



Board of Education
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Willsboro Central School
Board of Education

Regular Meeting-Minutes
December 13, 2011

Members Present: Craig Jackson, President
Bruce Hale, Vice President
Scott Sayward
Phyllis Klein
Jon Steeves

Others Present: Stephen Broadwell, Superintendent of Schools
Brandy Pierce, District Clerk
Tara Valachovic, 6th Grade Teacher
Laura Bridge, 4th Grade Teacher
Margie Jaquish, HS Math Teacher
Darcey Hale
Win Belanger

Meeting was called to order at 6:00pm by Craig Jackson.

Pledge of Allegiance

Presentation

Mrs. Jaquish, Mrs. Bridge, and Ms. Valachovic presented regarding their visitation to The Wheeler School and Gordon School, two independent schools in Providence, R.I. Their briefing provided insight into the differences between our school and the two independent schools, as well as the many similarities. The teachers will be implementing some of the ideas during the school year. Overall, it was a very positive experience and the teachers were appreciative of the district's support.

Approval of Minutes

Motion by Phyllis Klein, seconded by Scott Sayward, voted and carried (5-0) to approve the amended minutes from the regular meeting held on 11-22-11.

New Business

Motion by Bruce Hale, seconded by Jon Steeves, voted and carried (5-0) to approve the following enrichment activities:

- Jennifer Moore – WCS Community Drumming Ensemble-Stipend \$200
- Elementary Band (grades 5th & 6th, with 7th grade mentors)-Stipend \$200
- Guitar Class for Beginning Students (grades 4th – 8th)-Stipend \$200

Motion by Phyllis Klein, seconded by Scott Sayward, voted and carried (5-0) to approve moving the April 10th, 2012 board meeting to April 16th, 2012.

Motion by Bruce Hale, seconded by Scott Sayward, voted and carried (5-0) to remove from the table the following resolution.

Resolution

WHEREAS, pursuant to New York State Real Property Law §1326-a, the Board of Education desires to allow taxpayers the option of paying their school taxes in installments.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that taxpayers who owe taxes in excess of fifty dollars may elect to pay their taxes in one full payment or in three installments as follows:

a. **Full Payment**-Full payment of the school real property tax shall be due and payable by the close of business on September 30, 2012. All taxpayers, except as indicated below, who fail to make payment of the tax in full by September 30, 2012 by close of business shall be charged a penalty of 3%, which penalty shall be added to the tax by the collector and collected by the tax collector.

b. **Installment Payment**-Installment payment of taxes shall be due in three payments on the following dates: September 30, 2012, October 15, 2012 and November 1, 2012. The payment of the first installment by the taxpayer eligible for installment payments shall be conclusive evidence of an intention to pay school real property taxes in installments. Any late payment of ten (10) days or more of the installment payments shall render the taxpayer ineligible to participate in installment payments for the following school fiscal year.

c. **The installment payments shall be as follows:**

1. The first installment payment shall equal fifty percent (50%) of the total taxes due, payable on the September 30, 2012, which shall be the last day of the one month collection period as prescribed by New York State Real Property §1332.

2. The second installment payment shall equal fifty percent (50%) of the remaining taxes due, plus interest of 2% on the remaining balance, payable on or before October 15, 2012.

3. The third and final installment payment shall be the remainder of taxes, plus interest of 3% on the remaining balance, payable on or before November 1, 2012, which shall be the date for the expiration of the tax warrant.

4. Interest payable on the installment payments shall be as prescribed by New York Statute Real Property §924-a however the interest rate shall be no less than twelve percent (12%) per annum.

5. That the interest rate shall be one-twelfth the rate as prescribed in New York State Statute Real Property §924-a which shall be added for each month or fraction thereof until such taxes are paid.

Motion by Bruce Hale, seconded by Phyllis Klein, voted and carried (5-0) to accept the bid of no more than \$24,929.00 from GraceCom for our telephone system upgrade.

Personnel

Motion by Phyllis Klein, seconded by Jon Steeves, voted and carried (5-0) to approve Marla Salem as a substitute teacher's assistant/aide and Ramelie Reithel as a substitute monitor/cafeteria/cleaner for the 2011-12 school year.

Reports from the Superintendent

- ✚ The middle and high school chorus went to the Kiwanis Club meeting and the Horace Nye Home to sing Christmas carols.
- ✚ The Winter Concert will be held Thursday, December 15, 2011 at 7:00pm, featuring our 3rd, 4th, & 5th graders, along with the middle & high school band and chorus.

Public Comment

Mr. Belanger commented on the teachers' trip to Rhode Island and was happy with the presentation given. He expressed interest in continuing similar visits.

Mr. Belanger also commented on the tax installment issue and recommended that the schools all work together in conjunction with the county to accommodate the taxpayers.

Executive Session

Motion by Phyllis Klein, seconded by Bruce Hale, voted and carried (5-0) to enter into executive session at 7:00pm to discuss negotiations.

Motion by Phyllis Klein, seconded by Scott Sayward, voted and carried (5-0) to end executive session at 7:32pm.

Adjournment

Motion by Phyllis Klein, seconded by Scott Sayward, voted and carried (5-0) to adjourn the meeting at 7:33pm.

Brandy Pierce, District Clerk