

**WYANDANCH UNION FREE SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF EDUCATION MINUTES OF
WORK SESSION
HELD ON MAY 10, 2023
CENTRAL ADMINISTRATION BUILDING
1445 DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. BOULEVARD
WYANDANCH, NEW YORK 11798**

**THIS MEETING WAS HELD IN PERSON IN THE LARGE BOARD ROOM,
LIVESTREAMED ON ZOOM AND BROADCASTED ON THE DISTRICT'S OFFICIAL
FACEBOOK PAGE.**

The meeting was called to order by President Morris at 5:45 PM and asked for a moment of silence.

Roll Call:

Performed by Jessica Reed, District Clerk

Trustees Present
(in person):

Jarod B. Morris, Nancy Holliday, Shirley Baker, Latesha Walker; Arrived during executive session: Charlie B. Reed and James Crawford

Trustees Present
(virtually/teleconference):

Others Present:

Dr. Gina Talbert, Lawanda Williams, Esq, Dr. Christine Jordan, Carl Baldini, Rich Snyder, Al Chase, Rascheda Wallace, Jessica Reed and Community

The Board and community recited the PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ADOPT THE AGENDA

Motion by Reed, second by Holliday to adopt the agenda.

Motion carried 4-0-0

**WELCOME BY BOARD
PRESIDENT**

President Morris welcomed everyone to the work session and thanked everyone for attending.

READING OF MISSION STATEMENT

President Morris asked everyone to stand and recite the mission statement:

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

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion by Reed, seconded by Baker to move into Executive Session at 5:47 PM to discuss the employment of particular persons and to receive legal counsel.

Motion carried 4-0-0

Trustee Reed arrived during the executive session and Trustee Crawford arrived once the meeting reconvened from executive session.

RECONVENE

Motion by Walker, seconded by Baker to reconvene at 7:10 PM.

Motion carried 5-0-0

SUPERINTENDENT PRESENTATION

School Warrior Name Update

Dr. Talbert provided an updated regarding the current status of Wyandanch schools keeping the mascot name “Warriors”. She thanked the community for coming out to the first Forum that took place on May 3rd regarding retaining the name “Warriors” and based on the community responses the next steps have been taken. The district has been in communication with the Shinnecock Native American tribe and have submitted the required agreement for approval to them for the mascot name “Warriors” to be retained. The next Forum will take place at the high school on May 23rd with any status updates available.

Senior Field Trip

Dr. Talbert introduced the senior class advisors, Mr. Penn and Ms. Crawford, to make a presentation regarding the upcoming trip to Bermuda. They presented a PowerPoint presentation detailing the activities and the required check-in times for the students during their 5 days of the cruise.

Resolution Recommendations

ADMINISTRATION #1

BoardDoc Ref: 10-A-1

RESOLUTION:

BE IT RESOLVED, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, that the Board of Education approves the 2023- 2024 Multi-Year Lease Agreement for the Instructional Technology Proposal prepared by Western Suffolk BOCES in conjunction with district personnel and vendor representatives as follows:

	YEAR 1 2023-24	YEAR 2 2024-25	YEAR 3 2025-26	YEAR 4 2026-27	YEAR 5 2027-2028
Equipment	\$58,088	\$58,088	\$58,088	\$58,088	
Other Services					
Coordination	\$23,235				
Insurance/Legal	\$ 6,000				
Financing	\$ 5,493	\$ 5,493	\$ 5,493	\$ 5,493	
Total Payment	\$92,816	\$63,581	\$63,581	\$63,581	

Motion by Reed, second by Baker

Motion carried 5-0-0

VOTE BREAKDOWN BY TRUSTEE

Trustee Name	In Favor	Opposed	Abstaining
President Jarod B. Morris	X		
Vice President Nancy Holliday	X		
Trustee Shirley Baker	X		
Trustee James Crawford	X		
Trustee Charlie B. Reed	X		
Trustee Latesha S. Walker	X		

PERSONNEL #1

BoardDocs Ref: 10-B-1

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

The employees named herein have submitted a letter of intent to retire from the position indicated.

RESOLUTION:

BE IT RESOLVED, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, that the Board of Education accept the retirement of the following employee from the position indicated.

RETIREMENTS

- A. Yolanda Thompson, Elementary Teacher, 20 Years of Service, effective June 30, 2023.
- B. Paul Greene, Part Time Purchasing Technician, effective April 15, 2023.

Motion by Baker, second by Walker

Motion carried 6-0-0

VOTE BREAKDOWN BY TRUSTEE

Trustee Name	In Favor	Opposed	Abstaining
President Jarod B. Morris	X		
Vice President Nancy Holliday	X		
Trustee Shirley Baker	X		
Trustee James Crawford	X		
Trustee Charlie B. Reed	X		
Trustee Latesha S. Walker	X		

PERSONNEL #2

BoardDocs Ref: 10-B-2

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

The employee named herein has submitted a letter of resignation from the position indicated.

RESOLUTION:

BE IT RESOLVED, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, that the Board of Education accept the resignation of the employee named herein from the position indicated.

RESIGNATION

- A. Deborah Rhodes, School Lunch Manager, effective May 31, 2023.

Motion by Baker, second by Walker

Motion carried 5-0-0

VOTE BREAKDOWN BY TRUSTEE

Trustee Name	In Favor	Opposed	Abstaining
President Jarod B. Morris	X		
Vice President Nancy Holliday	X		
Trustee Shirley Baker	X		
Trustee James Crawford	X		

Trustee Charlie B. Reed	X		
Trustee Latesha S. Walker	X		

PERSONNEL #3

BoardDocs Ref: 10-B-3

RESOLUTION:

BE IT RESOLVED, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, that the Board of Education rescind the previously approved appointment of the following candidates to the position indicated.

