

MINUTES – Regular Meeting
BOARD OF EDUCATION
Monday, October 17, 2016
6 p.m. – Jr-Sr High School LGI

PRESENT: Jeremy Putorti, James Brooks,
Samantha Kingsley, Patricia Norton,
Virginia Rivette, Frank Barber, & Hope Greene

ABSENT: Amy Austin, Michael Rocque

ALSO PRESENT: Patrick M. Dee, Superintendent of Schools
Jodi Birch, School Business Manager
Richard Trowbridge, Elementary Principal
Jeff Keller, Jr-Sr High School Principal
Gregg Chappell, CSE Coordinator

Jeremy Putorti called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm.

Kimberly Manney was sworn in as District Clerk.

Board President's comments:

Jeremy Putorti commented on him and Patrick Dee attending a legislative breakfast at Gick Road in Saratoga. Jeremy also commented on the legislative support for schools.

Jeremy stated what a heart-warming event it was at the Elks spaghetti dinner fundraiser for Dan St. Clair.

There were no Board member comments.

Recognitions:

Patrick Dee mentioned that the golf team had an outstanding and successful year. Special congratulations to Garrett Stevens.

Patrick Dee also mentioned and thanked Garrett Stevens for going to attend the ESSA (Every Student Succeeds Act) event on October 20, 2016.

Patrick Dee gave his most sincere thanks to the High School math department for picking up multiple classes: Paul Gould, Stephanie Hayes, Sarah Haley, Amy Durkee and Mac Petrequin

Superintendent comments:

Patrick Dee announced that John Etu received a grant for \$1,700.00 for experiments in chemistry.

Patrick Dee stated that Foundation Aid is tied to free and reduced lunches, and mentioned restoring LGA formula. If formula were accurate Whitehall would receive nearly \$1,000,000.00 more aid.

In honor of Board Recognition Week, October 24-28, 2016, Patrick Dee gave each Board member a gift and a statement from the governor.

Correspondence: Jeremy Putorti read a thank you card from the members of Skenesboro Harbor for the abundance from the garden, with a special thank you to Mrs. Hart for her work and time.

There was no old business.

Moved by James Brooks, seconded by Samantha Kinglsey and carried unanimously, (8 – 0), to approve the following:

Treasurer's Reports: August only

1. Bank Reconciliation's
2. Bills for payment
 - a. General Fund
 - b. School Lunch Fund
 - c. Special Aid Fund
3. Budget Status Reports
 - a. General Fund
 - b. School Lunch Fund
 - c. Special Aid Fund
4. Revenue Status Reports (for informational purposes)
 - a. General Fund
 - b. School Lunch Fund
 - c. Special Aid Fund
 - d. Capital Project Fund
5. Extracurricular Report

Approval of Board minutes 9/19/16

Approval of CSE/CPSE Minutes 9/13, 9/15, 9/21, 9/27, 9/29

Corrected tax bill: 6-8 North Williams Street, Whitehall, NY 12887 – Decrease of \$179.50.

Resignations

Mr. Stephen Civitello – resigning from his position as Aide effective 5:15 pm on September 28, 2016.

Mr. Howard St. John – resigning from the position of Cleaner effective close of business, November 11, 2016.

Ms. Karry Martindale - resigning from the position of Server at the elementary school effective close of business, October 7, 2016.

Mrs. Martha Bascue – resigning from the position of District Clerk effective, October 17, 2016.

Motioned by James Brooks, seconded by Virginia Rivetter and carried unanimously, (8 – 0), to approve the following appointments:

Appointments

The Board of Education of the Whitehall Central School District approves the appointment of Ms. Heather Gordon to the position of Elementary School Yearbook Advisor effective, October 18, 2016. She will be compensated per the WTA contract.

The Board of Education of the Whitehall Central School District approves the appointment of Ms. Rachel Bessette to the position of Substitute Teacher Aide/Bus Attendant effective, October 18, 2016. She will be compensated \$9.00 per hour.

The Board of Education of the Whitehall Central School District approves the appointment of Ms. Wanda Wolford to the position of Part Time Food Service Helper effective, October 18, 2016. She will be compensated \$9.00 per hour.

The Board of Education of the Whitehall Central School District approves the appointment of Mr. David Fitzpatrick to the position of Bus Driver effective, October 18, 2016. He will be compensated \$12.50 per hour. Mr. Fitzpatrick was previously a Substitute Bus Driver.

