

<u>March 24, 2021</u> Date	<u>Regular</u> Kind of Meeting	<u>Windham School</u> Where held	<u>Dr. Teri Martin</u> Presiding Officer
<u>Members Present:</u> Dr. Teri Martin Susan Simpfenderfer Melissa Maldonado Drew Shuster Debra Bunce John Wiktoro Michelle Mattice, Treasurer Karen Van Valkenburgh, District Clerk		<u>Absent</u>	<u>Others Present:</u> Lara McAneny David Donner AJ Savasta Cody Rogers Dona Kammerer Nate Hoyt Melissa Palumbo Samantha Candreva Chris Mattiace Tara Weiman Jean Jaeger Elizabeth Banks Holly Hoyt Pat Garrison Josh Holdridge Stefanie Holdridge Karen Matteo Leslie White John Garzone Larry Iannuzzi Robert Pelham Kim Langdon Ron DeLong Marc Farmilette

Board President, Dr. Teri Martin, called the meeting to order at 5:03 p.m.

Dr. Teri Martin led those present in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Public Comments –

Nate Hoyt, Teachers' Association Co-President – addressed the public and the Board regarding the past year and the challenges it presented amid COVID and what it entailed to make sure their students still received the best instruction they could possibly provide. It wasn't an easy year, but they all put everything they could into making sure it happened and it did. He thanked the Board and administration for all their continued support, especially during this past year.

Public  
Comments

Dona Kammerer, Teachers' Association Co-President – spoke to address the misinformation that had been recently printed in the local news media regarding WAJ teachers not being in attendance at school in person every day for the past school year, when in fact if someone would have looked into it further they would have found that they were in fact here for each day that school has been in session since school started in September. She expressed her disappointment that someone wouldn't have looked further into the accusations before printing such miss information. She also wanted to thank the Board and the administration for their continued support.

Several parents provided comments in regards to COVID related situations, including: stimulus money, COVID state rules, social distancing, mental health of children, Hybrid plan versions, extra curriculums, zoom concerns, and school roll out in fall 2021.

Recommended Actions – Consent Agenda

1) Routine Matters

- i. **RESOLVED**, the Board approves the minutes of the Regular Meeting held on February 10, 2021.
- ii. **RESOLVED**, upon the recommendation of the Audit Finance Committee and the Superintendent, the Board approves the Treasurer's Report for February 2021, as presented.

Routine  
Matters

- iii. **RESOLVED**, upon the recommendation of the Audit Finance Committee and the Superintendent, the Board approves the Superintendent's Transfers for March 2021, as presented.
- iv. **RESOLVED**, upon the recommendation of the Audit Finance Committee and the Superintendent, the Board approves the Bill schedule for March 2021 as presented:
  - General Fund: Ck #50037 - #50041, Ck #50112-Ck#50167 and Ck#80506-Ck#80507, Ck# 50168 totaling \$477,671.61.
  - Federal Fund: Ck #2457 totaling \$2,921.75
  - School Lunch Fund: Ck#326 totaling \$12,554.69
- v. **RESOLVED**, upon the recommendation of the Audit Finance Committee and the Superintendent, the Board approves the Extra-Classroom Activity Fund Account Balances Report for the months of September 2020, October 2020, November 2020, December 2020, January 2021 and February 2021, as presented.

CSE/CPSE  
 Amended Agreement CASEBP  
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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 2020-2021 school year pending clearance of appointment:
  - Athletic Director – AJ Savasta
  - Band Director – Leslie Beaugard
  - Boys Baseball Coach – Jim Adair
  - Boys Baseball Assistant Coach – Lee Rappleyea
  - Chorus Director – Ann Drewello
  - Drama Club Advisor – Ann Drewello
  - Event Coordinator – Joel Middleton
  - Mountain Bike Club Advisor – David McQueen
  - National Honor Society Advisor – Joseph Pudlewski
  - National Jr. Honor Society Advisor – Joseph Pudlewski
  - Girls Softball Varsity Coach – Sinead Lavery
  - Girls Softball Assistant Varsity Coach – Emily Lacombe
  - Girls Softball Modified Co-Coaches – Eve Tuttle and Nate Hoyt
  - Running/Track Coach – Jesse Berube
  - Student Council Advisor – Melissa Palumbo
  - Tennis Coach – Varsity – Jon Spear
  - Tennis Coach – Modified – Joseph Pudlewski
- ii. **RESOLVED**, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board approves the Maternity Leave of Absence for Danqing Li, effective September 7, 2021 through February 28, 2022, to be paid using available accrued sick leave, with modifications as needed.
- iii. **RESOLVED**, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board approves the modification to the Maternity Leave of Absence for Emily Lacombe to be extended through April 1, 2021, to be paid using available accrued sick leave.
- iv. **RESOLVED**, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board accepts the resignation of Philip Berger, Bus Driver/Mechanic, effective June 30, 2021, which will be his last day of employment with Windham-Ashland-Jewett CSD.
- v. **RESOVLED**, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board appoints Tonio Grant to the position of Bus Driver/Mechanic, effective July 1, 2021 for a probationary period of six months **AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that Mr. Grant will be compensated according to the WAJ Support Staff Association Bargaining Agreement pending a clearance for Appointment from the Commissioner of Education.

