

MINUTES

BOARD OF EDUCATION

Regular Meeting – June 20, 2016

6:00 p.m. - Jr-Sr High School Large Group Instruction Room

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

ALSO PRESENT: William F. Scott, Interim Superintendent of Schools
Jodi Birch, School Business Manager
Gregg Chappell, Director of Special Education
Richard Trowbridge, Elementary Principal
Mark Doody, Interim Jr/Sr High Principal

Mr. Putorti called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

Moved by James Brooks, seconded by

Samantha Kingsley and carried to adjourn to

Executive Session for the purpose of discussing the medical, financial, credit, or employment history of a particular person or corporation of matters leading to the appointment, employment, promotion, demotion, discipline, suspension, dismissal or removal of a particular person or corporation.

9 yes

Moved by Frank Barber, seconded by

Amy Austin and carried unanimously to

Return to public session at 7:05 p.m.

9 yes

Mr. Putorti presented Scholastic Achievement awards to the Valedictorian, Haley Wiskoski and Salutatorian, Abigail Dickinson. He noted their many achievements and what their future plans were going to be.

Mr. Putorti then recognized and thanked Mrs. Rivette, outgoing Member. Mrs. Rivette has served 3 consecutive terms beginning in 1995. The board members contributed monies in Mrs. Rivette's name to benefit the Back Pack program.

Mr. William Scott, Interim Superintendent was presented with a gift of appreciation for his dedicated work this past school year. He spoke very fondly of the district and thanked the Board for the opportunity to serve in that position.

Mr. Doody was then recognized and thanked for his term as Interim Jr/Sr High School. Mr. Doody indicated that it was a pleasure to serve in that capacity and loved the kids and faculty. He enjoyed his time at WCSD.

Under Correspondence

There was a request from Brian Brooks representing the Whitehall Volunteer Fire Company.

Moved by Amy Austin, seconded by James Brooks and carried unanimously to Approve the request from the Whitehall Volunteer Fire Company to lease a couple of our buses to transport Students to the Jr. Fire Company Camp events which will occur during the first week of August.
9 yes

Under Old Business:

Moved by Frank Barber, seconded by Anthony Scrimo and carried unanimously to Approve the Managerial/Confidential salaries for the 2016-2017 school year as presented to the Board
9 yes

Moved by James Brooks, seconded by Virginia Rivette to remove from the table the Subject of approval for the Whitehall/Fort Ann Wrestling merger
9 yes

After discussion with Mr. Redmond and members of the Board, the following Approval was given.

Moved by Virginia Rivette, seconded by James Brooks and carried unanimously to Continue the Whitehall/ Fort Ann Wrestling Merger Under the conditions discussed.
9 yes

Moved by James Brooks, seconded by Patricia Norton and carried unanimously to Accept and certify the vote results of 5/17/2016 as follows:

Certification and acceptance of Vote Results – May 17, 2016
602 people cast their votes at the polls and 2 absentee ballots were received.

Budget Vote

483 Yes 93 No

Buses

461 Yes 116 No

Board of Education – Mr. Putorti and Ms. Hope Gordon elected to 5 year terms

Jeremy Putorti - 299
Joseph Swahn - 59
Anda Stipins-Gang - 43
Harold Nicholson, Jr. - 194
Jade Martel - 161
Hope Gordon - 242
Virginia Rivette - 102

Proposition #2 to Reduce the Size of the Board from 9 members to 7 members

Yes 213

No 372

Proposition #3 - Reduce the Term of Board Members from 5 years to 3 years

Yes 306

No 280

9 yes

Under Board & Staff Reports

Moved by Frank Barber, seconded by Virginia Rivette and carried unanimously to Accept Bank Reconciliations for all funds for April and May, 2016.
9 yes

Moved by Amy Austin, seconded by James Brooks and carried unanimously to To accept the Bills for Payment, Budget Status Reports And the Extracurricular report for April & May, 2016
9 yes

The Revenue Status report was noted for informational purposes

Following a discussion from Mrs. Birch, School Business Manager, (attach) Of the Audit/Finance meeting which was held just prior to The Board meeting, the following was approved.

