

August 14, 2014  
Date

Regular  
Kind of Meeting

Windham School  
Where Held

Drew Shuster, President  
Presiding Officer

Members Present:

William Haltermann  
Debra Bunce  
Teri Martin  
AJ Savasta  
Drew Shuster

Members Absent:

Michelle Mattice

Others Present:

David Langdon  
Margaret Scarey  
Tara Weiman  
Patty Mattice

John Wiktorko

Barbara Agostinoni, District Clerk

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The Board President, Drew Shuster, called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Mr. Shuster led those assembled in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Call to  
Order

Public Comments – Mrs. Weiman asked if a French teacher has been hired. Mr. Wiktorko responded that he will address staffing in his Superintendent’s Report.

The next item of business is the following Consent Agenda.

1. Routine Matters

Routine  
Matters

- i. **RESOLVED**, the Board approves the Minutes of the Reorganization/Regular meeting held on July 10, 2014.
- ii. **RESOLVED**, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent and the Audit Finance Committee, the Board approves the Treasurer’s Report for July 2014.
- iii. **RESOLVED**, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent and the Audit finance Committee, the Board approves the Bill Schedule for August 2014 as presented:  
General Fund: Ck #43177 - #43262 totaling \$263,095.45.
- iv. **RESOLVED**, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent and the Audit Finance Committee, the Board approves the Extraclassroom Activity Fund Account Balances for the month of June 2014.

Approval of  
Minutes

2. New Business

a) Personnel

- i. **RESOLVED**, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board appoints the following individuals to the following extra-curricular positions for the 2014-2015 school year pending a Clearance of Appointment:  
Varsity Girls Soccer – Jim Todaro  
Varsity Boys Soccer – Joel Middleton  
Varsity/Modified Cross Country Co-Coaches – Jesse Berube, Amy Moore  
Varsity Golf – Janice Hitchcock  
Modified Girls Soccer – John Valenti  
Modified Boys Soccer – Jim Adair  
Varsity Girls Basketball – Jim Todaro  
Modified Girls Basketball – Emily Lacombe  
Varsity Boys Basketball – Joel Middleton  
JV Boys Basketball – Jim Adair  
Modified Softball – Emily Lacombe  
Varsity Softball – Joel Middleton  
Modified Boys Baseball – Jim Adair  
Spring Track Co-Coaches – Jesse Berube, Nicole Kern  
Wee Warriors Coaching Pool – Jim Adair  
Scorekeeper/Timer Pool – Jim Adair  
Sports Volunteers – Andrew Lashua, Jackie Todaro

Extra Curr  
App’ts

Freshman Class (2018) Co-Advisors – Amy Moore, Nicole Kern  
 Sophomore Class (2017) Co-Advisor – Debbie Valerio  
 Senior Class (2015) Advisor – Emily Lacombe  
 Science Club Advisor – Julie Wawrzynek  
 Elementary Science club Advisor – Debbie Valerio  
 National Honor Society Co-Advisor – Debbie Valerio  
 National Junior Honor Society Co-Advisor – Debbie Valerio  
 4/5 Detention Supervisor – Ann Avans  
 Morning Program Coordinator – Kathy Ramundo  
 Mentor Pool – Amy Moore, Kathy Ramundo  
 Fitness Club Advisor Pool – Jesse Berube

- ii. **RESOLVED**, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board approves the following individuals for the 2014-2015 Creating Rural Opportunities Partnership (CROP) program:  
 CROP Site Coordinator – Bernadine Gribbons  
 CROP Activity Leaders (3) – Ann Evans, Ashley Becker  
 Student Peer Tutors (up to 4) – TBD

Crop App'ts
- iii. **RESOLVED**, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board approves the appointment of Robert Prevosti as a part-time bus driver/custodian for the 2014-15 school year, effective September 4, 2014, through June 30, 2015, with an aggregate salary not to exceed \$28,000, as outlined in the salary agreement presented under separate cover.

Robert Prevosti
- iv. **RESOLVED**, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board approves the appointment of Martin Blanden as a part-time bus driver/custodian for the 2013-14 school, effective September 4, 2014, through June 30, 2015, with an aggregate salary not to exceed \$28,000, as outlined in the salary agreement presented under separate cover.

