

March 11, 2020
Date

Regular
Kind of Meeting

Windham School
Where held

Dr. Teri Martin
Presiding Officer

Members Present:
Dr. Teri Martin
Susan Simpenderfer
Melissa Maldonado
John Wiktorko
Karen Van Valkenburgh, District Clerk

Absent
Drew Shuster
Debra Bunce
Michelle Mattice

Others Present:

Board Vice President, Dr. Teri Martin, called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.

Ms. Martin led those present in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Public Comments – None

Recommended Actions – Consent Agenda

1) Routine Matters

i. **RESOLVED**, the Board approves the minutes of the Regular Meeting held on February 12, 2020.

ii. **RESOLVED**, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board approves the Treasurers Report for February 2020, as presented.

iii. **RESOLVED**, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board approves the Superintendent's Transfers for March 2020, as presented.

iv. **RESOLVED**, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board approves the Bill schedule for March 2020 as presented:

General Fund: Ck#49296 – Ck#49297, Ck#49298 – Ck#49376 totaling \$373,312.18.
Federal Fund – Ck#2434 totaling \$2,540.66.
School Lunch Fund – Ck#316 totaling \$9,882.64.

Routine
Matters

2) New Business

a) Personnel

i. **RESOLVED**, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board accepts the resignation of Wendy Oftedal, Transportation Supervisor, effective March 12, 2020.

ii. **RESOLVED**, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board appoints Stephen DeWitt as acting interim Transportation Supervisor effective March 12, 2020 through July 31, 2020.

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 – 1246 And 1695.

CSE/CSPE

ii. **RESOLVED**, the Board accepts the \$187.40 donation from the Artsonia, to be used for school art programs or related youth art educational initiatives.

Artsonia
Donation

iii. **RESOLVED**, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board approves the Sports Merger agreement between Windham-Ashland-Jewett CSD and Hunter-Tannersville CSD for the Boys Varsity and Modified Baseball, for the 2019-2020 sport season.

Sports
Merger
w/HTC

SEQRA RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the Board of Education of the Windham-Ashland-Jewett Central School District (“Board”) is proposing to undertake a project involving various interior and exterior improvements to the existing District building facilities and grounds, including roof replacement; corridor flooring replacement; upgrades to the existing bus garage; sidewalk replacement; exterior lighting replacement and additions; parking lot light pole relocation; unit ventilator hardscape; gymnasium floor refinishing and repair; security vestibule; portable air conditioning units; exterior security cameras; HVAC control upgrades; fire alarm system upgrades; a new tennis court; basketball court and playground improvements; the relocation of an existing maintenance storage building; replacement of existing tennis courts; athletic field improvements; stream bank clearing; development of an outdoor classroom; replacement of an existing gravel drive with an asphalt drive; recreational field trail improvements; asphalt pavement improvements; STEM classroom expansion; and associated work (“the Project”); and

WHEREAS, the State Environmental Quality Review Act (“SEQRA”) and the regulations thereunder require the Board to undertake a review of the potential environmental impacts, if any, associated with the project before approving same; and

WHEREAS, this project is an Unlisted action within the meaning of SEQRA; and

WHEREAS, Part 1 of the Short Environmental Assessment Form was transmitted to all involved agencies, together with notification of the Board’s desire to act as lead agency with respect to the environmental review of the proposed Project; and

WHEREAS, all involved agencies have consented to Board acting as lead agency with respect to the environmental review of the proposed Project; and

WHEREAS, 6 NYCRR Section 617.7 requires a lead agency to issue a written determination of significance with respect to any proposed Unlisted action; and

SEQRA
Resolution

WHEREAS, the Board has carefully considered the nature and scope of the proposed Project, as set forth in the Short Environmental Assessment Form prepared with respect to such action, and makes the following determinations:

1. The proposed action involves various interior and exterior improvements to the District’s existing building facilities and grounds, as described and set forth in the Short Environmental Assessment Form

2. The proposed action is classified under SEQRA as an Unlisted action.

3. Upon consideration of the action, review of the Short Environmental Assessment Forms, the criteria contained in 6 NYCRR § 617.7(c), and all other supporting information, the Board identifies the following relevant areas of environmental concern, as set forth hereafter, and analyzes whether the proposed action may have a significant adverse impact on the environment.

4. The proposed project does not involve, and therefore will not result in, any substantial adverse change in existing air quality, ground or surface water quality or quantity, traffic or noise levels, or a substantial increase in solid waste production, or a substantial increase in potential for erosion, flooding, leaching, or drainage problems. Most of the project work involves the replacement, repair, and/or upgrade of existing interior building and exterior site features, and as such will not result in any environmental impacts. The remaining proposed exterior site work – including the construction of a new tennis court, the relocation of the existing maintenance storage building, the stream bank clearing, and the improvements to the recreational field trail – are modest in scope and will not result in any significant adverse impacts to existing air quality, ground or surface water, traffic or noise levels, solid waste production, or increase the potential for erosion, flooding, leaching, or drainage problems.

