

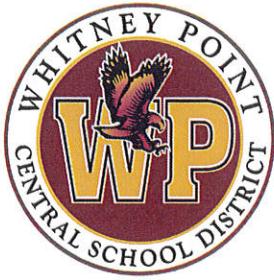
WHITNEY POINT CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

Budget Hearing & Board of Education Meeting

Whitney Point High School Building
High School Auditorium

PO Box 249

Whitney Point, NY 13862



MINUTES

Tuesday, May 2, 2023

District Mission:

6:00 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 6:04 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: Aaron Kaminsky, Christy Croft-Driscoll, Olivia Driscoll, Dan Sweeney, Amanda Burns, Molly Hawley, Deb Burdick, Molly Goosman, Lauren Prokop, Rick Day, Christopher Hutchings, and Nicholas Spencer

Annual Meeting and Budget Hearing

The Public Budget Hearing was called to order at 6:04 p.m. by the Board President, Mrs. Stephanie Champney.

I. Annual Meeting Chairperson

It is appropriate to select a chairperson for this Annual Election and Budget Vote. This Chairperson will conduct the meeting, and will open and close the polls on Tuesday, May 16, 2023.

BE IT RESOLVED upon recommendation of the Superintendent that the Board of Education of the Whitney Point Central School District appoint Stacey Black as Annual Meeting Chairperson.

Moved by Brian Jeker

Seconded by Christine Widdall

5 Aye 0 Nay 0 Abstained

Approved

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

Mrs. Champney turned the meeting over to the Chairperson.

II. Budget Review

The Chairperson introduce the Board Members and Ms. Sexton. Ms. Sexton reviewed the Proposed Budget for the 2023-2024 school year and opened an opportunity for questions.

- District Mission
- District Vision
- Budget Goals
- Proposed Budget
- Revenue Projection
- Distribution of Revenue
- Budget by Component Comparison
 - Administrative Component (8.23%)
 - Capital Component (18.90%)
 - Program Component (72.87%)
- How are my school taxes calculated? Explained by School Business Executive, Mr. Woodard.
- Sample calculation for \$100,000 full value property
- Tax comparison with neighboring school districts
- Projected Tax Impact
- Accomplishing Our Budget Goals
 - Maintain focus on education.
 - Build a sustainable budget.
 - Develop a reasonable tax levy.

Ms. Sexton reviewed the propositions that will be on the May 16, 2023, ballots.

- Budget Proposition (1.03% increase)
- Board of Education Member Election
- School Vehicle
- Capital Reserve Fund

III. Introduction of Candidates

The Chairperson explained the voting process for candidates for the Board of Education and allowed them a chance to introduce themselves.

Open Board of Education seats include three (3), three-year terms and one (1), one-year term:

Thomas Tasber, Candidate – seeking re-election
Erik Sculley, Candidate
Molly Willis, Candidate
Thomas McGrath, Candidate

Mr. Tasber introduced himself. He stated that he is up for reelection and has lived in the district for 33 years. He said that he and his wife have three children who attended and graduated from Whitney Point school district and that he has had the opportunity to be on the Board of Education for several years. Mr. Tasber said that he has had the opportunity through his career to work in 36 different schools in the area as an educator, allowing him the unique opportunity to see other school districts' buildings and programs and states because of that opportunity, he is very proud to be a Whitney Point school district resident, a school board member, and to have had his children attend here because our district is the envy of many of our neighbors for many different reasons. He closed with stating that he would be honored to serve another term as a board member.

IV. Suspension of the Hearing

The Chairperson announced that the Board will suspend the meeting at 6:46 p.m. until 1:00 p.m. on May 16, 2023, at which time the polls will be opened.

A. NEW BUSINESS

1. **Smith Brothers Insurance Services Presentation**

Mr. Christopher M. Hutchings and Mr. Nicholas Spencer of Smith Brothers Insurance introduced themselves and presented the services their company provides.

Mr. Jeker asked them to confirm that they are a broker and will not be providing insurance.

Mr. Hutchings responded that they are, and they will work with the district and Utica National on the policies to make sure that the district has everything it needs and is comfortable.

Mr. Woodard added that we currently use Utica National but have a different broker (Tri-Town).

B. PROPOSED EXECUTIVE SESSION

No need at this time.

C. CORRESPONDENCE

None.

D. POLICIES 1ST READING

None.

E. POLICIES 2ND READING

None.

F. COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

None.

