

MINUTES – Regular Meeting
BOARD OF EDUCATION
Monday, September 19, 2016
6 p.m. – Jr-Sr High School LGI

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

ABSENT: Amy Austin

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.

Board President's comments:

Heather Erenwein and Robert Hemsing addressed the Board regarding Washington D.C. trip.

Moved by James Brooks, seconded by Virginia Rivette and carried unanimously approving to allow Washington DC trip planned for March – 2 nights. 8 - 0

Board member comments:

Pat Norton thanked Topher Montville, Logan Pease for field day at Elks. On October 8th – October 17th horse shoes, Spaghetti dinner/basket raffle at Elks for Dan St. Clair.

Recognitions:

Jeremy Putorti and Patrick Dee recognized employees for their years of service, awarding them with a certificate and years-of-service pin.

The football team, golf team and Keith Redmond, Athletic Director, were mentioned for their level of sportsmanship.

Richard Trowbridge and Jeff Keller received 25 back packs each from YMCA.

Superintendent comments:

Patrick Dee welcomed Kimberly Manney to Superintendent's secretary position, and Virginia Rivette back to the Board. He thanked staff, administration and student athletes

for their sportsmanship. Also mentioned was the large class sizes in kindergarten and inquired as to creating and hiring a kindergarten teacher.

Motioned by James Brooks, seconded by Pat Norton, carried, unanimously approving creating and hiring a kindergarten teacher. 8 - 0

There was no correspondence or old business.

Moved by James Brooks and Virginia Rivette and carried unanimously, (8 – 0), to approve the following:

Treasurer's Reports: July 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
 - d. Capital Project 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

Motioned by Jams Brooks, seconded by Samantha Kingsley, and carried unanimously , (8 – 0), the following:

Approval of Board minutes 8/15, 9/6

Approval of CSE/CPSE Minutes 8/22

Motioned by Frank Barber, seconded by Virginia Rivette, and carried unanimously, (8 – 0), for the following resignations:

Resignations

Martha Bascue has submitted her resignation as secretary to the Superintendent effective, September 9, 2016.

Kathleen Pfeiffer, resigning from the position of Special Education teacher, effective September 9, 2016.

Lisa Granger, resigning from the position of school bus driver, effective immediately.

Daniel Bacon, resigning from the position of dishwasher, effective immediately.

Jamie Williams, resigning from the position of teacher aide effective, immediately. (Ms. Williams was a permanent aide, but is now going to substitute status).

Motioned by James Brooks, seconded by Pat Norton 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. Julia Moulton to a one year teacher on assignment as a library Media Specialist for the 2016-2017 school year. She will be compensated at Level 1, Masters + 7 hours - \$42,700.00.

The Board of Education of the Whitehall Central School District approves the appointment of Mrs. Kimberly Manney to the position of Secretary to the Superintendent effective, September 12, 2016. She will be compensated \$45,000.00 for the 2016-2017 school year. (Prorated to June 30th). (This is a Managerial Confidential position.)

The Board of Education of the Whitehall Central School District approves the appointment of Mr. Martha Bascue to the position of part time account clerk/typist/payroll clerk effective, September 12, 2016. (This is a Managerial Confidential position)

The Board of Education of the Whitehall Central School District approves the appointment of Daniel DeLuca to the position of cleaner effective, September 13, 2016. He will be compensated \$10.00 per hour.

The Board of Education of the Whitehall Central School District approves the appointment of Ms. Rachelle Bessette to the position of Kitchen Staff effective September 9, 2016. She will be compensated \$9.00 per hour.

The Board of Education of the Whitehall Central School District approves the following to the position of Teachers' Aide effective September 1, 2016.

Rosemary Love

Jennifer Pratt

Danielle (Ingerson) Beebe

Sarah Hart
Samantha (Beebe) Desourdy
Connie Wylie
Tracey Ellis
Rosemary Gordon
They will be compensated \$9.00 per hour.

The Board of Education of the Whitehall Central School District approves the following mentors for the 2016-2017 school year. They will be compensated at a rate of \$500.00 for half, \$1,000.00 full year, as per the WTA Contract.

