

MINUTES

Board of Education Meeting
Monday, December 21, 2015
6 p.m. Jr-Sr High School LGI

PRESENT: Jeremy Putorti, James Brooks, Frank Barber,
Amy Austin, Patricia Norton, Michael Rocque,
Tony Scrimo, Virginia Rivette, Samantha Kingsley

ALSO PRESENT: William F. Scott, Interim Superintendent of Schools
Jodi Birch, School Business Manager
Richard Trowbridge, Elementary Principal
Mark Doody, Jr-Sr High School Principal

Mr. Putorti called the meeting to order at 6:06 p.m.

Mrs. Kim Barber who is heading up the Back Pack program updated the Board on the service. The program is going very smoothly. All back packs that are sent out have been returned. Mrs. Barber would like to begin to reach out to students in the Middle School. If an individual would like to “adopt” on child the cost would be \$167 per year. A basket party is being held on Feb. 27, 2016 for the purpose of adding to the treasury.

Teachers representing the 6th, 7th & 8th grades gave the Board an overview and update of what has been happening in their classrooms. Karen Short, Christine Hoagland, Dane Stutes and Elizabeth Campagnone spoke about ELA and Math strategies.

Noted were 2 invitations:

The National Honor Society will be performing their induction ceremony on January 4, 2016 at 6:30 p.m.

The Whitehall PTA has invited the Board members to join the organization.

There was no Old Business

Moved by James Brooks, seconded by **BOARD & STAFF**
Frank Barber and carried unanimously to approve **REPORTS**
the bank reconciliation's for the General Fund, School Lunch
Fund, Special Aid Fund, Debt Service Fund and the Capital Project Fund

9 yes

Moved by Pat Norton, seconded by
Samantha Kingsley and carried unanimously to approve the
Bills for payment for the General Fund, School Lunch Fund,
Special Aid Fund and Capital Project Fund.

9 yes

Moved by James Brooks, seconded by
Frank Barber and carried unanimously to approve the
Budget status reports for the General Fund, School Lunch Fund,
Special Aid Fund & the Capital Project Fund

7 yes

The Revenue Status report was noted as informational

Moved by Virginia Rivette, seconded by
Frank Barber and carried unanimously to
Approve the Extracurricular Report

9 yes

Mr. Barber expressed his thanks that the financial reports were up to date.

Mr. Scrimo presented the minutes from the Policy Meeting which was held on
December 15, 2015. Sections 2000 and 3000 were presented and discussed

Moved by Tony Scrimo, seconded by
Pat Norton and carried unanimously to
Adopt Sections 2000 & 3000, effective immediately.

9 yes

The Audit/Finance Committee met prior to the Board meeting. Mrs. Birch
Discussed the items presented; including the report from the annual 2014-
2015 audit.

Moved by Virginia Rivette, seconded by
Frank Barber and carried unanimously to

Accept the annual 2014-2015 independent audit
As presented by Jenkins, Beecher & Bethel, LLP
9 yes

Moved by Patricia Norton, seconded by
James Brooks and carried unanimously to
approve the minutes of 11/16/2015
9 yes

In the absence of Mr. Chappell the CSE/CPSE Minutes
Were tabled to the next meeting.

Moved by James Brooks, seconded by
Frank Barber and carried unanimously to give
Approval to the American Red Cross to use the Jr-Sr High
School LGI on January 6, 2016 from 12 to 5 p.m. for a blood drive.
9 yes

**USE OF
FACILITY**

Moved by Tony Scrimo, seconded by
Pat Norton and carried unanimously to
Approve the request from Step N' Time Dance Studio
To use the Jr-Sr High School Auditorium, Cafeteria,
Music Room and Jr. High classrooms on 5/31, 6/1,
6/3 & 6/5/2016 for practice and dance recital from
5:30 to 9 p.m. This event will be sponsored by the
Sophomore Class.
9 yes

Moved by Frank Barber, seconded by
James Brooks and carried unanimously to approve
The request from Heather McGee representing the
Girl Scouts of NENY to use the pool, gym and lobby
On January 30, 2016 for a pizza and swim party.
This would take place from 1 to 5 p.m. – There will
Be certified lifeguards on duty.
9 yes

Moved by Amy Austin, seconded by
James Brooks and carried unanimously to

Approve to adopt the Chief School Officers Advocacy Committee Resolution
9 yes

Moved by Tony Scrimo, seconded by
James Brooks and carried unanimously to
Accept the resignation for the purposes of retirement
Of Mrs. Mary Adams, Bus Driver, effective January 4, 2016.
9 yes

RESIGNATIONS

Moved by Virginia Rivette, seconded by
Frank Barber and carried unanimously to
Accept the resignation of Mrs. Deborah Aubin
Special Education teacher, effective December 17, 2015.
9 yes

Moved by James Brooks, seconded by
Pat Norton and carried unanimously to
Accept the resignation of Mrs. Melissa Smith, Teacher Aide,
Effective December 23, 2015.
9 yes

Moved by Virginia Rivette, seconded by
Frank Barber and carried unanimously to
Accept the resignation of Michelle Maynard as
Modified Girls Basketball Coach, effective immediately.
9 yes