G. COMMENDATIONS

Ms. Sexton commends:

- Dr. Christine Widdall, Board Trustee, for recognition by NYSSBA's Recognition Program. She received two awards, the Board Achievement Award and the Board Excellence Award.
 - Dr. Widdall stated that since the school board was able to become NYSSBA members, she has been attending conferences to learn more information that will help her as a board member. She said that she appreciates the recognition.
- The Whitney Point PTA for a successful Mother and Son Game Night for grades PreK-5th held on April 21, 2023.
- The High School Transitional Skills Class for cleaning up garbage around our school grounds for Earth Day.
- Robert Pontbriand of Turner Construction, Sabrina Shirley and Bobby Leizear of Upstate Companies, Martin Quarella of Louis N. Pacciano & Son, and Cole McCullen and Ray Millard of Evans Mechanical for speaking to Mrs. Belanger's class to teach them about Construction Industry careers.
- High School art student, Lonna Baxter for having her wheel thrown decanter/cup set selected to be in a national competition at the American Museum of Ceramic Art in California.
- Mrs. Goosman, Mrs. Prokop, faculty, and staff for the Week of Celebration of the Young Child for Pre-K students.
- SUNY Cortland students and professors as well as Cornell Cooperative Extension for their participation in the Celebration of the Young Child. SUNY Cortland students and professors taught PreK classes a song and dance and Cornell Cooperative Extension made yogurt parfaits with the students.
- Ms. Miner, TRA Literacy Coordinator, Mrs. Snook, Ms. Tuttle, Ms. Gorsline, and Ms. Hodkinson for organizing a successful Family Literacy Night and Lucas Kaczynski, local author and artist, for presenting at the event.

- Whitney Point High School graduate, Elyssa Ellerson-Jones from Wild Daisy Acres for bringing her business to the classroom and working with the High School Transitional Skills Class to teach them about production with hands on experience making and jarring sugar scrub.

H. OLD BUSINESS

None.

I. NEW BUSINESS (cont.)

2. 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** – Alexis DeRitis, Elementary Teacher – effective June 30, 2023
- b. **Resignation** – Rebecca Molloy, Social Studies Teacher – effective June 30, 2023
- c. **Resignation** – Haily Valachovic, Elementary Teacher – effective June 30, 2023
- d. **Field Trip** – Modern Languages Club to Los Lagos Restaurant, Cortland, NY
- e. **Processed Foods Bid** – award to Renzi Food Service, Nardone’s, Ginsberg, Maid-Rite Co., JTM Provision Co., and Yangs, as low bidders for the July 1, 2023-June 30, 2024, Processed Foods Bid as prepared by Broome-Tioga BOCES Food Service Program.
- f. **Breakfast Foods Bid** – award to East Side Entrees, as low bidder for the July 1, 2023-June 30, 2024, Processed Foods Bid as prepared by Broome-Tioga BOCES Food Service Program.
- g. **CSE Recommendations**

Moved by Brian Jeker

Seconded by Thomas Tasber

5 Aye 0 Nay 0 Abstained

Approved

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

3. Board of Education Meeting Minutes

BE IT RESOLVED upon recommendation of the Superintendent that the Board of Education of the Whitney Point Central School District approve the Board of Education Meeting Minutes for March 14, 2023.

Moved by Christine Widdall

Seconded by Eddie Maslin

4 Aye 0 Nay 1 Abstained

Approved

Aye - Stephanie Champney, Brian Jeker, Eddie Maslin, Christine Widdall
Abstained – Thomas Tasber

BE IT RESOLVED upon recommendation of the Superintendent that the Board of Education of the Whitney Point Central School District approve the Board of Education Meeting Minutes for April 17, 2023.

Moved by Thomas Tasber

Seconded by Brian Jeker

4 Aye 0 Nay 1 Abstained

Approved

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

4. Resolution to Create a Position

BE IT RESOLVED that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, for reasons of economy and efficiency in the operation of the District and the District's schools, the Board of Education of the Whitney Point Central School District hereby creates one new, full-time, tenure-track Elementary Education Teacher position, effective May 2, 2023, as follows:

#	Title	Tenure Area
1	Elementary Education Teacher	Elementary Education Teacher

Moved by Christine Widdall

Seconded by Brian Jeker

Ms. Sexton stated that this position is an addition for 5th grade due to larger class sizes in the grade level that is moving up.

5 Aye 0 Nay 0 Abstained

Approved

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

5. 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 **John Burnett**, Maintenance A Head Cleaner, effective March 20, 2023.

Moved by Brian Jeker

Seconded by Eddie Maslin

Ms. Sexton stated that Naomi Collins moved to the high school to replace Lindy Thorn and John Burnett who has worked in the TRA for a long time has taken on the role of Head Cleaner in Ms. Collins's place.

