



Board of Education

Kasey Young, President
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Willsboro Central School
Board of Education

Regular Meeting Minutes
February 11, 2025

Members Present: Kasey Young, President
Heather Sheehan, Vice President
Krissy Leerkes
Emily Phillips
Laura Bridge

Others Present: Justin Gardner, Superintendent of Schools
Brandy Pierce Nolette, District Clerk
Sarah Paquette, Principal
Taylor Sullivan, District Treasurer
Peyton Leerkes, Student Council

The board meeting was Called to Order at 6:00pm, by Kasey Young

Reports from the Student Council

- The Student Council held a pep rally on January 23rd, which included the whole school, musical chairs for the older students and clean up the backyard for our PreK. That evening during our varsity teams games, the Youth Commission held Futures Night to recognize our youth athletes.
- The following students attended the ECSMA Middle School All-County Music festival in Ticonderoga Thursday, January 30th, Niles Allen, Olivya Ball, Layla Jacques, Annelise Lewis, Myles MacDougal and Sarabeth Provost.
- Report Cards came out on Friday January 31st. There were 55 students on high honor and 24 students on honor roll. Congratulations to all of them!
- The varsity basketball teams had the opportunity to attend a basketball game at CCC. It was lots of fun!
- Winter sports are coming to an end.

Presentation

- The Wendel Company gave a presentation on the electric bus transition study. They spoke of the current law that has all school buses being purchased after 2027 to be electric and that by 2035 all buses on the road have to be 0 emissions. They also provided great suggestions and changes that WCS would have to make in order to transition over to the 0 emissions buses.
- Mr. Gardner gave a brief presentation on the upcoming budget. He will have more stable numbers at the March meeting. The BOCES Budget Vote will be April 29th, 2025.

Reports from the Principal

- Working on other activities like the pep rally with Mr. Stone and the student council.
- The data analysis team met and reviewed results.
- The 3 - 8 grade simulation testing is complete.
- The January regents are finished;
ELA 82% passed
Algebra only 10 students and they passed (Jan. exam 50% passed)
Geometry only 1 student and they passed
- Essex County Community Health Assessment Survey is a survey to help conduct to identify health concerns and the need for wellness of our students in grades 3 -12. The students can opt out of the survey.

Reports from the Business Office

- We have received monies from grants totaling \$74,000.
- Medicaid is up and running and we received \$17,000 thus far.
- Been working on the 25-26 budget numbers.
- All supply (textbook & consumable) orders are entered.

Reports from the Superintendent

- No timeline on numbers for the budget due to being delayed by the governor.
- Working on a new mentor plan with a few of our staff members.

Acceptance of Minutes

The minutes from the regular meeting on 1-14-25 are accepted as presented.

Business & Finance

Motion by Heather Sheehan, seconded by Krissy Leerkes, voted and carried (5-0) to approve the following financial reports:

TITLE	FROM	NOTES
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Cash Disbursements - Multi Funds	Internal Claims Auditor	January #2 - Cash Disbursements (Manual & Computer Checks) January #3 - Cash Disbursements (Manual & Computer Checks) Payroll Benefits - January 2025
Revenue Status - All Funds	District Treasurer	Revenue Status - through January 31, 2025
Budget/Appropriation Status - All Funds	District Treasurer	Budget/Appropriation Status - through December 31, 2024
Budget Transfers - General Fund	District Treasurer	Budget Transfer Report - January 2025
Extra-Curricular Fund	District Treasurer	Treasurer's Report - January 2025

New Business

Motion by Emily Phillips, seconded by Krissy Leerkes, voted and carried (5-0) to approve the following resolutions:

Approved the special education recommendations, prepared by CSE Chairperson, Jennifer Leibeck.

Approved the Class of 2025 trip to Pigeon Forge, Tennessee, May 17-20, 2025.

Approved the agreement between the District and Tetra Tech regarding 2025 Building Conditions Survey Professional Services.

Personnel

Motion by Laura Bridge, seconded by Heather Sheehan, voted and carried (5-0) to approve the following personnel items:

Employee	Position	Program	Effective	Pay	Notes
Thomas Keegan	Girls Varsity Flag Football Coach	Athletics	3/1/25	Stipend Per Contract	2024-2025 School Year

Board Discussion

- Mr. Gardner filled in the board members about the school boards meeting that was held on January 30th. Discussion of shared resources agreement possibly with AuSable & Bouquet.

Executive Session

Motion by Krissy Leerkes, seconded by Heather Sheehan, voted and carried (5-0) to enter into executive session at 7:18pm to discuss collective negotiations pursuant to article 14 of the Civil Service Law and employment history of a particular person (no action will be taken.) The board invited Sarah Paquette into executive session.

Sarah Paquette left the meeting at 8:13pm.

Motion by Krissy Leerkes, seconded by Heather Sheehan, voted and carried (5-0) to end executive session at 8:59pm.

Adjournment

Motion by Krissy Leerkes, seconded by Heather Sheehan, voted and carried (5-0) to adjourn the meeting at 9:00pm.

Brandy V. Pierce Nolette, District Clerk