Moved by Tony Scrimo, seconded by
Virginia Rivette and carried unanimously to approve
The report from the Audit/Finance Committee meeting held on 6/20/2016
9 yes

Moved by James Brooks, seconded by
Patricia Norton and carried unanimously to approve
The transfer from the General Fund to the Capital Reserve
Fund in the amount not to exceed \$400,000.
9 yes

Moved by James Brooks, seconded by
Frank Barber and carried unanimously to approve the
Transfer from the General Fund to the Employee Retirement
Reserve in the amount not to exceed \$250,000.
9 yes

After a motion and a second, there was discussion regarding
The minutes of 5/9/2016. Mrs. Rivette asked if the invoice
Sent to Mr. Rocque had been paid regarding the conference he
Attended last summer at the New York State School Boards Association.
Mrs. Birch stated that it hadn't and a discussion ensued between Mr.
Rocque, Mrs. Rivette and Mrs. Norton. Mr. Rocque indicated that he did not
Agree to pay for the charge, but rather clarified his statement that he in fact said
"he could pay for it". Following discussion by other Board Members who
Said that they heard him say that he "would pay for it", the following was approved.

Moved by Virginia Rivette, seconded by
James Brooks and carried that the minutes of
5/9 and 6/9 are approved and will stand as written.
8 yes
1 no(Rocque)

Moved by Patricia Norton, seconded by
Samantha Kingsley and carried unanimously to approve
The CSE minutes of 3/31, 4/8, 4/11, 4/12, 4/18,
4/19, 4/20, 5/4, 5/5, 5/6, 5/9, 5/11, 5/12, 5/13 & 5/16/16
9 yes

Moved by James Brooks, seconded by
Samantha Kingsley and carried to
Accept the resignation of Molly Gordon,
School Psychologist, effective June 30, 2016
9 yes

RESIGNATIONS

Moved by James Brooks, seconded by
Tony Scrimo and carried unanimously to

APPOINTMENTS

Approve the following resolution:

Be it RESOLVED that the Board of Education of the Whitehall Central School District hereby accepts the recommendation of the Superintendent to appoint Mr. **Brian Jeff Keller** to a four year probationary appointment as a Jr-Sr High School Principal in the tenure area of High School Principal, commencing July 11, 2016 and ending July 10, 2020, contingent upon achievement of effective or highly effective APPR ratings necessary to receive tenure throughout his probationary appointment period, consistent with the requirements of Education Law Sections 2509, 3012c and/or 3012d. Mr. Keller holds a Professional Certificate as School Building Leader. He will be compensated at an annual salary of \$90,000 which will be pro-rated from July 11, 2016 through June 30, 2017.

9 yes

Moved by James Brooks, seconded by
Tony Scrimo and carried unanimously to
Approve the following resolution:

Be it RESOLVED that the Board of Education of the Whitehall Central School District appoint **Ms. Stephanie Hayes** to a four year probationary appointment as a teacher of Math in the Math tenure area, commencing on September 1, 2015 and ending August 31, 2019, contingent upon achievement of effective or highly effective APPR ratings necessary to receive tenure throughout her probationary period, consistent with the requirements of Education Law Sections 2509, 3012c and/or 3012d. Ms. Hayes holds initial certification as a Math teacher. She will be paid at MA Level 2 (amount to be determined as WTA contract is currently being negotiated).

9 yes

Moved by Patricia Norton, seconded by
Frank Barber and carried unanimously to
Approve the following resolution:

Be it RESOLVED that the Board of Education of the Whitehall Central School District appoint **Ms. Jill Juidiciani** to a four year probationary appointment as a teacher of Living Environment in the tenure area of Living Environment – Science, commencing un September 1, 2016 and ending August 31, 2020, contingent upon achievement of effective or highly effective APPR ratings necessary to receive tenure throughout her probationary period, consistent with the requirements of Education Law Sections 2509, 3012c and/or 3012d. Ms. Juidiciani holds a Professional Certificate in Adolescent Biology 7-12 and General Science 7-12. She will be compensated at MA – Level 4 (amount to be determined as WTA contract is currently being negotiated).

9 yes

Moved by Virginia Rivette, seconded by James Brooks and carried unanimously to Approve the following resolution:

Be it RESOLVED that the Board of Education of the Whitehall Central School District appoint **Ms. Fay Di Roma Gorton** to a four year probationary appointment as a teacher of Special Education in the tenure area of K-12 Special Education, commencing on September 1, 2016 and ending August 31, 2020, contingent upon achievement of effective or highly effective APPR ratings necessary to receive tenure throughout her probationary period, consistent with the requirements of Education Law Sections 2509, 3012c and/or 3012d. Ms. Fay Di Roma Gordon holds a permanent certificate in K-12 Special Education. She will be compensated at MA – Level 3 (amount to be determined as WTA contract is currently being negotiated).

