

<u>July 1, 2022</u> Date	<u>Reorganization</u> Kind of Meeting	<u>Library</u> Where held	<u>Drew Shuster</u> Presiding Officer
<u>Members Present:</u> Drew Shuster Melissa Maldonado Debra Bunce Jean Jaeger Loni Koument-Holdridge John Wiktorko, Superintendent of Schools Karen Van Valkenburgh, District Clerk Michelle Mattice, Treasurer		<u>Absent</u>	<u>Others Present:</u> Cuyler Brimberry Nathan Holdridge Mag Scarey

The District Clerk, Karen Van Valkenburgh called the meeting to order at 3:00 PM and led those assembled in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Ms. Van Valkenburgh administered the Oath of Office to the newly elected Board Member, Loni Koument-Holdridge

On a motion by Debra Bunce, Drew Shuster was nominated for President of the Board of Education for the 2022-2023 school year and there being no other nominations, Melissa Maldonado moved and Jean Jaeger seconded the motion and Drew Shuster was elected President of the Board of Education.

Election  
of  
Officers

Yes – 5 – Jaeger, Bunce, Shuster, Maldonado and Koument-Holdridge  
No – 0  
Absent – 0

Motion Carried

On a motion by Debra Bunce, Melissa Maldonado was nominated for Vice President of the Board of Education for the 2022-2023 school year, and there being no other nominations, Debra Bunce moved and Jean Jaeger seconded the motion and Melissa Maldonado was elected Vice President of the Board of Education.

Yes – 5 – Jaeger, Bunce, Shuster, Maldonado and Koument-Holdridge  
No - 0  
Absent - 0

Motion Carried

Oaths  
of  
Office  
Given

The District Clerk, Ms. Van Valkenburgh, administered the Oath of Office to elected officers.

On a motion by Melissa Maldonado, seconded by Debra Bunce and carried by those present the following Officers were appointed for the 2022-2023 school year:

School District Clerk – Karen Van Valkenburgh  
School District Treasurer – Michelle Mattice  
Deputy Treasurer – John Wiktorko  
School District Tax Collector – Dawn Hitchcock

Officer  
Appoint-  
ments

The District Clerk will administer the Oath of Office to the Officers in the immediate future.

### 1. Other Appointments:

- a. School Physician – Dr. Anita Goodrich and Columbia Memorial Hospital staff (TBD); Alternate - Dr. Teri Martin
- b. School Attorney - Girvin & Ferlazzo, P.C. Attorneys at Law, Albany, New York
- c. School Census Taker- Assistant Superintendent; Alternate, Building Principal
- d. Central Treasurer of Extra-Curricular Activity Fund – Melissa Palumbo
- e. Comptroller for Extra-Curricular Activity Fund - Assistant Superintendent; Alternate, Building Principal
- f. Attendance Officer - Assistant Superintendent; Alternate, Building Principal
- g. Auditor of School Accounts – Raymond G Preusser, CPA, P.C.
- h. Internal Claims Auditor - Christine Thorington
- i. Assistant Internal Claims Auditor – Catherine Aplin
- j. Payroll Clerk - Michelle Mattice

Other  
Appoint-  
ments

- k. Complaint Officer - Assistant Superintendent; Alternate, Building Principal
- l. Records Access Officer – Catherine Aplin
- m. Records Management Officer - Catherine Aplin
- n. LEA Asbestos Designee/Chemical Hygiene Officer - John Mattice
- o. District Civil Service Appointment Officer - Michelle Mattice
- p. Capital Assets Preservation Program Coordinator - John Mattice
- q. 504 Compliance Officer – Building Principal
- r. Board of Registration - Laura Blanden, Joanne Conlin, Lola Hoyt, Karen Van Valkenburgh, Denise Woodbeck and up to 3 representatives from the Greene County Board of Election as deemed necessary by the Board of Education.
- s. Board member to serve on Executive Committee of the Greene County School Boards Association – Drew Shuster
- t. Liaison for Homeless Children and Youth – Building Principal; Alternate, the CSE Chairperson
- u. Educational Official to receive court notification regarding a student's sentence/adjudication in certain criminal cases and juvenile delinquency proceedings - John Wiktorko
- v. Medicaid Compliance Officer – Michelle Mattice
- w. Coordinators for the Dignity For All Students Act – Building Principal, Guidance Counselors, Instructional Technology Coordinator

