

Board of Education Meeting #8
Whitesboro Central School District
7:00 P.M.
January 09, 2024

Present:	M. Head	B. Bellair, Superintendent
	B. McQueen	D. Russo, Assistant Superintendent for Learning
	J. Henderson	C. O'Neil, Director, Pupil Personnel Services
	T. Schoen (7:45)	J. Muller, Assistant Superintendent for Business
	C. LaValley	T. Pawloski, Director, Special Prog. & Services
	S. Szatko	K. Powers, District Treasurer
	S. Farr	K. Bunal, District Clerk

Mr. Head, President of the Board of Education, called the meeting to order at 7:03 PM., led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag and read the District Mission Statement.

Mr. Head read a brief statement to the public in regards to the two opportunities for members of the community to speak and the guidelines for public participation. He then opened the floor to the public for any comments on agenda items, there was none.

Mr. Head thanked Ms. Centro and her staff for hosting the Board of Education meeting.

Mr. Head announced January's optimist student, Jordyn Howlett. The Optimist dinner will be held on February 7, 2024, at Michael T's restaurant. The following students will be recognized, Jordyn Howlett, Emma Kane and Katherine Mullen. The Optimist dinner to be held in the spring will recognize the following students, Matthew Brinck, Connor Hahn and Aubrey Hughes.

Mr. Head announced the upcoming events:

- Legislative Forum, Thursday, January 25, 2024, OHM BOCES 6:00 p.m.
- Virtual Capital Conference, Friday, February 2, 2024, 8:30 – Noon
- NYSSBA Lobby Day, Wednesday, February 7, 2024, Albany, to meet with State Legislators

Mr. Head informed the Board that the BOE meeting evaluation will be rescheduled to February's meeting.

Mr. Head stated that the Board should have received a letter stating that he would be replacing John Salerno position on the BOCES board due to John's resignation. Mr. Head will attend the January meeting as a guest and participate in the retreat scheduled for February. Mr. Head will fill the vacancy until the next annual election in April 2024.

Mr. Head reported that there was a Health and Safety Committee meeting on December 20, 2023, and that Mr. Muller would update the Board later in the meeting.

RESOLUTION	Motion by Dr. Henderson
Consent Agenda	Seconded by Mr. McQueen
	Personnel-Instructional
	Personnel-School Related
	Acceptance of Committee on Special Education recommendations on students

identified by number on the enclosed information
Financial Reports – Treasurer’s Report and Student Activity Accounts Nov. 2023
Approval of Minutes – December 5, 2023, and December 19, 2023

Ayes 6 Nays 0 Motion carried

Mr. Head turned the floor over to Dr. Bellair. Dr. Bellair announced that the two presentations scheduled for tonight’s meeting will be rescheduled to the February Board meeting. Dr. Bellair turned the floor over to Mr. O’Neil to update the Board on NYS Blue Ribbon Commission on Graduation Measures.

Mr. O’Neil reported that the State has completed the first two phases and that the third phase should be implemented soon. The commission undertook an independent and inclusive process to explore what a state diploma should signify to ensure educational excellence and equity for every student in NYS. The Blue Ribbon Commission has recommended expanded High School diploma options to also include more diverse seals that a student can earned. The State is looking to demonstrate more flexibility for students to graduate. Mr. O’Neil stated that the fourth phase does not have a timeline yet.

Dr. Bellair and Mr. Muller discussed the options available to volunteer firefighters and ambulance workers in NYS. State lawmakers approved a new law that gives taxing jurisdictions the option to offer those volunteers a property tax exemption of up to 10% off the assessed values of their main home. There is also the option of a tax credit on their tax return. The individual can only take one tax option available to them. The Board would like to pursue this option but would like to have more information in regards to how many eligible residences and how this could impact the district before making any commitments.

Dr. Bellair spoke on the school name and mascot and has conferred with another district Superintendent and our lawyer(s), and at this time there is no new information in reference to the ongoing lawsuits brought against the Regent and the State of New York. The ThoughtExchange platform will remain open to continue to gather input and feedback from the community. The school imagery has already been addressed by the district but, the community overwhelmingly response wants to maintain the Warrior name.