Martin Blanden
- v. **RESOLVED**, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, pursuant to Section 3012 of Education Law, and in compliance with Part 30.3 of the Rules of the Board of Regents, the Board appoints Kerry Martinez to a three (3) year probationary teaching position (Spanish) in the Foreign Language tenure area, effective September 1, 2014 through August 31, 2017 and **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that Kerry Martinez be paid on Step 8 as per the current W-A-J Teachers Association Agreement pending a Clearance of Appointment from the Commissioner of Education.

Martinez App't
- vi. **RESOLVED**, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, pursuant to Section 3012 of Education Law and in compliance with Part 30.3 of the Rules of the Board of Regents, the Board appoints Ashley Becker to a one (1) year .6 FTE teaching position in the Music tenure area, effective September 1, 2014 through June 30, 2015 and **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that Ashley Becker be paid on Step 1, pro-rated for .6FTE, per the current W-A-J Teachers Association Agreement pending a Clearance of Appointment from the Commissioner of Education.

Becker App't
- vii. **RESOLVED**, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board appoints Heather Younes to the position of shared 1:1 Teacher Aide beginning on September 4, 2014 and ending on June 30, 2015 which will be her last day of employment in this position with the Windham- Ashland-Jewett CSD and **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that she will be compensated on Step 4 for a Teacher's Aide as outlined in the current W-A-J Support Staff Agreement.

Younes app't
- viii. **RESOLVED**, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board appoints Michelle Linger to the position of Teacher Aide beginning on September 4, 2014 and ending on June 30, 2015 which will be her last day of employment in this position with the Windham-Ashland-Jewett CSD and **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that she will be compensated on Step 3 as outlined in the current W-A-J Support Staff Agreement.

Linger App't

- 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: 1206, 1727, 1634, 1550 CSE/CPSE
  - ii. **RESOLVED**, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board approves the tax warrant for the 2014-2015 school year in the amount of \$9,499,709.00, collection to begin September 1, 2014 and ends November 3, 2014. Tax Warrant
  - iii. **RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education hereby accepts the 2014-2015 Free and Reduced Price Meal Program Policy Statement, including Family Income Eligibility Criteria and all attachments, as prescribed by the State Education Department, and authorizes the Superintendent of Schools to execute the prescribed Certificate of Acceptance on behalf of the District; and that the Assistant Superintendent, be appointed as the Hearing Official and Barbara Agostinoni as the Reviewing Official and Verification Official in connection with the Free and Reduced Price Meal program. Free/Red Lunch
  - iv. **RESOLVED**, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the board accepts the \$6,600.00 donation from the Board of the Windham Chapter of the Catskill Mountain Foundation for the Community College Credit Program. Windham Chapter Donation
  - v. **RESOLVED**, upon the recommendation of the superintendent, the Adult Meal Price be corrected to \$3.55 for the 2014-2015 school year. Adult Meal Correction

The consent agenda was approved on motion by William Haltermann, second by Debra Bunce.  
 Yes: William Haltermann, Debra Bunce, Drew Shuster, Teri Martin, AJ Savasta

Superintendent's Report:

Mr. Wiktoro commented on the following topics:

- Windham Chapter donation- a brief explanation of how the donation will be used to fund college courses for some of our students; we are thankful for the Windham Chapter's continued support.
- Staffing- due to unforeseen complications with staffing and Distance Learning availability, we are still looking for a French/ESL teacher. We may need to use BOCES services for the ESL position.
- External Audit- the auditors will be in the district the week of August 18 performing the regular audit and an additional audit required by the Dept of Homeland Security (FEMA).
- 3-8 Assessment Data- just released today. WAJ will use the data to help inform instruction and professional development.
- Board Retreat- rescheduled for Thursday, August 21 at 4pm in the District Office.
- Policy Review- we are using a 3<sup>rd</sup> party (BOCES) to perform the review. WAJ will be working with Erie 1 BOCES Policy Services and the BOE to complete a thorough review of our policy manual; a subcommittee will work on the project.

Public Comments – Mrs. Weimann commented on staffing and concerns over graduation requirements.

**RESOLVED**, that the Board go into Executive Session at 7:45 p.m. for the purpose of discussing collective bargaining on motion by Teri Martin, second by AJ Savasta, and carried by those present. Exec Sess

The items discussed during the Executive Session will be made public as appropriate at future meetings of the Board of Education.

The Board reconvened into regular session at 8:45 p.m. on motion by Teri Martin, second by AJ Savasta and carried by those present.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:46 p.m. on motion by Teri Martin, second by Debra Bunce and carried by those present. Adjournment