

<u>June 11, 2025</u> Date	<u>Regular</u> Kind of Meeting	<u>Library</u> Where Held	<u>Drew Shuster</u> Presiding Officer
<u>Members Present:</u>		<u>Absent:</u>	<u>Others Present:</u>
Drew Shuster			Lara McAneny
Jean Jaeger			Anthony Taibi
Loni Koument-Holdridge			Officer Cody
Heidi Schwarz			Mag Scarey
Melissa Maldonado			Christine Corrigan
John Wlktorko, Superintendent			Beth Verhoeven
Michelle Mattice, Treasurer			Alan Trinkle
Karen Van Valkenburgh, District Clerk			Cuyler Brimberry
			Kim Lonecke

Board President, Drew Shuster, called the meeting to order at 5:01 p.m.

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

Public Comments – Christine Corrigan – Thanked the Board for her time here as a teacher, allowing her daughter to attend school here and what a really great school it is. Beth Verhoeven – Thanked the Board for allowing her to be employed at WAJ and what a truly great experience it has been for her over all the years. Mag Scarey – Thanked Drew for all his time and contributions to WAJ and serving the community in the capacity of a BOE member for 20 years.

Public
Comment

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 21, 2025.
- ii. **RESOLVED**, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board approves the Treasurer's Report for May 2025.
- iii. **RESOLVED**, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board approves the Superintendent's Transfers for June 2025 as presented.
- iv. **RESOLVED**, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent , the Board approves the Bill Schedule for June 2025 as presented:
 - General Fund: Ck #54356 - Ck #54357 totaling \$838.66
 - Ck #54358 - Ck#54429 & Ck#25-146 – Ck#25-147 totaling \$1,629,115.19
 - Capital Fund: Ck#10109 – Ck#10110 totaling \$110,966.17
 - Federal Fund: Ck#2532 totaling \$1,363.48
 - School Lunch Fund: Ck#379 totaling \$24,880.79

Routine
Business

2) New Business

a) Personnel

- i. Having met the requirements of the Windham-Ashland-Jewett CSD Excellence in Tenure Policy, **BE IT RESOLVED**, in compliance with the provisions of Section 3012(2) of the Education Law and part 30.3 of the Rules of the Board of Regents and upon recommendation of the Superintendent that Connie Berube be appointed on tenure to the position of teacher in the Elementary Education tenure area, who holds a valid New York State Certificate permitting her to teach subjects in the aforesaid tenure area, **AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, the Board of Education of the Windham-Ashland-Jewett-Central School District does hereby make this appointment effective September 1, 2025.
- ii. Having met the requirements of the Windham-Ashland-Jewett CSD Excellence in Tenure Policy, **BE IT RESOLVED**, in compliance with the provisions of Section 3012(2) of the

Education Law and part 30.3 of the Rules of the Board of Regents and upon recommendation of the Superintendent, that Chalya Pudlewski be appointed on tenure to the position of teacher in the English Language tenure area, who holds a valid New York State Certificate permitting her to teach subjects in the aforesaid tenure area, **AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, the Board of Education of the Windham-Ashland-Jewett-Central School District does hereby make this appointment effective September 1, 2025.

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| iii. | RESOLVED , upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board approves the Assistant Superintendent Contract dated June 11, 2025, between the Windham-Ashland-Jewett CSD and Lara McAneny, as presented under separate cover. | Assistant
Super
Contract
McAneny |
| iv. | RESOLVED , upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board approves the appointment of Alexis Lane as a Teacher Assistant contingent upon her continuing the process of obtaining her certification as a Teaching Assistant Level I, beginning on September 2, 2025 and ending on June 30, 2026, (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 AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that she will be compensated as outlined in the current W-A-J Support Staff Agreement. | Alexis Lane
Teacher
Assistant |
| v. | RESOLVED , upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board approves the appointment of Olivia Drum as a Teaching Assistant, beginning on July 1, 2025 and ending on June 30, 2026, (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 AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that she will be compensated as outlined in the current W-A-J Support Staff Agreement. | Olivia Drum
Teacher
Assistant |
| vi. | 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 Tina Cody McGeeney to the position of probationary Special Education Teacher, contingent upon her continuing the process of obtaining his certification in the Special Education tenure area, for a probationary period of 4 years, effective September 2, 2025 through September 3, 2029 and BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED , that Ms. Cody McGeeney be paid per the current W-A-J Teachers Association Agreement pending a Clearance of Appointment from the Commissioner of Education. | Tina Cody
McGeeney
Special
Education
Teacher |
| vii. | RESOLVED , upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board approves the appointment of Stephen DeWitt to the position of substitute mechanic, bus driver and monitor for the 2025-2026 school year, effective July 1, 2025 through June 30, 2026, with any personal leave taken to be considered unpaid leave. | Stephen
DeWitt 1 yr
hire |
| viii. | 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 2025-2026 school year effective September 2, 2025 through June 30, 2026, with any personal leave time taken to be considered unpaid leave. | Sharon
Quinn 1 yr
hire |
| ix. | RESOLVED , upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board approves the appointment of Stacey Brigante as a Monitor beginning on September 2, 2025 and ending on June 30, 2026, (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
yr Monitor |
| x. | RESOLVED , upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board approves the appointment of Jessica Lacombe as a Bus Driver/Custodian and Monitor for the 2025-2026 school year, effective September 2, 2025 through June 30, 2026, (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 | Jessica
Lacombe 1
yr Bus
Driver/Cust
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.

b) Other

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| i. | 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: 1704, 1714, 1935, 1974, 2050, 2054, 2096, 2141, 2142, 2143, 2232, 2233, 2247, 2163, 2206, 3003, 3017, 3024, 3031, 3034, 3037, and 3042. | CSE/CPSE |
| ii. | WHEREAS , in a resolution adopted on April 22, 2025, the Board of Windham-Ashland-Jewett Central School declared that a student member would be appointed to the school board in an ex officio capacity, starting July 1, 2025, NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Windham-Ashland-Jewett Central School, hereby appoints Piper Cohane as ex officio student member of the School Board for a term of July 1, 2025 through June 30, 2026. | Ex officio student Board Member Piper Cohane |
| 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 the Change Order CO EC-3 from Empire Electric, NY, LLC as presented under separate cover. | Change Order Empire Electric |
| v. | RESOLVED , the Board accepts the \$300.00 donation from Susan Kowalski, to be used for the James Kowalski Achievement Award. | Kowalski, S. Donation |
| vi. | RESOLVED , the Board accepts the \$2,000.00 donation from Linda VanEtten, to be used for the "Charlie Award" in memory of her husband Charles VanEtten. | VanEtten, L. Donation |
| vii. | 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 |

The consent agenda Items 1(i) through 2b(vii), was approved on motion by Melissa Maldonado, second by Jean Jaeger.

Yes: Melissa Maldonado, Drew Schuster, Loni Koument-Holdridge, Heidi Schwarz and Jean Jaeger.

Absent: None

Correspondence – None

Important Dates

June	19	Juneteenth Day – No School
	27	Special Board of Education Meeting 5:00 p.m. – District Office
		Class of 2025 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, summer work.
- Extra-Curricular
- Electric Bus mandate update
- Free Lunch Program

Building Principal gave an update on Extra-Curricular and Field Trip Data.

Public Comment – Cuyler Brimberry asked about the open gym continuing through the summer. Kim Lonecke spoke of communication means.

With no further business, the meeting adjourned at 5:50 p.m. on motion by Melissa Maldonado, second by Jean Jaeger, and carried by those present.

Karen Van Valkenburgh, District Clerk

John Wiktorko, Clerk Pro Tem