## **2. Designations:**

- a. Official Bank Depositories as listed within the District Investment Policy: Key Bank, First Niagara, The Bank of Greene County, JP Morgan Chase and The National Bank of Coxsackie
- b. BOE Regular Meeting Dates - 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of every month except the Regular May meeting being set as the 1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday after the Annual Meeting Budget vote.
- c. Newspapers- The Daily Mail, The Windham Weekly and other media outlets as necessary.
- d. Bus Drivers and Sub Drivers Physicals – No later than August 31, 2021.
- e. Radio-WRIP; TV and Radio-School Closing Network
- f. Mileage reimbursement at the current rate as established by the IRS

## **3. Authorizations:**

- a. Chief School Officer to Certify Payrolls - John Wiktorko
- b. Deputy Signer for Certification of Payroll - Assistant Superintendent; Alternate, Building Principal
- c. School Purchasing Agent - John Wiktorko
- d. Authorized Signature on Checks for Funds - Michelle Mattice
- e. Deputy Authorized Signature on Checks for Funds - John Wiktorko
- f. Authorized Signatures on Checks for Extra-classroom Activity Funds - Melissa Palumbo and Assistant Superintendent
- g. Authorization to Approve Budget Transfers up to \$1,000 - John Wiktorko
- h. Authorization of Petty Cash Fund in the amount of \$100 – Karen Van Valkenburgh
- i. Authorization to apply for Grants in Aid (State and Federal) - John Wiktorko
- j. Approval for attendance of staff to conferences - John Wiktorko
- k. Board authorizes the payment in advance of audit of claims for public utility services (including electric, gas, water, sewer and the telephone/cell services), postage and freight, and express charges, with all such claims being presented at the next regular Board meeting for audit, and the claimant and the officer incurring or approving the claim jointly and severally liable for any amount not allowed by the School Board (General Municipal Law §1774(3), 2524(2))

## **4. Other Additions:**

- a. Adoption of all Board Policies that are in place as of this date and the waiver of the 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> readings of any policies updated or added at this time. Furthermore the Board of Education authorizes the Superintendent to modify or suspend, any policies to adjust for health, safety, employment, academic or any other requirement to meet with the evolving health crisis following laws and review by the Board of Education.
- b. Approval of the following Committees: Audit Finance Committee (Drew Shuster-Chair, Jean Jaeger, George Telles, David Langdon), Board Capital Project Committee (Drew

Shuster-Chair, Debra Bunce, Jean Jaeger, John Mattice, AJ Savasta, John Wiktorko, Construction Manager), Academic Committee (Assistant Superintendent, Debra Bunce, John Wiktorko, two faculty member representatives (TBD), up to two additional members (TBD)), District Health & Safety Committee (John Wiktorko, John Mattice, Michelle Mattice, Representative of the WAJ Teacher's Assn., Representative of the WAJNIS, Construction Manager and the Building Principal, School Nurse and 2 parent representatives), Long Range Planning Committee – (Drew Shuster – Chair, Debra Bunce and John Wiktorko).

- c. Acceptance of existing Substitute Lists for teachers/tutors, teacher assistants, aides, bus drivers, bus aides and nurses
- d. Approval of list of Impartial Hearing Officers as provided by the State Education Department
- e. Title IX Compliance Officer – Assistant Superintendent, the Building Principal
- f. Adoption of GASB 34 accounting practices threshold to be set at \$1,000.00 for depreciation.
- g. CSE Committee:
  - (1) The parent(s) or persons in parental relationship to the student.
  - (2) The regular education teacher of the student, whenever the student is or may be participating in the regular education environment.
  - (3) A special education teacher of the student, or a special education provider, if appropriate.
  - (4) The school psychologist – Megan Wilkey
  - (5) CSE Chairperson – Sandra Miller
  - (6) Other persons having knowledge or special expertise regarding the student, including related services personnel as appropriate, as the school district or the parent(s) shall designate, including school counselors Nicole Baldner and Michael Pellettier
  - (7) If appropriate, the student
  - (8) Special Education Teachers - David McQueen, Emily Lacombe and Michelle Linger
  - (9) Parent Representatives - Cynthia Telles or Tara Weiman
  - (10) Recording Secretary – Catherine Aplin, Christine Thorington or Karen Van Valkenburgh

Committee on Preschool Special Education (CPSE):