Dr. Bellair turned the floor over to Mr. Muller for an update on the zero-emission vehicle mandate. Mr. Muller meet with Dr. Timbs, Andy Kirk, Kevin Storsberg, Turner Construction, and March Associates to continue to plan for the zero emissions timeline. The State has issued a 100 plus page document with some information in regards to electric school buses. There is grant money available for high poverty regions which does not include our district as we do not meet the requirements. The District is moving forward with installing electric charging stations at all district buildings with zero impact to the tax payers. The District continues to look at the financial impact, infrastructure, district bus fleet and future capital projects to help with the implementation of this mandate.

The Board have many questions in regards to electric school buses. Some of their questions and concerns are the following:

- Has the District been working with National Grid through a regional approach?

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- Are there federal funds to use for charging stations for our area?
- What design or precautions is being prepared for potential fires for electric buses?
- How many more buses would the district need to add to their fleet with some school days being half days or an emergency closure of school buildings.
- With the cost of the buses being triple and their life expectancy being only between 7-8 years how will the District be able to accommodate this with the impact of aid being paid over 12 years.
- How is this going to be a viable option for districts.

These questions and comments will continue to be researched as more information is released from the Governor's office.

Mr. Russo updated the Board on the HS assistant principal search. There are twenty-nine applications as of January 09, 2024. Screening interviews will begin in the following weeks.

Mr. Muller reviewed the Health and Safety Committee meeting topics with the Board. The committee starts with Mr. Storsberg report on district safety protocols. The head nurse reports on illness and injuries. The team continues to review safety and security by using access control, cameras, drills, student and staff training. The team reviewed the \$26M Capital Project report and continues with building walkthroughs. Utica National will be having a training in March 2024, Board members who are interested in attending please let the Board Clerk know. The main focus of the meeting was the new policy, 5010, Workplace Violence Prevention mandate that was put in place, effective January 4, 2024. A sub-committee will be formed and there will be training for staff and students.

OLD BUSINESS:

RESOLUTION	Motion by Mr. McQueen
Policy Manual	Seconded Dr. Henderson
Revision - Second Reading	Be It Resolved, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the second reading of the proposed manual revision, Uniform Grant Guidance For Federal Awards (4505), as per the supplemental file, be approved.

Ayes 6 Nays 0 Motion carried

RESOLUTION	Motion by Mr. McQueen
Policy Manual	Seconded Dr. Henderson
Revision - Second Reading	Be It Resolved, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the second reading of the policy manual revision, Limitations On The Use Of Physical Restraints (7068) as per the supplemental file, be approved.

Ayes 6 Nays 0 Motion carried

NEW BUSINESS:

RESOLUTION Motion by Dr. Henderson
Acceptance of Seconded by Mr. McQueen
Grant/Donation Be It Resolved, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, a grant from Chobani LLC, in the amount of \$3,125.00 for payment of accrued student lunch debt, per the supplemental file, be accepted.

Ayes 7 Nays 0 Motion carried

RESOLUTION Motion by Mr. McQueen
WTA MOA Seconded by Ms. LaValley
Teaching Extra Be It Resolved, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the
Class – Spanish agreement between the Superintendent of Schools, Whitesboro Central School District and the Whitesboro Teachers' Association, as per the supplemental file, be approved.

Mr. Farr had a question in regards to the language (volunteer) used in the MOA. Dr. Bellair stated that they would look into it with the WTA.

Ayes 7 Nays 0 Motion carried

RESOLUTION Motion by Mr. Farr
WTA MOA Seconded by Dr. Henderson
Computer Science Statement of Continued Eligibility (SOCE)
Be It Resolved, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the agreement between the Superintendent of Schools, Whitesboro Central School District and the Whitesboro Teachers' Association, as per the supplemental file, be approved.

Ayes 7 Nays 0 Motion carried

RESOLUTION Motion by Mr. Schoen Jr.
Authorizing Seconded Mr. McQueen
Participation in Cooperative Energy Purchasing Service (NYSMEC) for Electricity

WHEREAS, Article 5-G of the New York State General Municipal Law authorizes municipal corporations to enter into cooperative agreements for the performance or exercise of services, functions, powers or activities on a cooperative or contract basis among themselves or one for the other, and

WHEREAS, Section 119-n of the General Municipal Law defines the term "municipal corporation" for the purposes of Article 5-G as a county outside the city of New York, a city, a town, a village, a board of cooperative educational services, a fire district or a school district; and

WHEREAS, *Whitesboro Central School District* (hereinafter sometimes referred to as "Participant") is a "municipal corporation" as defined above; and

