June 12, 2024 Date Regular Kind of Meeting District Office
Where Held

Melissa Maldonado Presiding Officer

Members Present: Melissa Maldonado Absent:

Others Present:
Tara Weiman

**Drew Shuster** 

Jean Jaeger

Loni Koument-Holdridge

Heidi Schwarz

John Wiktorko, Superintendent

Michelle Mattice, Treasurer

Karen Van Valkenburgh, District Clerk

Board President, Melissa Maldonado, called the meeting to order at 5:03 p.m.

Ms. Maldonado led those assembled in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Public Comments - None

The next item of business is the following Consent Agenda.

# 1) Routine Matters

- i. **RESOLVED**, the Board approves the minutes of the Regular Meeting held on May 22, 2024.
- ii. **RESOLVED**, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board approves the Treasurer's Report for May 2024.

Routine Matter

- iii. **RESOLVED**, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board approves the Superintendent's Transfers for June 2024 as presented.
- iv. **RESOLVED,** upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board approves the Bill Schedule for June 2024 as presented:

General Fund: Ck #24-142 - Ck #24-143, Ck #24 - 146 Ck#53483 - Ck#53557

totaling \$1,538,794.93

Capital Fund: Ck#10047 - Ck#10051 and BANPAY totaling \$2,525,179.50

Federal Fund: Ck#2517 – Ck#2518 totaling \$5,417.96 School Lunch Fund: Ck#368 totaling \$24,552.56

### 2) New Business

a) Personnel

i. **RESOLVED**, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, pursuant to Section 3012(2) of Education Law and in compliance with Part 30.3 of the Rules of the Board of Regents, the Board appoints Luke McGeeney to the position of probationary Library Media Specialist, contingent upon his continuing the process of obtaining his certification in the Library Media Specialist tenure area, for a probationary period of 4 years, effective September 3, 2024 through September 4, 2028 and **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that Mr. McGeeney be paid per the current W-A-J Teachers Association Agreement pending a Clearance of Appointment from the Commissioner of Education.

Luke McGeeney Library Media Specialist

ii. **RESOLVED**, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, pursuant to Section 3012(2) of Education Law and in compliance with Part 30.3 of the Rules of the Board of Regents, the Board appoints Taylor Kamna to a four (4) year probationary teaching position in the Elementary Education tenure area, effective September 3, 2024 through September 4, 2028 and **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that Ms. Kamna be paid per the current W-A-J Teachers Association Agreement pending a Clearance of Appointment from the Commissioner of Education.

Taylor Kamna Elementary Education iii. RESOLVED, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board approves the following individuals to the pool of staff members for the 2024 summer work as follows:

Bus Driver Pool – Georgia Cross and Jessica Lacombe Monitor Pool – Bernie Gribbins

Summer Employmen

RESOLVED, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board approves the iv. appointment of Stephen DeWitt to the position of substitute mechanic, bus driver and monitor for the 2024-2025 school year, effective July 1, 2024 through June 30, 2025, with any personal leave taken to be considered unpaid leave.

Stephen DeWitt 1 yr hire

RESOLVED, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board does hereby appoint ٧. Dona Kammerer as a long-term, 0.5 basis Elementary Teacher for the 2024-2025 school year, effective September 3, 2024 through June 30, 2025, with an aggregate salary not to exceed \$35,000.00, with any personal leave time taken to be considered unpaid leave.

Dona Kammerer 1 yr hire

vi. **RESOLVED**, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board does hereby appoint Sharon Quinn as a long-term, 0.5 basis Elementary Art Teacher for the 2024-2025 school year effective September 3, 2024 through June 30, 2025, with any personal leave time taken to be considered unpaid leave.

Sharon Quinn 1 yr hire

vii. **RESOLVED**, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board appoints Olivia Drum to the position of Teacher Assistant beginning September 3, 2024 and ending June 30, 2025, (or until such time as circumstances dictate the position is no longer necessary) which will be her last day of employment in this position with the Windham-Ashland-Jewett CSD, AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that Ms. Drum will be compensated as outlined in the W-A-J Support Staff Agreement.

Olivia Drum 1 year hire

RESOLVED, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board appoints Sherrie Ott Sherrie Ott viii. to a full time position of Teacher's Aide beginning September 3, 2024, AND BE IT FURTHER Teacher's **RESOLVED**, that Ms. Ott will be compensated as outlined in the W-A-J Support Staff Aide Agreement.

RESOLVED, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board approves the ix. appointment of Stacey Brigante as a Monitor beginning on September 3, 2024 and ending on June 30, 2025, (or until such time as circumstances dictate the position is no longer necessary) which will be her last day of employment in this position with the Windham-Ashland-Jewett CSD, pending a Clearance for Appointment from The Commissioner of Education AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Ms. Brigante will be compensated as outlined in the current W-A-J Support Staff Agreement.

Stacey Brigante 1 vr Monitor

RESOLVED, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board approves the х. appointment of Jessica Lacombe as a Bus Driver/Custodian and Monitor for the 2024-2025 school year, effective September 3, 2024 through June 30, 2025, (or until such time as circumstances dictate the position is no longer necessary) which will be her last day of employment with the district, AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Ms. Lacombe be , Monitor compensated according to the current WAJ Support Staff Agreement and that said appointment is made pending a Clearance for Employment from the Commissioner of Education.