Mr. Ben Reynolds, mentor to Mr. Boyd Hunt (1/2 year)
Ms. Lori Comar, mentor to Ms. Fay Gorton (1/2 year)
Ms. Beth Williams, mentor to Ms. Monica Mondella (1/2 year)
Ms. Elizabeth Lyng, mentoring Ms. Rose Olsen (1/2 year)

The Board of Education of the Whitehall Central School District approves the appointments of the following to the position of Co-Advisor of the Elementary School Assembly Club. They will be compensated at a rate per the WTA contract.

Ms. Heather Gordon
Ms. Pam Putorti

Motioned by Virginia Rivette, seconded by James Brooks and carried unanimously, (8 – 0), to approve the following Building Usage Requests, Diversity Club Proposal and Bid Equipment Request:

Building Usage Requests

Gary and Laura Hart to use the elementary school auditorium, gym, locker rooms, cafeteria, lobby and basement (to get their equipment), starting the third week in September and ending the third week in May 2017, Mondays, Wednesdays and Thursdays, for the purpose of teaching Tae Kwon Do.

Mr. Keith Redmond to use the Jr-Sr High School's gym from 6:00 pm – 8:00 pm for AAU Basketball for grades 10-12. (Days to be determined)

Ms. Amanda Heckman to use the elementary school, first grade classroom on, September 26, 2016, from 5:00 pm – 7:00 pm, for Girl Scout – Brownie Troop 3234, troop meeting.

Ms. Amanda Heckman to use the elementary school gym, cafeteria, and back parking lot, October 28, 2016, from 4:30 pm – 8:00 pm, for Girls Scouts of Northeastern, Trunk or Treat.

Ms. Carrie Rivette to use the elementary school cafeteria, for Cub Scout recruitment on, September 29, 2016, from 6:00 pm – 8:45 pm.

Ms. Carrie Rivette to use elementary school gym, for Cub Scout Pinewood Derby on, January 13, 2017, from 4:30 pm – 9:30 pm.

Ms. Rachel Waters to use the elementary school gym for Youth Cheerleading, for the months of September and October, from 3:30 – 4:30, Monday – Thursday. (Practices will not be all four days each week. They are still looking for the best days, (1-2 each week), for parents/cheerleaders, and are waiting on other activities to be scheduled to avoid conflicts.)

Diversity Club Proposal

The Board of Education of the Whitehall Central School District approves of Ms. Rose Olsen to be an unpaid/volunteer student advisor to help a student start up, and run, a Diversity Club.

Bid Equipment Request

The Board of Education of the Whitehall Central School District approves of the following items going out to bid:

Rockwell 14” Band saw
Makita 10” Compound saw

The items of information mentioned at the Board meeting were:

Adirondack Area School Boards Association “Save the Dates”

September 29, 2016, 6:00 pm, Queensbury Hotel
Washington County Collaborative Seminar September 28, 2016, Hudson Falls High School, 6:00 pm

Open House

Elementary – Tuesday, September 20, 2016 (6:00 pm – 7:00 pm)
Jr./Sr. High – Wednesday, September 21, 2016 (6:30 pm – 8:00 pm)

Visitor Comments

Ms. Robyn Melton – thanks for the recognition

Motioned by James Brooks, seconded by Hope Greene, and carried unanimously, (8 – 0), to adjourn and go into Executive Session at 6:55 p.m. for the purpose of proposed, pending or current litigation.

Kimberly Manney
District Clerk

Motioned by James Brooks, seconded by Virginia Rivette to exit Executive Session at 7:18 p.m.

Motion made by Mr. James Brooks, Seconded by Patricia Norton and carried unanimously, (8 – 0), to allow an appeal of an IHO Decision, as follows:

Be it **RESOLVED** that the Board of Education of the Whitehall Central School District authorizes and directs its attorneys to pursue an appeal to the State Review Officer from the August 25, 20216 Decision and Order of the Impartial Hearing Officer issued in the matter involving Student No. 17045.

Motion by Mr. James Brooks, seconded by Hope Greene, and carried unanimously, (8 – 0), to proceed to procure Board Docs Software.

The Board adjourned at 7:20 p. m.

Patrick M. Dee
Acting Secretary