

June 8, 2017

Regular

Windham School

Susan Simpfenderfer,
President

Date

Kind of Meeting

Where Held

Presiding Officer

Members Present:

Susan Simpfenderfer
Drew Shuster
William Haltermann
Debra Bunce – in 7:02
Teri Martin – in 7:05

Members Absent:

Michelle Mattice
John Wiktorko
Barbara Agostinoni

Others Present:

Joanne Krazit
Mag Scarey
Petra Davenport

Board President, Susan Simpfenderfer, called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.
Mrs. Simpfenderfer led those assembled in the Pledge of Allegiance.

A group of students from the Band and Chorus, along with Ms. Beauregard and Ms. Kobylar gave a summary of their recent trip to Ohio. They thanked the Board for their support and presented the Board with a framed picture to commemorate the trip.

Public Comments - None

The next item of business is the following Consent Agenda.

The Board agreed to remove Item 2bvi - Resolution Establishing a Pre-Kindergarten - from the consent agenda for further discussion.

1) Routine Matters

- i. **RESOLVED**, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board approves the Minutes of the May 18, 2017 Regular meeting.
- ii. **RESOLVED**, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent and the Audit Finance Committee, the Board approves the Superintendent's Transfers for June 2017 as presented.
- iii. **RESOLVED**, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent and the Audit Finance Committee, the Board approves the Bill Schedule for June 2017 as presented:
General Fund - Check #46258 - #46259 in the amount of \$902.23
General Fund - Check #46260 - #46379, #70117 - #70118 in the amount of \$1,199,802.07
Federal Fund- Check #2391 - in the amount of \$5,528.00
School Lunch Fund – Check #280 in the amount of \$13,973.76
- iv. **RESOLVED**, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent and the Audit Finance Committee, the Board approves the Extracurricular Account Balances Report for April 2017.

Routine
Matters

2. New Business

a) Personnel

- i. **RESOLVED**, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board approves the following individuals as the pool of staff members for the 2017 Summer School Program and summer work:
Emily Lacombe - Teacher
Suzanne Filippone – Teaching Assistant
Ann Evans, Sakiko Honge, Denise Woodbeck, Bernie Gribbins, Jazmin Janke, Marta Dyjak –Teacher/Teacher's Assistant/ Teacher Aide pool
Bernie Gribbins, Denise Woodbeck – Summer Office Aide/Clerk

Summer
School Staff

All persons in the pool of approved substitutes will be eligible to substitute during the summer school program.

- ii. **RESOLVED**, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board appoints the following individuals to the following extra-curricular positions for the 2017-2018 school year pending a Clearance of Appointment:
Athletic Director – Joel Middleton Athletic Director
2017-18
- iii. **RESOLVED**, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board approves the following individuals for the 2017-2018 Creating Rural Opportunities Partnership (CROP) program:
CROP Site Coordinator – Bernie Gribbins CROP Site Coordinator
2017-2018
- iv. **RESOLVED**, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board appoints Denise Woodbeck to a 4 year probationary position as a Teaching Assistant effective June 9, 2017, through June 8, 2021 and **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that she will be compensated as outlined in the current W-A-J Support Staff Agreement. Woodbeck
TA App't
- v. **RESOLVED**, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board appoints Holly Breault to a 4 year probationary 1.0 FTE position as School Psychologist, in the tenure area of School Psychologist, effective July 1, 2017 through June 30, 2021 and **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that she will be compensated per the current W-A-J Teachers Association Agreement pending a Clearance of Appointment from the Commissioner of Education. Breault
School Psychologist
App't
- vi. **RESOLVED**, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board approves adding Jim Adair to the list of Substitute Teachers for the 2016-2017 school year. Adair Sub
- vii. **RESOLVED**, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board accepts the resignation of Carly Mead, Instructional Technology Coordinator, effective June 30, 2017. Mead
Resignation

b) Other

- i. **RESOLVED**, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board approves the recommendation from the Committee on Special Education, Committee on Pre-School Special Education and the American with Disability Act, Section 504 for student #'s: 1905,1092,1246, 1652 CSE/CPSE
- ii. **RESOLVED**, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board approves the Board of Education meeting calendar for the 2017-2018 school year as presented under separate cover BOE 2017-
2018 Meeting
Calendar
- iii. **RESOLVED**, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board approves the school calendar for the 2017-2018 school year as presented under separate cover. 2017-2018
School
Calendar
- iv. Private Expendable Trust Fund Disbursement

WHEREAS the Private Expendable Trust Fund for Windham-Ashland-Jewett Central School has four inactive accounts due to low rates of interest return, and

Trust Fund
Disbursement
Resolution

WHEREAS, the Board of Education wishes to liquidate these funds by disbursing them to deserving students, as was the original intent,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the funds be disbursed over the course of four years, beginning with the 2016-2017 school year, based on criteria determined as much as practical from the existing district records of these accounts, with the final disbursement decision made by the Superintendent.

- v. Extension of the Date for Enrollment to Kindergarten

WHEREAS, the NYS Education Law provides that students who are five (5) years of age as of December 1st of any year, may enroll in Kindergarten starting in September of the year they reach age 5; and

Extension for
Kind
Enrollment
Resolution

WHEREAS, members of community have expressed their desire to allow children to attend Kindergarten at an earlier age; and

WHEREAS, the WAJ School District has determined that it can accommodate additional students at the Kindergarten level;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Windham Ashland Jewett Central School District hereby determines that children will be eligible to enroll in Kindergarten in the District if they reach five (5) years old by December 31st (extended from December 1st) and directs the Superintendent to provide notice and information to residents about this change. A policy and regulations governing this benefit will be drafted and adopted.

The consent agenda, Items 1i through 2bv, was approved on motion by Drew Shuster, second by Teri Martin. Yes: William Haltermann, Debra Bunce, Susan Simpfinderfer, Drew Shuster, Teri Martin

After an in-depth discussion regarding the establishment of the full day Pre-Kindergarten class the following resolution was presented.

- 2bvi. Resolution Establishing a Pre-Kindergarten

WHEREAS, the NYS Education Law permits public schools to establish and operate pre-Kindergarten classes; and

Establish Pre-
Kindergarten
Program
Resolution

WHEREAS, the NYS Education Law provides that students who are four (4) years of age as of December 1st of any year, may enroll in pre-Kindergarten starting in September of the year they reach age 4; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Education has authorized students who are four (4) years of age as of December 31st to attend pre-Kindergarten at an earlier age; and

WHEREAS, the Windham-Ashland-Jewett CSD has determined that it can accommodate additional students at the pre-Kindergarten level, authorizes the superintendent to establish and operate a pre-Kindergarten program, beginning at that point during the 2017-2018 school year when the necessary preparations have been made to the satisfaction of the superintendent; and

WHEREAS, this new pre-Kindergarten program shall run on a pilot basis, subject to modification or termination at the discretion of the superintendent;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Windham Ashland Jewett Central School District hereby determines that children will be eligible to enroll in pre-Kindergarten in the District and directs the Superintendent to provide notice and information to residents about this program.

Resolution passed on motion by William Haltermann, second by Debra Bunce and carried by those present.

Superintendent's Report

Mr. Wiktorko reminded the Board of the upcoming meeting changes and events.

With no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:06 on motion by William Haltermann, second by Debra Bunce, and carried by those present.

Minutes prepared by:
Barbara Agostinoni, Interim Clerk

John Wiktorko
Clerk Pro Tem