5 Aye 0 Nay 0 Abstained

Approved

Aye - Stephanie Champney, Brian Jeker,
Eddie Maslin, 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 **Sara Ames**, Part-Time Food Service Helper, effective May 3, 2023.

Moved by Thomas Tasber

Seconded by Christine Widdall

Ms. Sexton stated that Ms. Ames will be replacing Leah Friedman, who moved to be the secretary in the CEA office.

5 Aye 0 Nay 0 Abstained

Approved

Aye - Stephanie Champney, Brian Jeker,
Eddie Maslin, 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 **Leann Nye**, Full-Time Cleaner, effective May 8, 2023.

Moved by Brian Jeker

Seconded by Christine Widdall

Ms. Sexton stated that Ms. Nye is taking over for John Burnett's position.

5 Aye 0 Nay 0 Abstained

Approved

Aye - Stephanie Champney, Brian Jeker,
Eddie Maslin, 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 **Olivia Driscoll**, Elementary Education Teacher, in the Elementary Education Teacher tenure effective September 1, 2023.

The probationary period of September 1, 2023, through August 31, 2027, 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 for this coming year, Olivia will be going into the 5th grade position that we just created.

Ms. Driscoll stated that she is very excited to begin working at the school that she graduated from and that she finds it meaningful to be an educator in her own community to help support and be that extra person for the students. She added that her mother inspired her to be a teacher.

Mrs. Champney stated that the district has a great percentage of students who attended WPCSD and then come back to teach here.

Ms. Sexton stated that it is very notable that many former students come back to teach in our district, but even more impressive is that they go through a strenuous interview process and come out on top.

5 Aye 0 Nay 0 Abstained

Approved

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

ADDENDA

A. 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 four (4) year probationary appointment of **Carlene Smith**, English Teacher, in the English Teacher tenure effective September 1, 2023.

The probationary period of September 1, 2023, through August 31, 2027, 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 Christine Widdall

Seconded by Brian Jeker

Ms. Sexton stated that Ms. Smith will replace Grace Dow's position which was formerly Christina Philbert's position.

5 Aye 0 Nay 0 Abstained

Approved

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

5. Poll Clerk 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 poll workers and rate of pay for the 2023 Annual Meeting for the sole purpose of the Budget, School Vehicle, Capital Reserve Fund, and Board of Education Member Vote.

Rate of pay \$14.20 per hour

**Phyllis Edwards
Susan Ellerson
Kathy Mackey**

Moved by Christine Widdall

Seconded by Thomas Tasber

Ms. Sexton said that as previously stated we will be moving to voting machines and three out of the four poll clerks have been trained and approved by the Broome County Board of Elections.

5 Aye 0 Nay 0 Abstained

Approved

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

ADDENDA

2. Poll Clerk 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 poll workers and rate of pay for the 2023 Annual Meeting for the sole purpose of the Budget, School Vehicle, Capital Reserve Fund, and Board of Education Member Vote.

Rate of pay \$14.20 per hour

Carol Eggleston

Moved by Eddie Maslin

Seconded by Brian Jeker

5 Aye 0 Nay 0 Abstained

Approved

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

6. Instructional Calendar

BE IT RESOLVED upon recommendation of the Superintendent that the Board of Education of the Whitney Point Central School District approve the Instructional Calendar for the 2023-2024 School Year.

Moved by Christine Widdall

Seconded by Brian Jeker

Ms. Sexton stated that the last day of school will be planned as Wednesday, June 26th with the graduation date of June 28th.

5 Aye 0 Nay 0 Abstained
Aye - Stephanie Champney, Brian Jeker,
Eddie Maslin, Thomas Tasber, Christine Widdall

Approved

7. District Holidays

BE IT RESOLVED upon recommendation of the Superintendent that the Board of Education of the Whitney Point Central School District approve the district holidays for the 2023-2024 School Year.

Moved by Brian Jeker

Seconded by Thomas Tasber

5 Aye 0 Nay 0 Abstained
Aye - Stephanie Champney, Brian Jeker,
Eddie Maslin, Thomas Tasber, Christine Widdall

Approved

8. Payroll Dates

BE IT RESOLVED upon recommendation of the Superintendent that the Board of Education of the Whitney Point Central School District approve the payroll dates for the 2023-2024 School Year.

Moved by Christine Widdall

Seconded by Eddie Maslin

5 Aye 0 Nay 0 Abstained
Aye - Stephanie Champney, Brian Jeker,
Eddie Maslin, Thomas Tasber, Christine Widdall

Approved

9. Equipment Disposal

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

Disposal Method: Mel & Son Manasse Auctioneers (any items not accepted will be disposed of through scrap, e-waste, or another viable method to maximize district return.)