Extra Curriculars  
 Li Maternity Leave  
 Lacombe Maternity leave extended  
 Berger, P. Resignation  
 Grant, A. Appointment

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 – 1170, 1990 and 2115. CSE/CPSE
- ii. **RESOLVED**, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board approves to enter into an amended intermunicipal agreement between Windham-Ashland-Jewett School District and the Catskill Area Schools Employee Benefit Plan, as presented under separate cover. CASEBP Amended Agreement
- iii. **RESOLVED**, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board approves the Board of Education meeting calendar for the 2021-2022 school year, as presented under separate cover. BOE 21/22 Meeting Calendar
- iv. **RESOLVED**, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board approves the Contract for Health Services agreement between Windham-Ashland-Jewett Central School District and the Saugerties Central School District, as presented under separate cover. Health Services Agreement Saugerties
- v. **RESOLVED**, the Board accepts the generous donation of PPE supplies from the Windham Pharmacy and sends a big heartfelt thank you. Windham Pharmacy Donation
- vi. **RESOLVED**, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent and per Board of Education Policy 5250, the Board approves the disposal of damaged or outdated equipment, as presented under separate cover. Equipment Disposal
- vii. **RESOLVED**, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent and per Board of Education Policy 5250, the Board approves the disposal of damaged or outdated textbooks, as presented under separate cover. Textbooks Disposal
- viii. **RESOLVED**, by the Board of Education of the Windham-Ashland-Jewett CSD that the following proposition be presented to the voters at the Annual Meeting to be held on May 18, 2021

***Shall the Board of Education of the Windham-Ashland-Jewett CSD be authorized to establish a reserve fund in accordance with Education Law Section 3651, to be known as the 2021 Bus Purchase Reserve Fund, for the purchase of school vehicles and equipment, in an ultimate amount not to exceed \$300,000 and a probable term of 5 years; and to fund the 2021 Bus Purchase Reserve Fund with the remaining balance of the existing 2015 Bus Purchase Reserve Fund?***

On motion by Susan Simpferfer, second by Drew Shuster, the Consent Agenda, Items 1(i) through 2b (viii), was approved.

Yes: Dr. Teri Martin, Drew Shuster, Susan Simpferfer, Debra Bunce and Melissa Maldonado.

Absent:

Correspondence – None

Important Dates –

April 1	K-12 Early Dismissal 1:00 p.m.– Emergency Drill 1:00 p.m.	Important Dates
April 2	Good Friday – No School	
April 5-9	Spring Recess – No School	
April 14	Audit Finance Committee Meeting 4:15 p.m.	
	Board of Education Meeting 5:00 p.m.	

Superintendent's Report –

Assistant Superintendent presented an Information Session which included Transition Opportunities for Spring, Addressing Social, Emotional, and Mental Health, Ongoing Interventions, Health and Safety, Remediation Plans, Assessments and Important Upcoming Dates.

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The Superintendent reported on a variety of topics, including: Extra-Curricular activities update, Jr. Prom, Graduation, and Voter Proposition for the Bus Purchase Reserve Fund. He also provided another detailed review of the 2021/2022 proposed budget, including projected programming, appropriations, revenue and reserves.

Additions to the Agenda - None

Public Comments –

One of the Veterans in attendance spoke and wanted to thank the Board for previously adopting the Veterans Exemption and thanked them for what they do for them and for the community, as Windham is a great place to live.

Public  
Comments

Board Member Dr. Teri Martin spoke and just wanted to thank everyone for everything.

A parent spoke and they also wanted to thank everyone for all that has been done, as a fabulous job has been done with everything during this pandemic.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:03 p.m. on motion by Drew Shuster, second by Susan Simpfenderfer, and carried by those present.

Adjournment

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Karen Van Valkenburgh, District Clerk