion in his presentation. She said that she thought the district was looking into other programs.

Ms. Sexton stated that the inclusion practices are part of the anti-bullying efforts - being safe, treating each other and everyone in our district with respect, and bringing back the golden rule. She said that there are also thankfully people coming back and telling the principals what they are hearing behind the scenes and that has been very helpful and appreciated. She stated that the district is also looking at a new curriculum.

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 7:51 p.m.

Moved by Christine Widdall

Seconded by Brian Jeker

6 Aye 0 Nay 0 Abstained

APPROVED

Aye - Stephanie Champney, Brian Jeker, Eddie Maslin,
Tyanna Moseman, Thomas Tasber, Christine Widdall

M. FYI

November 2022 Enrollment in District

December 13, 2022 – HS Winter Concert, HS Library, 7 p.m.

December 15, 2022 – TRA Winter Concert – 4th & 5th grade Chorus and 6th grade Chorus and Band, TRA Auditorium, 7 p.m.


December 22, 2022 – Christmas Winds Tour (CEA, TRA, & HS)

December 23, 2022 - January 1, 2023 – NO SCHOOL – Winter Recess

January 9, 2023 – Family Swim Nights begin Mondays January through March, 7 p.m.-9 p.m. except holidays

January 10, 2023 – Board of Education Meeting, HS Library, 6:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Stacey Black
District Clerk