

**WINDHAM-ASHLAND-JEWETT CENTRAL SCHOOL**

**Public Hearing –  
Extension of Real Property Tax Exemption for Volunteer Firefighters  
and Ambulance Workers**

**Library – 5:00 p.m.  
Wednesday, February 15, 2025**

**Regular Meeting –**

**Draft Agenda**

**Call to Order**

Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag

**Public Comments**

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**Recommended Actions**

The Consent Agenda for Regular Business is the next item of business. Does any member wish to discuss any item on the consent agenda or remove any item for separate consideration? If not, may I have a motion to approve the Consent Agenda Items 1(i) through 2b(iii).

If there is no discussion, the District Clerk will call the roll.

1. **Routine Matters**

- i. **RESOLVED**, the Board approves the minutes of the Regular Meeting held on January 15, 2025.
- ii. **RESOLVED**, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent and the Audit Finance Committee, the Board approves the Treasurers Report for January 2025 as presented.
- iii. **RESOLVED**, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent and the Audit Finance Committee, the Board approves the Superintendent's Transfers for February 2025 as presented.
- iv. **RESOLVED**, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent and the Audit Finance Committee, the Board approves the Bill Schedule for February 2025 as presented:
  - General Fund: Ck #54080– Ck#54140 totaling \$432,606.19
  - All Funds: Ck#54079 totaling \$2,898.00
  - Capital Project Fund: Ck#10101 – Ck#10103 totaling \$196,669.36
  - Federal Fund: Ck #2526 – Ck#2528 totaling \$6,023.48
  - School Lunch Fund: Ck#375 totaling \$21,041.93

2. **New Business**

a) Personnel

**RESOLVED**, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board appoints the following individuals to the following extra-curricular position for the 2024-2025 school year, pending a Clearance of Appointment:  
Volleyball Club Advisors (Pilot Program) – Nicole Baldner and Cathi Aplin

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 2024-2025 school year, as presented under separate cover.

- ii. **RESOLVED**, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board approves the recommendation from the Committee on Special Education, Committee on Pre-School Special Education and the American with Disability Act, Section 504 for student #'s: 2143 and 3017.
- iii. **WHEREAS**, on February 15, 2023, after having conducted a public hearing on February 15, 2023, the Board of Education (the "Board") of the Windham-Ashland-Jewett Central School District (the "School District") offered a school tax exemption on the real property situated in the School District and owned by an enrolled member of an incorporated volunteer fire company, fire department or incorporated voluntary ambulance service or such enrolled member and spouse and used as the primary residence by such, on the terms and conditions set forth in the Board's resolution and in accordance with and pursuant to Real Property Tax Section 466-a (the "Exemption"); and

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to newly adopted Real Property Tax Law Section 466-1, the Board now desires to extend the Exemption to applicants who reside in the School District and are a member of an incorporated volunteer fire company or fire department or incorporated ambulance service that provides service in another school district that neighbors the School District.

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Board, after having conducted a public hearing on February 12, 2025, and having given the public an opportunity to be heard on the issue of the Board's proposed expansion of the Exemption pursuant to Section 466-1 of the Real Property Tax Law, hereby resolved as follows: The exemption already provided for by the Board pursuant to Real Property Tax Law Section 466-a and the Board's resolution on February 12, 2025 is expanded to be available to applicants who reside in the School District and are members of an incorporated volunteer fire company or fire department or incorporated ambulance service which provides service to another school district that neighbors the School District.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, this local law shall be effective immediately, available to eligible to an enrolled member of an incorporated volunteer fire company, fire department or incorporated voluntary ambulance service for the upcoming school tax year and shall continue until rescinded or amended by the Board of Education.

- iv. **RESOLVED**, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board approves the 2025-2026 school calendar, as presented under separate cover.

3. Correspondence

4. Important Dates

February 14	PK-12 1:00 PM Dismissal (Emergency Drill)
17-21	Winter Recess - No School
March 5	PK-12 Early Dismissal Parent/Teacher Conferences 12-6 p.m.
12	A/F/C Meeting 4:15 p.m./BOE Meeting 5:00 p.m.

5. Superintendent's Report

6. Additions to the Agenda

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With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at \_\_\_\_\_ PM on motion by \_\_\_\_\_, seconded by \_\_\_\_\_, and carried by those present.

Respectfully submitted,  
John Wiktoro, Superintendent