RESCIND

A. Brittany Rice, Teaching Assistant, effective March 27, 2023.

B. Sacia Lee, Teaching Assistant, effective April 24, 2023.

Motion by Baker, second by Walker

Motion carried 6-0-0

VOTE BREAKDOWN BY TRUSTEE

Trustee Name	In Favor	Opposed	Abstaining
President Jarod B. Morris	X		
Vice President Nancy Holliday	X		
Trustee Shirley Baker	X		
Trustee James Crawford	X		
Trustee Charlie B. Reed	X		
Trustee Latesha S. Walker	X		

PERSONNEL #4

BoardDocs Ref: 10-B-4

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

The candidates named herein have been recommended for an appointment to the position indicated.

RESOLUTION:

BE IT RESOLVED, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, that the Board of Education approve the appointment of the following candidates to the position indicated.

DISTRICT WIDE

APPOINTMENTS

- A. Nisa Williams, Substitute Clerk Typist, at a rate of \$15.92 per hour, effective May 18, 2023.
- B. Arianna Remero, Substitute Clerk Typist, at a rate of \$15.92 per hour, effective May 18, 2023.
- C. Rasharra Oliver, Substitute Clerk Typist, at a rate of \$15.92 per hour, effective May 18, 2023.
- D. Yolanda Perry, Substitute Food Service Worker, at a rate of \$15.77 per hour, effective May 18, 2023.

Motion by Baker, second by Walker

Motion carried 6-0-0

VOTE BREAKDOWN BY TRUSTEE

Trustee Name	In Favor	Opposed	Abstaining
President Jarod B. Morris	X		
Vice President Nancy Holliday	X		
Trustee Shirley Baker	X		
Trustee James Crawford	X		
Trustee Charlie B. Reed	X		
Trustee Latesha S. Walker	X		

CURRICULUM #1

BOARDDOCS REF: 10-D-1

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.

BUILDING	DATE/TIME	LOCATION
WMHS: Grades 9 – 12 Bruce Penn 32 STUDENTS/8 ADULTS	05/13/23 – 05/18/23 9:00 AM – 10:00 AM Cruise Ship	5 Night Bermuda Cruise Royal Caribbean Cape Liberty New York/New Jersey Port
<u>WMHS: Grades 9 – 12</u> Jeff Zanelotti 150 STUDENTS/3 ADULTS	05/18/23 5:00 PM – 11:00 PM BUSES NEEDED (4)	Oheka Castle JROTC BALL 135 W Gate Dr, Huntington, NY 11743

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

Motion to vote on each trip separately:

Cruise Trip- 1st vote

Motion by Baker, second by Walker

Motion Fail 3-2-1

VOTE BREAKDOWN BY TRUSTEE

Trustee Name	In Favor	Opposed	Abstaining
President Jarod B. Morris		X	
Vice President Nancy Holliday			X
Trustee Shirley Baker	X		
Trustee James Crawford	X		
Trustee Charlie B. Reed		X	
Trustee Latesha S. Walker	X		

JROTC Ball

Motion by Walker, second by Reed

Motion Passed 6-0-0

VOTE BREAKDOWN BY TRUSTEE

Trustee Name	In Favor	Opposed	Abstaining
President Jarod B. Morris	X		
Vice President Nancy Holliday	X		
Trustee Shirley Baker	X		
Trustee James Crawford	X		
Trustee Charlie B. Reed	X		
Trustee Latesha S. Walker	X		

2nd EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion by Reed, seconded by Holliday to move into Executive Session at 8:11 PM to discuss the employment of particular persons and to continue to receive legal counsel.

Motion carried 6-0-0

RECONVENE

Motion by Baker, seconded by Holliday to reconvene at 9:26 PM.

Motion carried 6-0-0

ADDITIONAL DISCUSSION REGARDING SENIOR TRIP

Once the 2nd executive session completed the board allowed the senior class student who had arrived to come in to discuss the final decision of their upcoming Bermuda trip and their next steps. Dr. Talbert explained that due to the board not passing the curriculum resolution the trip would not be counted as a school sponsored trip. She explained that additional details would be provided in the morning directly to the High School principal but briefly confirmed that the students would still be able to go on the trip but days missed would need to be counted and all work missed would need to be completed. The students, parents and advised all expressed their issue with this decision and requested that the board review all the options again for approval.

3rd EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion by Holliday, seconded by Baker to move back Executive Session at 10:20 PM to complete the discussion of employment of particular persons and to continue to receive legal counsel.

RECONVENE

Motion by Baker, seconded by Walker to reconvene at 10:30 PM.

Motion carried 6-0-0

Resolution Recommendations-Update

CURRICULUM #1-Cruise Trip only

Vote #1 was rescinded by Baker and Walker, Back on the floor for a revote

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

Cruise Trip only - 2nd vote (1st vote was pulled back for a revote after discussion during 3rd executive session)

Motion by Reed, second by Morris

Motion Passed 4-2-0

VOTE BREAKDOWN BY TRUSTEE

Trustee Name	In Favor	Opposed	Abstaining
President Jarod B. Morris		X	
Vice President Nancy Holliday	X		
Trustee Shirley Baker	X		

Trustee James Crawford	X		
Trustee Charlie B. Reed		X	
Trustee Latesha S. Walker	X		

ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn at 10:40 pm by Reed, seconded by Baker Motion carried 6-0-0

**Minutes Recorded and Transcribed
By District Clerk**

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