Moved by James Brooks, seconded by
Tony Scrimo and carried unanimously to adopt
The following resolution:

APPOINTMENTS

BE IT RESOLVED: that the Board of Education of the
Whitehall Central School District hereby accept the recommendation
Of the Superintendent to appoint Mr. Jason Rivers to a 4 year
Probationary appointment as a teacher of Special Education in the
Special Education tenure area commencing on December 22, 2015
And ending December 21, 2019, contingent upon achievement
Of effective or highly effective APPR ratings necessary to receive tenure
Throughout his probationary period, consistent with the requirements
Of Education Law Sections 2509, 3012-c. Mr. Rivers holds an initial

Certification as a high school Special Ed. teacher. He will be paid at Level 11 – MA - \$50,669 (Please note – Mr. Rivers is currently teaching at BOCES and will be giving them a 30 day notice of resignation; or a date that is mutually acceptable, therefore, his effective dates may change
9 yes

Moved by Tony Scrimo, seconded by James Brooks and carried unanimously to Appoint Justin Millet as Strength and Conditioning Coach For the winter season. Justin has completed all necessary Requirements for this position.
9 yes

There was discussion surrounding the subject of A permanent placement of a “Weight Room”.

Moved by Frank Barber, seconded by Pat Norton and carried unanimously to Approve the Superintendent’s recommendation to Change Lisa Granger’s title from School Bus Driver/Cleaner To specifically Bus Driver, effective immediately.
9 yes

Moved by Tony Scrimo, seconded by James Brooks and carried unanimously to Appoint Penny Hollister to the clerical position For Buildings & Grounds – 6 hours per week @\$12.07
9 yes

Moved by Virginia Rivette, seconded by Tony Scrimo and carried unanimously to appoint The following personnel for the Extended Day Program
Christine Hoagland – Grade 6 ELA
Karen Northrop – Grade 6 ELA
Stephanie Hayes – Grade 7 Math
Martha Beayon – Grade 8 Math
9 yes

Moved by James Brooks, seconded by

Frank Barber and carried unanimously to appoint Nicole Valastro as Modified Girls' Basketball Coach For the remainder of the season.

9 yes

Moved by Amy Austin, seconded by James Brooks and carried unanimously to appoint Dina St. Claire as Varsity Girls' Basketball Coach Assistant Unpaid volunteer – pending completion of the requirements.

9 yes

Moved by Tony Scrimo, seconded by Virginia Rivette and carried unanimously to approve The recommendation to appoint Mr. Alan Prindle as Internal Auditor. His review will take 7 days at a cost Of \$300 per day.

9 yes

Moved by Tony Scrimo, seconded by James Brooks and carried unanimously to Approve the attached resolution to refinance Bonds for capital projects issued in 2007 & 2008.

9 yes

Moved by James Brooks, seconded by Frank Barber and carried unanimously to Approve the minimum wage increase, to \$9 per hour Effective 12/31/2015.

9 yes

**MINIMUM
WAGE
INCREASE**

Moved by James Brooks, seconded by Virginia Rivette and carried unanimously to Approve the request to dispose of assets as presented To the Board.

9 yes

Moved by Virginia Rivette, seconded by Patricia Norton and carried unanimously to approve

**LOCAL
ASSISTANCE**

the Jr-Sr High School Local Assistance Plan as required by the State Education Department. The LAP is now posted on the District website.

PLAN

9 yes

Moved by James Brooks, seconded by Samantha Kingsley and carried unanimously to rescind The appointment of Mr. Steven Zito, effective immediately.

**RESCIND
APPT.**

Mr. Zito was appointed at the meeting of November 16th As a Special Education teacher but subsequently turned down The appointment.

9 yes

Under Items of Discussion

Mrs. Austin thanked the group of teachers who presented to The Board that evening and praised them on their academic commitment. She also thanked Mr. Trowbridge as Elementary Principal. She has heard Many good things about him and during his short time, his personal Commitment and knowledge of his students.

Mr. Barber asked when the basketball hoops would be repaired in the Elementary School (outside). He also inquired if Fort Ann has paid the \$4,000 Toward the cost of wrestling. Mr. Barber also requested a list of stipends that We pay as a district.

Mr. Brooks asked how the dugouts were progressing. There was also discussion regarding representatives from the Youth League to meet with Keith Redmond, Athletic Director to discuss chaperone duties.

There were trip updates with regard to the groups going to Washington DC which is leaving on 3/11/2016

The Costa Rica trip is leaving around 3/15 and returning 3/23/2016.

There was discussion regarding non-instructional chaperones on both trips. Based on those instructions the Board approved the following:

Moved by Frank Barber, seconded by Samantha Kingsley and carried unanimously to Approve that all non-instructional employees who Are chaperones on trips must use personal or vacation

Days in order to attend and accompany the students.
9 yes

Moved by Virginia Rivette, seconded by
Frank Barber and carried unanimously to
Adjourn the meeting.
9 yes

Martha P. Bascue
School District Clerk