Items for auction	ID number
Southbend Combination Range- TRA	001045 or A00400272
Southbend Combination Range- CEA	001033 or A00400628
Southbend Combination Range- HS	A00400002
Office Desk	A00399933
Advenger 2810D Auto Scrubber	00130 or A00400691

Moved by Christine Widdall

Seconded by Thomas Tasber

J. SUPERINTENDENT'S UPDATE

Ms. Sexton stated that Julia Jurena wanted her to share the participation information for the CAYCI data. The survey included 209 2nd & 3rd graders, 75 parents, and 46 faculty and staff. She also said that the new survey will be sent out in the next day or so.

There are many things happening around the district. Teachers and staff across the district are gearing up to make up for lost time by making sure that there are a lot of activities and celebrations as we near the end of the school year. As you know we are making the trip to Philadelphia again this year.

K. COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

None.

L. BOARD OF EDUCATION COMMENTS

Mrs. Champney stated that she and Dr. Widdall attended the Presidents and Vice Presidents meeting at BOCES and that she will send on to the rest of the board information from the meeting. She said that they had a great presentation about therapy dogs and there are other districts in our area who have them. The dog comes to school with the owner/trainer three days per week visiting classrooms and hallways. The connection with the animal helps to calm and destress students and adults alike.

Ms. Sexton said that we have had therapy dogs here a few times and it is nice. We also have a teacher who has a therapy dog.

Dr. Widdall stated that the presenter had a package for board members to look at the details regarding insurance and policies. She also said that she wants to thank all of the community partners we have and that there were many at the Celebration of the Young Child including the Whitney Point PTA, the Mary Wilcox Library, Northern Broome Cares, Broome County Health Department, and Community Schools. She said that there were books given away and it felt great to be back in a community event setting and to see the families having a great time.

Mrs. Champney stated that the activities were fun, educational, and varied.

Mr. Tasber wanted to share that the reason the district was not a NYSSBA member for many years was that there was a period where we were losing a lot of staff due to lack of funding and the Board didn't feel that it was fair to use the funds for NYSSBA membership while the district was cutting teacher positions. He added that he is glad the budget has worked in our favor to allow us to be a part of NYSSBA again.

Mrs. Champney added that we were still able to reach out to NYSSBA during the time that we were not members, but we have much more access as members.

M. 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 7:31 p.m. and adjourn to Executive Session to hear discussion on personnel.

Moved by Brian Jeker

Seconded by Christine Widdall

5 Aye 0 Nay 0 Abstained
Aye - Stephanie Champney, Brian Jeker,
Eddie Maslin, Thomas Tasber, Christine Widdall

Approved

The Board reconvened to the regular meeting at 8:45 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 recess the public meeting at 8:46 p.m..

Moved by Brian Jeker

Seconded by Christine Widdall

5 Aye 0 Nay 0 Abstained
Aye - Stephanie Champney, Brian Jeker,
Eddie Maslin, Thomas Tasber, Christine Widdall

Approved

M. FYI

April 2023 Enrollment

May 4, 2023 – TRA 6-8 Band Concert, TRA Auditorium, 7 p.m.

May 10, 2023 – TRA 4th & 5th Grade Chorus and Band Concert, TRA Auditorium, 7 p.m.

May 11, 2022 – TRA 6-8 Chorus Concert, TRA Auditorium, 7 p.m.

May 16, 2023 – Budget, School Vehicle, Capital Reserve Fund, and Board of Education Election Vote, HS Cafeteria, 1:00-8:00 p.m.

May 16, 2023 – Board of Education Meeting, HS Library, 7 p.m.

May 16, 2023 – CEA Spring Festival, CEA Cafeteria Stage, 6 p.m.

May 16, 2023 – HS Spring Chorus Concert, HS Auditorium, 7 p.m.

May 18, 2023 – HS Spring Band Concert, HS Auditorium, 7 p.m.

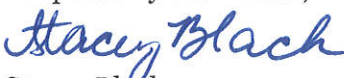
May 20, 2023 – CEA Family Fun Carnival, CEA Gymnasium, 11am-2pm

May 24, 2023 – Kindergarten Parent Information Night, CEA Cafeteria, 6 p.m.

May 22-25, 2023 – Kinderville at the CEA

May 26-29, 2023 – No School, Memorial Weekend

Respectfully submitted,



Stacey Black
District Clerk