

**WYANDANCH UNION FREE SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF EDUCATION MINUTES OF
WORK SESSION
HELD ON DECEMBER 8, 2021
CENTRAL ADMINISTRATION BUILDING
1445 DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. BOULEVARD
WYANDANCH, NEW YORK 11798**

**THIS MEETING WAS CONDUCTED HYBRID (IN PERSON & VIRTUAL) VIA
LIVESTREAM ON ZOOM AND FACEBOOK LIVE.**

The meeting was called to order by President Walker at 5:38PM and asked for a moment of silence.

Roll Call:	Performed by Christian D. Code, District Clerk
Trustees Present (In Person):	Nancy Holliday, Jarod B. Morris, Charlie B. Reed
Trustees Present (Virtually):	Latesha S. Walker, Shirley Baker
Trustees Who Arrived Later (Virtually):	Yvonne Robinson
Others Present (In Person):	Christian D. Code and Community
Others Present (Virtually):	Dr. Gina Talbert, Carl Baldini, Rich Snyder, Dr. Christine Jordan, Shamika Simpson, Lisa Hutchinson, Esq., Catherine Mulenforth, Esq. Christopher Shishko, Esq., Al Chase, Winsome Ware and Community

ADOPT THE AGENDA

Motion by Morris, second by Holliday to adopt the agenda. Motion carried 5-0-0

**WELCOME BY BOARD
PRESIDENT**

President Walker welcomed everyone to the Work Session and thanked everyone for attending a productive meeting.

READING OF MISSION STATEMENT

President Walker asked everyone to recite the mission statement:

“Inspire the passion for learning and educating all students to achieve their full potential.”

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion by Morris, seconded by Reed to move into Executive Session at 5:44PM to discuss the employment of particular persons, contracts and pending litigation.

Motion carried 5-0-0

RECONVENE

Motion by Reed, second by Walker to reconvene at 7:04PM

Motion carried 5-0-0

SUPERINTENDENT’S PRESENTATIONS

Grades 3-8 Assessment Overview

Dr. Talbert gave an overview of the 2020-2021 Grades 3-8 Assessment. She shared with the community that New York State submitted to the US Department of Education for a waiver for students not being required to test during the height of the pandemic. Test refusals for 2021 will not be used to penalized districts and students who received entirely remote instruction during the 2020-2021 school year was exempt. Mrs. Simpson and Dr. Jordan shared the statistical data for those who did test.

This was followed up with several questions from trustees regarding the participation rate and opt-out procedures.

Straight Path Construction

Dr. Talbert, along with Mr. Snyder, shared an update regarding the construction on Straight Path in relation to the sewer connection project. Mr. Snyder stated that construction started a few days ago and began digging along Straight Path to connect to the Suffolk County sewer line. They are starting to work around the district’s administration building, to connect with LaFrancis-Hardiman and Martin Luther King Jr. Elementary schools and then work near the bus garage and also through the access road so the connections can be made. Estimated timeframe for completion is in January 2022.

Trustees voiced concerns about traffic patterns and safety. A question was also asked about the scheduled construction being on time.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion by Reed, seconded by Walker to move into Executive Session at 7:51PM to discuss the employment of particular persons, contracts and pending litigation.

Motion carried 5-0-0

Trustee Robinson joined the meeting during executive session.

Trustee Baker left the meeting at 9:50PM.

RECONVENE

Motion by Reed, second by Walker to reconvene at 10:45PM

Motion carried 5-0-0

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 10:46PM due to an absence of a quorum.

**Minutes Recorded and Transcribed
By District Clerk**

**Date of Meeting: December 8, 2021
 WORK SESSION**

Christian D. Code