WHEREAS, this Board wishes for this municipal corporation to become or remain a Participant pursuant to the Municipal Cooperation Agreement For Energy Purchasing Services dated the 1st day of May 2005 (the "Agreement"), among municipal corporations collectively identified as the New York School and Municipal Energy Consortium ("NYSMEC") upon the terms of the Agreement and further wishes to authorize participation as an energy consumer as specified below.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that this Board hereby determines that it is in the interests of the *Whitesboro Central School District* to participate in the NYSMEC, and authorizes and directs the Superintendent to sign the Agreement/and or the Billing Schedule and Agreement for electricity on its behalf; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this Board authorizes the Administrative Participant (as defined in the Agreement) to prepare, advertise, disseminate and open bids pursuant to the General Municipal Law and to award, execute and deliver binding contracts on behalf of this Board for the purchase of electricity delivered to the delivery point of the local utility distribution company for the Participant's facility or facilities, on a firm basis, for this Participant to the lowest responsible bidder as is determined by the Administrative Participant at a price for such commodity electricity not to exceed \$.0845 cents per kWh for a term of at least one year and no more than three years commencing May 1, 2024, and other terms and conditions, all as may be determined by the Administrative Participant, or to reject any or all such bids; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this Participant agrees to advertise said bid as may be directed by the Administrative Participant; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the officers and employees of this Participant are authorized to execute such other confirming agreements, certificates and other documents and take such other actions as may be necessary or appropriate to carry out the intent of this resolution.

This Resolution shall take effect immediately.

Ayes 7 Nays 0 Motion carried

RESOLUTION Motion by Dr. Henderson
Authorizing Seconded Mr. McQueen
Participation in Cooperative Energy Purchasing Service (NYSMEC) for Natural Gas

WHEREAS, Article 5-G of the New York State General Municipal Law authorizes municipal corporations to enter into cooperative agreements for the performance or exercise of services, functions, powers or activities on a cooperative or contract basis among themselves or one for the other, and

WHEREAS, Section 119-n of the General Municipal Law defines the term "municipal corporation" for the purposes of Article 5-G as a county outside the city of New York, a city, a town, a village, a board of cooperative educational services, a fire district or a school district; and

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NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that this Board hereby determines that it is in the interests of the *Whitesboro Central School District* to participate in the NYSMEC, and authorizes and directs the Superintendent to sign the Agreement/and or the Billing Schedule and Agreement for natural gas on its behalf; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this Board authorizes the Administrative Participant (as defined in the Agreement) to prepare, advertise, disseminate and open bids pursuant to the General Municipal Law and to award, execute and deliver binding contracts on behalf of this Board for the purchase of natural gas delivered to the city gate of the local utility distribution company for the Participant's facility or facilities, on a firm basis, for this Participant to the lowest responsible bidder as is determined by the Administrative Participant at a price for such commodity natural gas not to exceed \$.656 cents per therm for a term of at least one year and no more than three years commencing May 1, 2024, and other terms and conditions, all as may be determined by the Administrative Participant, or to reject any or all such bids; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this Participant agrees to advertise said bid as may be directed by the Administrative Participant; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the officers and employees of this Participant are authorized to execute such other confirming agreements, certificates and other documents and take such other actions as may be necessary or appropriate to carry out the intent of this resolution.

This Resolution shall take effect immediately.

Ayes 7 Nays 0 Motion carried

DISCUSSION: NO

PUBLIC COMMENT:

The floor was opened back up to the public for the second comment period.

Mrs. Jenna Parlosewich, resident of WCSD, has a son who attends Westmoreland Road Elementary. She gave extremely high praises to Ms. Centro, building principal, Ms. Flemma, his Kindergarten teacher and Ms. Cox his first grade teacher. She stated that the teachers in the district support their students and her son has had a positive experience and benefited from the learning loss program.

The Board thanked her for her kinds words and positive outlook for the district staff.

RESOLUTION Motion by Dr. Henderson

Executive Session Seconded by Mr. Schoen Jr.

The Board of Education went into Executive Session at 7:59 PM to discuss a contractual issue.

Ayes 7 Nays 0 Motion carried



School District Clerk

Mr. Head appointed Dr. Brian Bellair Clerk Pro Tem.

RESOLUTION Motion by Mr. Schoen Jr.

Adjournment, Seconded by Dr. Henderson

Executive Session The Executive Session was adjourned at 8:59 PM.

