

January 15, 2025  
Date

Regular  
Kind of Meeting

Library  
Where held

Drew Shuster  
Presiding Officer

Members Present:  
Drew Shuster  
Jean Jaeger  
Melissa Maldonado  
Loni Koumment-Holdridge  
Heidi Schwartz  
John Wiktorko  
Michelle Mattice, Treasurer  
Karen Van Valkenburgh, District Clerk

Absent

Others Present:  
Officer Cody  
Lara McAneny  
Anthony Taibi  
Tara Weiman  
Alan Trinkle  
Mag Scarey  
April Brimberry

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President, Drew Shuster, called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.

Mr. Shuster led those present in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Public Comments – None

Recommended Actions – Consent Agenda

1) Routine Matters

- i. **RESOLVED**, the Board approves the minutes of the Regular Meeting held on December 11, 2025.
- ii. **RESOLVED**, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent and the Audit Finance Committee, the Board approves the Treasurer's Report for December 2024 as presented.
- iii. **RESOLVED**, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent and the Audit Finance Committee, the Board approves the Superintendent's Transfers for January 2025 as presented.
- iv. **RESOLVED**, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent and the Audit Finance Committee, the Board approves the Bill Schedule for January 2025 as presented:  
  
General Fund: Ck #54010 - #54078, totaling \$501,887.25  
Capital Fund: Ck #10098 – Ck#10100, totaling \$72,237.15  
Federal Fund: Ck#2525, totaling \$1,363.48  
School Lunch Fund: Ck#374, totaling \$17,208.68
- v. **RESOLVED**, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent and the Audit Finance Committee, the Board approves the Extra-Curricular Activity Fund Account Balance Report for the months of October 2024 and November 2024.

Routine  
Matters

2) New Business

a) Personnel

- i. **RESOLVED**, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board approves accepts the resignation of Cathleen Lashua, Elementary Teacher, for the purpose of retirement effective June 30, 2025. Lashua Retirement
- ii. **RESOLVED**, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board approves accepts the resignation of Janice Hitchcock, Physical Education Teacher, for the purpose of retirement effective June 30, 2025. Hitchcock Retirement
- iii. **RESOLVED**, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board approves accepts the resignation of Dykeman Pelham, Science Teacher, for the purpose of retirement effective June 30, 2025. Pelham Retirement

- iv. **RESOLVED**, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board does hereby appoint Carol Spear as a long-term substitute teacher effective December 2, 2024 through January 31, 2025, which will be Ms. Spears last day of employment with the Windham-Ashland-Jewett Central School District, **AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that Ms. Spear will be paid according to the current W-A-J Teachers' Association Contract, pending Clearance of Appointment from the Commissioner of Education. Spear Long Term Sub

b) Other

- i. **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: 2093, 2096, 2192, 2246, 2247, 2252, 3003, 3037 and 3042. CSE/CPSE
- ii. **RESOLVED**, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board approves the recommendation given by the Greene County Legislature that the maximum income limit for 2025 be set at \$36,000.00 for Senior Citizen & Disabled Tax Exemption Maximum Income Limits. Senior Citizen/Disabled Tax Exemption

On motion by Melissa Maldonado, second by Heidi Schwarz, the Consent Agenda, Items 1(i) through 2b(ii), was approved. Consent Agenda

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

Correspondence – None

Important Dates –

January	16 20 28 29	PTA Meeting 6:00 p.m. Martin Luther King Day – No School Early Dismissal 1:30 p.m. – Staff Development Lunar New Year – No School	Important Dates
February	12	Morning Program 8:15 a.m. Audit Finance Committee Meeting 4:15 p.m. Board of Education Meeting 5:00 p.m.	

Superintendent's Report –

Mr. Wiktoro reported on:

- Upcoming Retirements, recruitment and new hires. Superintendent's Report
- AI (current impact on instruction and learning).
- State of the State Address and how it pertained to schools/WAJ.

Lara McAneny, Assistant Superintendent gave a presentation on The Portrait of a Graduate, Graduation Measures, NYS Blue Ribbon Commission and recent NYSED updates.

Additions to the Agenda - None

Public Comments – Tara Weiman, Ashland – spoke of her appreciation of positive communications, efforts by basketball coach and positive remarks regarding FAFSA night and guidance

**RESOLVED**, that the Board go into Executive Session at 5:50 p.m. for the purpose of collective bargaining 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 Melissa Maldonado, second by Jean Jaeger, and carried by those present. Executive Session

The Board reconvened in regular session at 6:45 p.m. on motion by Loni Koument-Holdridge, seconded by Melissa Maldonado, and carried by those present.

**RESOLVED**, the Board of Education approves the Superintendent's Contract Agreement between the Board of Education of the Windham-Ashland-Jewett Central School District and Mr. John M. Wiktoro, Superintendent's Contract

Superintendent of Schools, dated January 15, 2025, as presented under separate cover, on motion by Loni Koument-Holdridge, second by Melissa Maldonado and carried by those present.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:48 p.m. on motion by Loni Koument-Holdridge, second by Melissa Maldonado, and carried by those present.

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Karen Van Valkenburgh, District Clerk

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John Wiktorko, Clerk Pro Tem