Jessica Lacombe 1 vr Bus Driver/Cust

xi. **RESOLVED.** upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board does hereby appoint Tina Cody Tina Cody McGeeney as a long-term substitute teacher effective September 3, 2024 through June 30, 2025, which will be her last day of employment with the Windham-Ashland-Jewett CSD, AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Ms. Cody McGeeney will be compensated as outlined in the current W-A-J Teachers' Agreement.

McGeeney Long Term Sub

xii. RESOLVED, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board approves adding Gehan Arjomand to the list of Substitute Teachers, Teacher Assistants and Aides for the 2024-2025 school year, pending Clearance from the Commissioner of Education.

Gehan Arjomand Sub 2024-2025

- b) Other
- i **RESOLVED**, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board approves the non-resident tuition charges provided by the State Education Department for the 2023-2024 school year as presented under separate cover.

2023-2024 nonresident tution

ii. **RESOLVED**, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board approves the recommendation from the Committee on Special Education, Committee on Pre-School Education and the Americans with Disability Act, Section 504 for student #s: 1399, 1650, 1882, 1915, 1936, 1937, 1938, 2056, 2064, 2087, 2141, 2146, 2151, 2188, 2195, 2232 and 2233.

CSE/CPSE

iii. **RESOLVED**, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board approves Applied Business Systems, Inc. for services to be provided for tax bill preparation from July 1, 2024 through June 30, 2025.

Applied Business Systems

iv. **RESOLVED**, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board approves extending the HVAC contract with Colonie Mechanical for the 2024-2025 school year.

Colonie Mechanical

v. **RESOLVED**, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, that the Board accepts the contract extension for Refuse/Garbage removal from County Waste-Ulster, LLC for the 2024-2025 school year beginning July 1, 2024 and ending on June 30, 2025, as presented under septate cover.

County Waste Refuse/Gar bage

vi. **RESOLVED**, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent and the District Construction Manager, that the Phone Contract on the 2022 Capital Improvements Project is hereby awarded by State Contract to Northeast IS, LLC, at a total price of \$7,872.50 and **IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the President of the Board of Education, is hereby authorized to execute such contract for the District.

Phone Contract Capital Project Award

vii. **RESOLVED**, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board waives the 2<sup>nd</sup> reading of policy #5414 "Procurement Code of Conduct" and adopts the Policy.

Policy #5414

viii. **RESOLVED**, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent and per Board of Education Policy 5250, the Board approves the disposal of Bus #109 which is unusable and unrepairable.

Disposal Bus #109

ix. **RESOLVED**, the Board accepts the \$2,000.00 donation from a community member whom wishes to remain anonymous, to be used for the Theodore Steven Scholarship.

Anonymous Donation

x. **RESOLVED**, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board accepts the Donation of \$671.65 from The Ronald McDonald House Charities, to be used by the Guidance Department for the School Store.

Ronald McDonald Donation

The consent agenda Items 1(i) through 2b(x), was approved on motion by Loni Koument-Holdridge, second by Jean Jaeger.

Consent Agenda

Yes: Melissa Maldonado, Drew Schuster, Loni Koument-Holdridge, Heidi Schwarz and Jean Jaeger. Absent: None

Correspondence - None

#### Important Dates

Important Dates

June	19	Juneteenth Day - No School
	28	Special Board of Education Meeting 5:00 p.m. – District Office
		Class of 2024 Commencement 6:00 p.m.
July	2	Audit Finance Committee Meeting 2:15 p.m.
		Re-organizational & Regular Board of Education Meeting 3:00 p.m.

# Superintendent's Report -

- Capital Project update.
- Mascot update
- State Ed Initiative

Super Report

- **Graduation Measures**
- **Sports**

### Public Comment - None

RESOLVED, that the Board go into Executive Session at 3:55 p.m. for the purpose of collective and discussing 1 personnel item leading to the possible appointment of employment, promotion, demotion, discipline, suspension, dismissal or removal of this individual, on motion by Drew Shuster, second by Jean Jaeger, and carried by those present. The Board reconvened in regular session at 4:16 p.m. on motion by Jean Jaeger, seconded by Heidi Schwarz, and carried by those present.

RESOLVED, upon recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board appoints Peter DeWitt to the position of Bus Driver/Mechanic on a full time basis effective June 25th, 2024 for a probationary period of six months, AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Mr. DeWitt will be compensated according to the WAJ Support Staff Association Bargaining Agreement pending clearance for Appointment from the Commissioner of Education, on motion by Jean Jaeger, seconded by Heidi Schwarz, and carried by those present.

With no further business, the meeting adjourned at 4:18 p.m. on motion by Jean Jaeger, second by Heidi Schwarz, and carried by those present.

Karen Van Valkenburgh, District Clerk John Wiktorko, Clerk Pro Tem Executive Session

Peter DeWitt Bus Driver/Mech anic

Adjournmen