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**WYANDANCH UNION FREE SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF EDUCATION MINUTES OF
SPECIAL BOARD MEETING
HELD ON FEBRUARY 4, 2015
CENTRAL ADMINISTRATION BUILDING
1445 DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. BOULEVARD
WYANDANCH, NEW YORK 11798**

The meeting was called to order by President Tolliver at 6:15 PM.

Roll Call: Performed by District Clerk

Trustees Present: Dr. Thomas Tolliver, Shirley Baker, Nancy Holliday, Charlie Reed, Yvonne Robinson

Trustee Who Later Joined the Meeting: James Crawford

Trustees Absent: Dr. Ronald Allen, Sr.

Others Present: Dr. Mary Jones, Gina Talbert, Robert Howard, Kester Hodge, Calvin Wilson, Lisa Hutchinson, Esq., Winsome Ware, Stephanie Howard, Principals, Administrators and Community

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Motion by Reed, second by Holliday to adopt the agenda **Motion carried 5-0-0**

President Tolliver welcomed everyone to the Special Board Meeting.

Trustee Crawford arrived at the meeting at 6:17 PM.

**SUPERINTENDENT'S
RECOMMENDATIONS**

Dr. Jones presented the Administration Resolution.

**ADMINISTRATION
RESOLUTION**

**ADMIN #1
Tilles Center for the
Performing Arts at LIU
Post**

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

Tilles Center for the Performing Arts at LIU Post has entered into a Memorandum of Understanding with the Wyandanch Union Free School District to provide professional staff development to teaching staff as well as student participation in workshops and attendance at an Alvin Ailey Group performance.

WHEREAS, the arts in the curriculum are a necessary requirement, the Tilles Center's 2014-15 School Partnership Program will partially fulfill this requirement. The goal of the program is to give the students of the Wyandanch School District an enriching educational experience in the performing arts as well as their participation in the workshops. It is scheduled to begin Thursday, February 12, 2015 through Friday, February 27, 2015.

RESOLUTION:

BE IT RESOLVED, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, that the Board of Education approves the Memorandum of Understanding between the Tilles Center for the Performing Arts at LIU Post and the Wyandanch Union Free School District for the 2014-15 school year. Funding is through the 2014-15 School Improvement Grant.

Motion carried pending legal review.
Motion by Reed, second by Robinson

Motion carried 6-0-0

Mrs. Talbert presented the Curriculum Resolution.

**CURRICULUM
RESOLUTION**

**CURR #1
Field Trip**

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

Students in the Wyandanch School District should be constantly involved in activities both within and outside the district to assist them in developing as whole individuals, enhancing their knowledge and reinforcing their course(s) of study. Special activities have been planned by national, state and local organizations to promote continuous growth of students. The following field trips have been planned to assist students in accomplishing these goals:

<u>BUILDING</u>	<u>DATE/TIME</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>
<u>WMHS:</u> Grade 9 Desiree Pressley – P-Tech Liaison 25 STUDENTS/2 ADULTS	2/7/15 8:30 AM-12:00 PM	Freeport Robotic Competition Freeport High School 50 South Brookside Ave., Freeport, NY 11520

BE IT RESOLVED, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, that the Board of Education approve the above Field Trips as listed.

Motion by Robinson, second by Reed

Motion carried 6-0-0

President Tolliver presented the Board of Education Resolution.

**BOARD OF
EDUCATION
RESOLUTION**

**BOE #1
Conference/Workshop
REVISED**

RESOLUTION

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education approves the attendance of Board Members at the following Conference/Workshop:

NSBA 75th Annual Conference
Nashville, TN
March 21 – 23, 2015

Cost not to exceed: \$3,000
(includes Conference Registration Fees,
Transportation, Hotel, Meals)

Attending:
Shirley Baker, Vice President
James Crawford, Trustee
Yvonne Robinson, Trustee

Resolution was revised to add Vice President Baker and Trustee Robinson as attendees. It was acknowledged by President Tolliver and Robert Howard that a budget transfer would be needed to accommodate.

Motion by Robinson, second by Reed

Motion carried 6-0-0

BUDGET PLANNING SESSION

Dr. Jones gave an overview of matters for the Board's consideration during the planning of the 2015-2016 Budget.

There was discussion about the unaccompanied minors and the necessary requirements to accommodate the students into the district; Students requiring AIS support and grade alignment.

Mrs. Talbert gave an overview of the requirement made by the NYS Board of Regents to have new pathways, and what the district has done so far to create these pathways.

Dr. Jones introduced Mr. Howard, who presented on overall 2015-16 Budget Consideration: Fiscal Stress; Governor's State Aid Proposal; Fund Balance; 5 Year Financial Summary; Tax Levy and State Aid Revenue Scenarios; Best vs. Worst Case Scenarios.

Following Mr. Howard's presentation, the Board was asked the question: *"What are the 'must haves'?"*

Board members named areas they deemed to be very important for consideration, as funds permit:

Trustee Crawford suggested hiring social workers; art and music programs, AP courses, alternate measures for college.

Trustee Holliday agreed with all of Trustee Crawford's suggestions, and added all-day Pre-K, smaller class sizes, reopen access to cultural programs, exploring other after-school programming.

Vice President Baker agreed with all stated before, and reiterated the importance of having a good academic after-school program, especially for grades K-5. She asked to explore the possibilities of having teachers stay back to assist, perhaps one time per week. She also suggested offering a night school for adult parents of the unaccompanied minors to learn the language.

Trustee Reed asked that the budgetary concerns raised previously by Mr. Wilson be considered in the discussion.

President Tolliver also reiterated the same, and discussed the music programming.

Trustee Robinson was in agreement with all previously stated, and suggested adding a strong parent piece, and social workers with parent advocates.

Mr. Wilson reminded the Board to consider items such as sports, band, summer school and extracurricular activities.

Dr. Jones and Mr. Howard thanked the Board for their input as they move forward to create a budget with all things considered.

Grade Alignment

The Board reached a consensus to align the grades as follows: Pre-K through 4 in the LaFrancis Hardiman/MLK buildings, 5-8 in the MLO Middle School and 9-12 in the High School.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion by Reed, second by Baker to go into Executive Session at 8:55 PM to discuss matters pertaining to the employment of particular employees and pending legal matters
Motion carried 6-0-0

RECONVENE

Motion by Baker, second by Reed to reconvene at 9:05 PM **Motion carried 6-0-0**

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Baker, second by Robinson to adjourn the meeting at 9:05 PM
Motion carried 6-0-0

**Minutes Recorded and
Transcribed By District Clerk**

**Date of Meeting: FEBRUARY 4, 2015
SPECIAL BOARD MEETING**


Stephanie Howard