Ayes 7 Nays 0 Motion carried

RESOLUTION Motion by Dr. Henderson

Adjournment Seconded by Mr. McQueen

Be it Resolved, that the meeting be adjourned.

Ayes 7 Nays 0 Motion carried

The meeting was adjourned at 9:00 PM.



Clerk Pro Tem

WHITESBORO CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
PERSONNEL MEMORANDUM
January 9, 2024

**RESIGNATION FOR THE
PURPOSE OF RETIREMENT**

Loralyn Colosi	Special Education Teacher High School Effective: 7/1/24 Pending: HR receipt of Benefit Agreement Letter
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Lori Ann Sedgwick	Music Teacher Middle School Effective: 7/1/24 Pending: HR receipt of Benefit Agreement Letter
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APPOINTMENTS

Gabriella Ricci (Leave of S. Haden)	Long-Term Substitute Teaching Assistant Middle School Effective: On or about 1/29/24 through on or about 5/17/24 Eligible for Sick and Personal days, pro-rated Contingent upon positive performance and district needs Salary: Step E, Teaching Assistant (\$22,010), pro-rated Certification: Childhood Education (B-2) and (Grades 1-6), Initial
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Brittany Spina (Due to enrollment)	Teaching Assistant Marcy Elementary School Four Year Probationary Appointment Eligible for Sick/Personal and Health/Dental, pro-rated Effective: 1/5/24 Salary: Step E, Teaching Assistant (\$23,559), pro-rated
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Julie Anne Venezia (Leave of H. Yardley)	Long-Term Substitute English Teacher Middle School Effective: On or about 2/14/24 through on or about 3/19/24 Contingent upon positive performance and district needs Salary: Step A, BA (\$40,380) pro-rated Paid for days worked only Certification: Social Studies, Permanent
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FMLA

Tiffany Jones	Art Teacher Marcy/Westmoreland Rd. Elementary Schools Effective: On or about 6/5/24 through on or about 6/26/24 Not to exceed 12 weeks
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Beth Wilson	Grade 2 Teacher Marcy Elementary School Effective: On or about 12/28/23 through on or about 1/19/24
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Holly Yardley

English Teacher
Middle School

Effective: On or about 2/14/24 through on or about 3/19/24

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Substitute List # 7

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Katie Crofoot

AREA: Teacher
DEGREE STATUS: 3 Years
CERTIFICATION: Uncertified

Jonathan Kraeger

AREA: Teacher
DEGREE STATUS: 2 Years
CERTIFICATION: Uncertified
COMMENTS: Effective: 12/21/23, Prefers Grades
K-8

Leslie Milazzo

AREA: Teacher
DEGREE STATUS: 4 Years
CERTIFICATION: Certified: Students w/disabilities
(Grades 1-6)
COMMENTS: Prefers grades 7-12

Thomas Sreca

AREA: Teacher and Teaching Assistant
DEGREE STATUS: 2 Years
CERTIFICATION: Uncertified

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EXTRA DUTY ASSIGNMENTS 2023-2024
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ATHLETIC APPOINTMENTS

(Recommended by Tom Meiss)

<u>POSITIONS</u>	<u>INDIVIDUAL RECOMMENDED</u>	<u>STIPEND</u>
Baseball (J.V. Head Coach)	Gregory Jones	\$3390
Baseball (Modified Head Coach)	Luke Slatton	\$2415
Unified Basketball YAC Advisor	Curtis Schmidt	\$1500
Unified Bowling YAC Advisor	Curtis Schmidt	\$1000
Lacrosse (Boys' Varsity Head Coach)	Ryan Paparella	\$5215
Lacrosse (Boys' Varsity Assistant)	Tyler Hutchinson	\$2855
Lacrosse (Boys' JV Head Coach)	Michael Arcuri	\$3390
Lacrosse (Boys' Modified Head Coach)	Timothy Sheehan	\$2415
Lacrosse (Girls' Varsity Head Coach)	Benjamin Schoen	\$6490
Lacrosse (Girls' Varsity Assistant)	Stephen Schoen	\$3790
Lacrosse (Girls' JV Head Coach)	Margaret Mercurio	\$3790
Lacrosse (Girls' Modified Co-Head)	Mary Franklin (Stuhlman)	\$1205
Lacrosse (Girls' Modified Co-Head)	Caroline Rumble (Wiley)	\$1205
Softball (Varsity Assistant Co-Coach)	Benjamin Karas	\$1895
Softball (Varsity Assistant Co-Coach)	James Marscher	\$1895
Softball (Modified Coach)	Brian Lasowski	\$2865
Tennis (Boys' Varsity Head)	Owen Williams	\$3040
Track & Field (Boys' Varsity Head)	Todd Boudreau	\$6490
Track & Field (Boys' Varsity Assistant)	Brian Holtslag	\$4220
Track & Field (Boys' Modified Head)	John Destito	\$3210
Track & Field (Girls' Varsity Head)	Michael Carney	\$6190
Track & Field (Girls' Varsity Assistant)	Tyler Sutton	\$2855
Track & Field (Girls' Modified Assistant)	Paula Candella	\$2605