The Board of Education of the Whitehall Central School District approves the appointment of Mrs. Kimberly Manney to the position of District Clerk effective, October 17, 2016. She will be compensated \$1,500.00 for the 2016-2017 school year. (Prorated to June 30, 2016.)

The Board of Education of the Whitehall Central School District approves the appointment of Ms. Breanne Ryder to the position of Unpaid Volunteer for the fall football season to help with cheerleading.

The Board of Education of the Whitehall Central School District approves the appointment of Mrs. Brianna Boerem-Gates to the position of Kindergarten Teacher. She will be compensated MA-Step 1, \$42,000.00. (Patrick Dee commented that she should be starting after to her previous commitment. It should be one – two weeks.)

The Board of Education of the Whitehall Central School District approves the appointment of Ms. Ona Lindberg to the position of Long-term Substitute Teacher effective October 11, 2016 – June 30, 2017. She will be compensated Substitute Teacher pay until day 21, at which time she will be compensated MA-Step 2, \$42,100.00, prorated to June 30, 2017.

The Board of Education of the Whitehall Central School District approves the appointment of the following coaches for the 2016-2017 winter season, pending fingerprint clearance:

Amanda Fowler – Varsity Indoor Track
Neil Molinero – Boys JV Basketball
Ron Rushia – Girls JV Basketball
Boyd Hunt – Modified Boys Basketball
Nicole Valastro/Stephanie Hayes – Modified Girls Basketball
Kevin Gebo – Modified Wrestling
Nicole Egan/Megan Rozell - Cheerleading

Motioned by Pat Norton, seconded by James Brooks and carried unanimously, (8 – 0), to approve the following leave of Absence and Building Usage Requests.

Leave of Absence

The Board of Education of the Whitehall Central School District approves the maternity leave of absence for Mrs. Jessyca Snellinger from on or about, February 1, 2017, for approximately six to eight weeks.

Building Usage Requests

Ms. Mary Hollister – use of the Elementary School cafeteria on October 7th and 14th, 2016, from 5:15 pm – 6:00 pm for parent meetings for Brownies.

Ms. Dina St. Clair – use of the Jr/Sr High School gym on Saturday, December 3, 2016, from 8:00 am – 1:00 pm for the Elk's Hoop Shoot. (Elks lodge 1491). She would like to also use girls and boys basketballs.

Mr. Keith Redmond – use of the Jr/Sr High School gym, locker rooms and lobby on October 28, 2016, for a benefit basketball game with Fort Ann Teachers from 5:00 pm – 9:00 pm. He is also requesting the use of the score clock.

Ms. Angel Clark – use of the Elementary School cafeteria for Girl Scout meetings on September 29, 2016 from 6:00 pm – 7:30 pm, October 7th, October 21st, November 4th and November 18th, 2016 from 3:30 pm – 5:30 pm.

Ms. Heather McGee – use of the Elementary School cafeteria from 5:30 pm – 7:00 for monthly Girl Scout meetings on: September 26, 2016, October 24, 2016, November 28, 2016, and December 19, 2016, from 5:30 pm – 7:00 pm.

Ms. Amanda Heckman – use of an Elementary School first grade classroom on October 24, 2016, November 21, 2016 and December 12, 2016 from 5:00 pm – 7:00 pm for Girl Scout Troop meetings.

The items of information mentioned at the Board meeting were:

Fiduciary training for newly elected school district and Boces Board members:
November 19, 2016, (9:00 am – 3:30 pm)

Motion made to allow/recognize the “Big Buddy Program”

Visitor Comments

There were no visitor comments.

Kimberly Manney
District Clerk

Motioned by James Brooks, seconded by Frank Barber, and carried unanimously, (8 – 0), to adjourn and go into Executive Session at 7:10 p.m. for the medical, financial, credit, or employment history of a particular person or corporation, or matters leading to the appointment of employment, promotion, demotion, discipline, suspension, dismissal, or removal of a particular person or corporation.

Motion made by James Brooks, seconded by Virginia Rivette and carried unanimously to return to public session at 7:35 p.m.

No action after Executive Session

Board Adjourned at 7:35 pm.

Jeremy Putorti
Acting Secretary