9 yes

Moved by James Brooks, seconded by Samantha Kingsley and carried unanimously to Approve the permanent appointment of Mr. Michael Bennett As Coordinator of Network and Technology Services, effective June 20, 2016. Mr. Bennett has successfully passed the appropriate Civil Service Exam.

9 yes

Moved by Patricia Norton, seconded by Frank Barber and carried unanimously to Appoint Mr. Robert Davis to the position of Part-time cleaner, effective June 20, 2016. Mr. Davis Will work 25 hours per week with a schedule to suit The needs of the district. He will be compensated at a Rate of \$10.00 per hour.

9 yes

Moved by Virginia Rivette, seconded by Tony Scrimo and carried unanimously to approve The appointment of Mrs. Sheila Moore to the position of Head Cook in the Elementary School, effective September 1, 2016 and will be compensated at the rate of \$17.38 per hour.

9 yes

Moved by Tony Scrimo, seconded by James Brooks and carried unanimously to Approve the following personnel as advisors For the 2016-2017 school year.

Melissa Clark – Co-Advisor to the Class of 2018
Penny Hollister – Co-Advisor to the Class of 2018
Christine Hoagland – Co-Advisor to the Class of 2019
Joyce Leipfert – Co-Advisor to the Class of 2019
Christine Hoagland – Co-Advisor to the Jr-Sr High School Yearbook
Joyce Leipfert – Co-Advisor to the Jr-Sr High School Yearbook
Christina Wilson – Advisor for National Senior Honor Society
Christine Wilson – Advisor for National Jr. Honor Society
Christina Wilson – Advisor to SADD
Christina Wilson – Co-Advisor to the Class of 2017

9 yes

Moved by Virginia Rivette, seconded by
James Brooks and carried unanimously to
Appoint Keith Redmond as Athletic Director
For the 2016-2017 school year.

9 yes

Moved by James Brooks, seconded by
Samantha Kingsley and carried unanimously to
Approve the following coaches for the 2016-2017
School year

Keith Redmond – Varsity Golf Coach
Keith Redmond – Varsity Boys' Basketball Coach
Christine Hoagland – Varsity Soccer Coach
Amanda Fowler – Varsity Cross Coach
Amanda Fowler – Varsity Indoor Track Coach
Richard Gould – Head Varsity Football Coach
Sheri Wescott – Varsity Bowling Coach
Kim Daniels – Varsity Cheerleading Coach – Football
Nicole Egan – Varsity Cheerleading Coach – Basketball

9 yes

Moved by Samantha Kingsley, seconded by
James Brooks and carried to appoint
Kathy Putorti as Girls Varsity Basketball Coach

8 yes

1 no (Rivette)

Moved by Amy Austin, seconded by
Samantha Kingsley and carried unanimously to
Appoint the following personnel for the summer
Swim program.

Valerie Wager – Program Coordinator/Instructor
Pamela Putorti – Lifeguard/Instructor

Christine Hoagland – Assistant Instructor
Sue Gebo – Assistant Instructor
Emily Sweeney – Assistant Instructor
Olivia Sweeney – Assistant Instructor
Britney Putorti – Assistant Instructor
Heather Gordon – Substitute
Lynn Enny – Substitute

9 yes

Moved by James Brooks, seconded by
Virginia Rivette and carried unanimously to
Approve the following personnel for Special Ed. Summer School
For the 2016-2017 school year:

Special Education Summer School
Stephanie Douglass, teacher Grades K-2
Elizabeth Ross, Teacher Aide
Ben Lane, teacher Grades 3-5
Laurentine Hart, Teacher Aide
Martha Beayon, teacher Grades 6-8
Rebecca Faryniarz, Teacher Aide

9 yes

Moved by Virginia Rivette, seconded by
Frank Barber and carried unanimously to
Appoint the following personnel for the
Elementary School summer school – Grades 3, 4 & 5
Karen Paddock & Bethany Truax

9 yes

Moved by Patricia Norton, seconded by
Samantha Kingsley and carried unanimously to
Appoint the following personnel for Middle School
Summer School – Grades 6, 7 & 8
Christine Hoagland & Stephanie Hayes

9 yes

Moved by Virginia Rivette, seconded by
James Brooks and carried unanimously to
Approve the tenure appointment of Mrs. Lauren Chandler
In the area of Music, effective September 1, 2016

9 yes

TENURE APPTS.

