



Board of Education  
Phyllis Klein, President  
Herb Longware, Vice President  
Craig Jackson  
Kasey Young  
Heather Sheehan

Willsboro Central School  
Board of Education

Regular Meeting-Minutes  
August 28, 2018

Members Present: Phyllis Klein, President  
Herb Longware, Vice President  
Craig Jackson  
Kasey Young  
Heather Sheehan

Others Present: Justin Gardner, Superintendent of Schools  
Brandy Pierce Nolette, District Clerk  
John Sucharezwski, Supervisor of Buildings & Grounds  
and Transportation  
Bruce & Darcey Hale  
Nathan Jacques  
Linda Jacques  
Lorilee Sheehan  
Miranda Laferriere  
Bob Arnold  
Rhonda Sloper

The regular board meeting was Called to Order at 6:00pm by President Phyllis Klein.

Pledge of Allegiance

### **Presentations**

John Sucharezwski

- Informed the board of all of the work done to the bus garage and the school building this summer (painting, updating, cleaning and repairs.) Mr. Sucharezwski will prepare a proposal for the board for upgrades needed to bus garage that would possibly keep it usable and not have to participate in the shared garage with the Town. He would like to thank his maintenance / cleaning staff for all of their hard work this summer!

Bruce & Dacey Hale

- Thanked the board for allowing them to store the Clarke Museum in the school district. All of the materials have now been moved out and are in the State museum in Albany, NY.

### **Acceptance of Minutes**

The minutes from the 8-14-18 regular board meeting were accepted as presented.

### **Business & Finance**

Motion by Herb Longware, seconded by Heather Sheehan, voted and carried (5-0) to approve the tax rate of \$11.820315 for the 2018-2019 school year.

The fiscal year-end report dated 6-30-18 was accepted as presented.

### **Personnel**

Motion by Craig Jackson, seconded by Kasey Young, voted and carried (4-0-1) to approve Mat Longware as a substitute teacher / teacher aide / teacher assistant for the school district (one abstention Herb Longware.)

Motion by Kasey Young, seconded by Heather Sheehan, voted and carried (4-0-1) to approve Max Longware as a substitute teacher / teacher aide / teacher assistant for the school district (one abstention Herb Longware.)

Motion by Heather Sheehan, seconded by Craig Jackson, voted and carried (5-0) to approve Linda Jacques as a substitute teacher for the school district.

Motion by Herb Longware, seconded by Heather Sheehan, voted and carried (5-0) to accept the resignation of Jenna Hayden as elementary special education teacher.

### **Board Discussion**

Herb Longware

- Spoke to the board in regards to the Tobacco 21 initiative that's being promoted by Essex County Health Department.

Motion by Herb Longware, seconded by Kasey Young, voted and carried (5-0) to accept the resolution in favor of the local law #4 – Tobacco 21 initiative, (resolution is attached.)

### **Reports from the Superintendent**

- The Willsboro website went live today August 28<sup>th</sup>!
- The cafeteria staff has been on site since August 20<sup>th</sup> in preparation for the start of the school year. They will make lunch for the staff & faculty on the September 5<sup>th</sup> conference day.

- Mr. Gardner sent a letter on his behalf in support of Major David Reynolds initiative to have a school resource officer. Mr. Gardner will send a letter on behalf of the board members.
- The new playground equipment has been delivered and the Town Highway workers have started working on assembling it.

### **Public Comment**

Miranda Laferriere

- Asked if she would be able to update the website with her kindergarten information. Mr. Gardner responded, “Brandy or I can do that for you, and eventually all teachers will have access to update their class page.”

Nathan Jacques

- Questioned Mrs. Klein’s statement from a previous meeting in July regarding the teacher evaluations and the ability to review those.
- If we are in favor of changing the Tobacco age, could we change the age that we hire substitutes and staff members? Mr. Gardner informed that we cannot discriminate against the hiring age limit as it is 18yrs old.

Bob Arnold

- Asked if the board knew why the Town Supervisor was not in favor of the Tobacco 21 initiative? Herb Longware commented that he read in the paper that Mr. Gilliland’s concern was that it would be a county mandate with no money to back it.

### **Executive Session**

Motion by Herb Longware, seconded by Kasey Young, voted and carried (5-0) to enter into executive session at 7:09pm, to discuss personnel & legal matter.

Motion by Herb Longware, seconded by Heather Sheehan, voted and carried (5-0) to end executive session at 7:20pm.

### **Adjournment**

Motion by Craig Jackson, seconded by Heather Sheehan, voted and carried (5-0) to adjourn the meeting at 7:21pm.

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Brandy Pierce Nolette, District Clerk