POSITIONS ASSOCIATED WITH ATHLETIC CONTESTS

(Recommended by Tom Meiss)

<u>POSITIONS</u>	<u>INDIVIDUAL RECOMMENDED</u>
Crowd Control, Ticket Seller/Taker	Jaclyn Rose

**WHITESBORO CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
SCHOOL-RELATED PERSONNEL AGENDA
January 9, 2024 Board of Education Meeting**

Title	Name	Rate of Pay	BOE Date	Start/Effective Date
<u>RESIGNATION</u>				
Bus Driver Bus Garage	Luley, Robert		01/09/2024	01/02/2024
Cleaner – Temporary Appointment District Wide	Premo, Morgan		01/09/2024	12/13/2023
<u>TEMPORARY APPOINTMENT</u>				
Senior Account Clerk - Confidential Administration	Green, Carol	\$29.97/Hr.	01/09/2024	01/05/2024 – 08/31/2024
<u>APPOINTMENTS</u>				
School Bus Attendant Bus Garage 5:45 a.m. – 8:10 a.m. Mon. – Fri. 10 month/yr. position Conditional provisional appointment pending Civil Service pre-approval, fingerprinting and background check and 26- week probationary period.	Hapanowicz, Katherine	Grade 30, Step 1 \$15.75/Hr.	01/09/2024	01/08/2024
<u>SUBSTITUTE APPOINTMENTS</u>				
Clerk Substitute Hart’s Hill Elementary 10 month/yr. position Conditional, probationary appointment pending Civil Service pre-approval, fingerprinting and background check	Boswell, Helen	\$15.10/Hr.	01/09/2024	01/10/2024
School Bus Driver Substitute Bus Garage 10 month/yr. position Conditional provisional appointment pending Civil Service pre-approval, fingerprinting and background check.	Delett Jr., Kevin	\$19.25	01/09/2024	01/08/2024

**WHITESBORO CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
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Teacher Aide Substitute District Wide 10 month/yr. position * Conditional, probationary appointment pending Civil Service pre-approval, fingerprinting and background check	Russo, Daniel	\$14.20/Hr. \$15.00/Hr. effective 1/1/2024	01/09/2024	12/19/2023
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CHANGE IN HOURS

Food Service Helper Westmoreland Rd Elementary Current 8:15am-1:15pm Increase .75 Hours 8:15am – 2:00pm	Carroll, Tammy	Grade 01, Step 2 \$15.40/Hr.	01/09/2024	01/10/2024
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Food Service Helper High School Current 8:45am-1:00pm Increase 1 Hour 7:45am – 1:00pm	Peckham, Constance	Grade 1, Step 9 \$16.40/Hr.	01/09/2024	01/10/2024
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Food Service Helper Middle School Current 10:00am-1:30pm Increase 2 Hour 8:00am – 1:30pm	Schultz, Bonny	Grade 1, Step 9 \$16.40/Hr.	01/09/2024	01/10/2024
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STATUS CHANGE

Bus Driver Bus Garage From part-time Bus Driver to full-time Bus Driver	Englert, Richard	Grade 40, Step 4+1 \$26.09 plus longevity = \$29.41	01/09/2024	01/02/2024
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CHANGE OF RATE

Bus Driver Substitute Bus Garage Change due to completion of basic bus driver course.	Chrzan, Dean	\$19.05/hr. + .20 = \$19.25/hr.	01/09/2024	01/02/2024
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Bus Driver Substitute Bus Garage Change due to completion of basic bus driver course.	Czeck, Steven	\$19.05/hr. + .20 = \$19.25/hr.	01/09/2024	01/02/2024
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