Moved by Amy Austin, seconded by
Virginia Rivette and carried unanimously to
Approve the tenure appointment of Mrs. Karen Paddock

In the area of Elementary Education, effective September 1, 2016
9 yes

Moved by Tony Scrimo, seconded by
Frank Barber and carried unanimously to
Approve the tenure appointment of Mrs. Heather Ernenwein
In the area of English, effective September, 1, 2016
9 yes

Moved by Tony Scrimo, seconded by
Samantha Kingsley and carried unanimously to
Approve the tenure appointment of Mrs. Christina Wilson
In the area of Physical Education, effective September 1, 2016
9 yes

Moved by Patricia Norton, seconded by
Frank Barber and carried unanimously to approve
The tenure appointment of Ms. Jenna Sanders, effective
September 4, 2016.
9 yes

Moved by James Brooks, seconded by
Frank Barber and carried unanimously to approve
The following
The District and Mr. Chappell agree to extend the
Probationary appointment in the area of Director of
Special Education/Assistant Principal for an additional year
Until August 21, 2017.
9 yes

Moved by James Brooks, seconded by
Pat Norton and carried unanimously to
Authorize to pay the year-end bills for June 30, 2016
9 yes

Moved by Tony Scrimo, seconded by
James Brooks and carried unanimously to
Establish the date for Organizational Meeting to be
July 11, 2016 at 6 p.m. in the Jr-Sr High School LGI
9 yes

Moved by Virginia Rivette, seconded by
James Brooks and carried unanimously to approve
The following substitutes:
Jennifer Pratt – Teacher Aide
9 yes

SUBSTITUTES

Moved by Frank Barber, seconded by
Tony Scrimo and carried unanimously to
Approve the request to dispose of equipment to include
A belt sander and a router table.
9 yes

DISP. OF EQUIP.

Moved by James Brooks, seconded by
Frank Barber and carried unanimously to
Approve the request for the School Psychologists' to
Share 20 days of work to complete testing (if necessary)
During the summer of 2016.
9 yes

Moved by James Brooks, seconded by
Samantha Kingsley and carried unanimously to
Approve the request for the Guidance Counselors to share
20 days of working during the summer of 2016, if necessary
To prepare for the new school year.
9 yes

Moved by James Brooks, seconded by
Tony Scrimo and carried unanimously to approve
The Fund Surplus resolution agreement and release regarding
The agreement pertaining to Questar III Boces – Other Post
Employment Benefits Liquidation Plan.
9 yes

Moved by Tony Scrimo, seconded by
Virginia Rivette and carried unanimously to approve
The refund of taxes in the matter of the application
Of Michael J. Lemnotis and Linda G. Lemnotis for the
The 2014-2015 school year \$2,147.67 and the 2015-2016 school year of \$2,157.52
For a total of \$4,305.19. This is due to a reduction in assessments.
9 yes

REFUND OF TAX

Moved by James Brooks, seconded by
Patricia Norton and carried unanimously to
Approve the request from Girl Scout Troop #3064
For a troop meeting on 5/26.
9 yes

USE OF FACILITY

Moved by James Brooks, seconded by
Frank Barber and carried unanimously to
Approve the request from the Girl Scouts to
Use the Elementary Cafeteria on 6/9 & 6/23 for

Meetings.

9 yes

Under Items of Discussion

Mr. Brooks addressed the Board with regard to recent discussions

From community members about the use of the pool. Mr. Brooks would

Like input from community members and also suggestions to perhaps use

The pool more in the Elementary grades for physical education. Mrs. Birch

Did remind the Board regarding the renovation of the pool and the cost thereof.

Mrs. Putorti, Phys Ed. teacher spoke on the issues regarding Elementary students
Swimming as part of their curriculum.

There was notice from the Department of Transportation regarding the District's

Bus annual bus inspections. The department reported 100% passing rate.

Congratulations to our Transportation Department.

Under Visitors comments Mrs. Hollister asked if "grandfathered"

Non-instructional employees were to be fingerprinted. Mr. Rocque added

That we need clear policy on the subject.

Moved by Virginia Rivette, seconded by

James Brooks and carried to adjourn the meeting at 8:10 p.m.

9 yes

Martha P. Bascue

School District Clerk