5. The proposed project does not involve, and therefore will not result in, the removal or destruction of large quantities of vegetation or fauna, a substantial interference with the movement of any resident or migratory fish or wildlife species, impacts on any significant habitat area, substantial adverse impacts on a threatened or endangered species of animal or plant, or the habitat thereof, or other significant adverse impacts to nature resources.

6. The project is not located within a designated Critical Environmental Area.
7. The proposed project will not create a material conflict with the community's current plans or goals as officially approved or adopted.
8. The proposed project will not result in the impairment of the character or quality of any important historical, archeological, or aesthetic resources, or of existing community or neighborhood character. The project area has long been developed and used as a public school campus, and the proposed project work is consistent with that continued use. Prior to the commencement of any work, the project will be submitted for review by the State Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation (OPRHP), and the project will be modified to incorporate whatever recommendations, if any, are offered to mitigate impacts to any historical and/or archeological resources.
9. The proposed project will not result in any major, adverse, change in the use of either the quantity or type of energy.
10. The proposed project will not result in the creation of a hazard to human health.
11. The proposed project does not involve, and therefore will not result in, a substantial change in the use, or intensity of use, of land including agricultural, open space, or recreational resources, or in its capacity to support such uses.
12. The proposed action will not result in the encouragement or attraction of a large number of people to the site as compared to the number of people that would come absent the action.
13. The proposed action will not result in a material demand for other actions, will not result in changes to two or more elements of the environment which together would result in a substantial adverse impact, and will not cumulatively result in a substantial adverse impact when considered with any related actions.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board finds and concludes that the proposed action is an Unlisted action within the meaning of 6 NYCRR 617.2(ak); and it is further

RESOLVED that the Board hereby declares itself lead agency with respect to the environmental review of the proposed project; and it is further

RESOLVED, that upon consideration of the foregoing, the Board finds and concludes that the proposed action will not result in any significant adverse impacts to the environment; and it is further

RESOLVED, that the Board hereby issues a Negative Declaration with respect to the proposed action.

- v. **BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF THE WINDHAM-ASHLAND JEWETT CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT** (the "School District") that the following proposition be presented to the voters at the annual meeting of the School District to be held on Tuesday, May 19, 2020:

PROPOSITION

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education is hereby authorized to construct, reconstruct and improve various District buildings, facilities and athletic fields, courts and trails, including site work, and acquire original furnishings, equipment, machinery or apparatus required for the purpose for which such buildings, facilities and athletic fields, courts and trails are to be used, at a maximum aggregate cost of \$3,970,000; (2) expend such sum for such purpose; (3) levy the necessary tax therefore, to be levied and collected in annual installments in such years and in such amounts as may be determined by the Board of Education taking into account State aid; and (4) in anticipation of the collection of such tax, issue bonds and notes of the District at one time or from time to time in the principal amount not to exceed \$3,970,000, and levy a tax to pay the interest on said obligations when due?

Capital
Project
Proposition

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the District Clerk is hereby authorized and directed to include notice of such propositions in the notice of the annual District meeting.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this resolution takes effect immediately.

On motion by Melissa Maldonado, second by Susan Simpfenderfer, the Consent Agenda, Items 1(i) through 2b(v) was approved.

Yes: Dr. Teri Martin, Susan Simpfenderfer and Melissa Maldonado

Absent: Drew Shuster and Debra Bunce

Correspondence – None

Important Dates

March 13	Career Day Grades 5-12
March 18	Morning Program 8:15 a.m.
March 20	Spring All County Concert – Ravena Coeymans Selkirk High School
March 24-31	NYS Exams 3-8 ELA
April 1	Morning Program 8:15 a.m. PTA Meeting 6:00 p.m.
April 3	PK-12 Early Dismissal 1:00 p.m. School Wide Blue & White Day
April 6-9	Spring Recess – No School
April 10	Good Friday – No School
April 15	Audit Finance Committee Meeting 4:15 p.m. Board of Education Meeting 5:00 p.m.

Superintendent's Report

Mr. Wiktorko gave an in depth report on the following:

- Capital Project and the planned funding of such.

Additions to the Agenda - None

Public Comments – None

RESOLVED, that the Board go into Executive Session at 5:06 p.m. for the purpose of three personnel items and collective bargaining on a motion by Susan Simpfenderfer, second by Melissa Maldonado, and carried by those present.

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

The Board reconvened into regular session at 6:16 p.m., on motion by Susan Simpfenderfer, seconded by Melissa Maldonado, and carried by those present.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:18 p.m. on motion by Melissa Maldonado, second by Susan Simpfenderfer, and carried by those present.

Karen Van Valkenburgh, District Clerk

John Wiktorko, Clerk Pro Tem