- (1) Parents or legal guardian of the preschool child.
- (2) CSE Chairperson – Sandra Miller
- (3) Regular education representatives – Christine Corrigan, Melody Coughlin
- (4) Parent Representatives – Cynthia Telles or Tara Weiman
- (5) Other persons having knowledge or special expertise regarding the child, including related services personnel as appropriate that the school district designates.
- (6) For a child in transition from early intervention programs and services, the appropriate professional designated by the agency that has been charged with the responsibility for the preschool child.
- (7) A representative of the municipality of the preschool child's residence provided that the attendance of the appointee of the municipality shall not be required for a quorum. (Barbara Wallace, Municipal Representative).
- (8) Recording Secretary – Catherine Aplin, Christine Thorington or Karen Van Valkenburgh

Sub-Committee on Special Education:

- (1) The parent(s) of the student.
- (2) One regular education teacher of the student whenever the student is or may be participating in the regular education environment.
- (3) The student's special education teacher or, if appropriate, special education provider of the student.
- (4) CSE Chairperson – Sandra Miller
- (5) Persons having knowledge or special expertise regarding the student, including related services personnel as appropriate.

(6) The student, if appropriate.

h. CSE/CPSE Surrogate Parents- Mr. & Mrs. David Weiman

The consent agenda, Items 1a through 4h on motion by Melissa Maldonado, second by Jean Jaeger.  
Yes: Jean Jaeger, Debra Bunce Loni Koument-Holdridge, Drew Shuster and Melissa Maldonado.

Reorg  
Consent  
Agenda  
Roll Call

## REGULAR BUSINESS

Regular

Public Comments: None

The next item of business was the Consent Agenda for Items 1(i) through 2(bvi).

### 1) Routine Matters

- i. **RESOLVED**, the Board approves the minutes of the Special Meeting held on June 24, 2022.
- ii. **RESOLVED**, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board approves the final Superintendent's Transfers for June 2022, as presented.
- iii. **RESOLVED**, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board approves the Bill Schedule for July 2022 as presented:

Routine  
Matters

General Fund: Ck #51705 - Ck #51749 in the amount of \$350,853.52  
School Lunch Fund Ck#347 in the amount of \$15,082.86

### 2) New Business

#### a) Personnel

- i. **RESOLVED**, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board appoints the following individuals to the following extra-curricular positions for the 2022-2023 school year pending a Clearance of Appointment:  
Athletic Director – AJ Savasta  
Alpine Skiing Coach – David McQueen  
Alpine Skiing Assistant Coach – Reginald Willcocks  
Boys Baseball Varsity Coach – James Adair  
Boys Baseball Assistant Coach – Lee Rappleyea  
Boys Basketball JV Coach – James Adair  
Boys Basketball Varsity Coach – Evan Goettsche  
Boys Varsity Soccer Coach – Andrew Lashua  
Boys Varsity Soccer Assistant Coach – Anthony Savasta  
Boys Soccer Modified Coach – James Adair  
Class Advisor Pool– Amanda Dwyer, Eileen Martin, Doris Libby, and Cathi Aplin  
Cheerleading Advisor – Samantha Eilenberger  
Cross Country Varsity Coach – Jesse Berube  
Drama Producer – Melissa Palumbo  
eSports Club – Joseph Pudlewski  
Events Coordinator – Joel Middleton  
Fitness Club Advisor Pool - Jesse Berube and Connie Berube  
Girls Basketball Modified Coach – Janice Hitchcock  
Girls Basketball Varsity Coach – Eve Tuttle  
Girls Soccer Coach Pool – Eve Tuttle, Olivia Kornbreck and Joel Middleton  
Girls Softball Varsity Co-Coaches – Eve Tuttle and Nate Hoyt  
Golf Coach – Janice Hitchcock  
Mentors Pool – Amy Moore, Melissa Palumbo, Jesse Berube and Joseph Pudlewski  
Morning Program Co-Coordinators – Nicole Baldner and Christine Corrigan  
National Honor Society – Joseph Pudlewski  
National Jr. Honor Society – Joseph Pudlewski  
Science Club-Elementary Advisor – Deborah Valerio  
Ski Tuesday Coordinator – Amy Moore

Extra  
Curricular  
Appt

Snowboarding Coaches – AJ Savasta and Hamilton Mason  
 Student Council Advisor – Melissa Palumbo  
 Tennis Coach – Joseph Pudlewski  
 Track-Varsity – Connie Berube  
 Volunteer Sports Pool – Anthony Savasta and Anthony Pettigano  
 Wee Warriors Coaches Pool – Jesse Berube, Eve Tuttle, Jason Reinhard, Joel Middleton and James Adair  
 Scorekeepers/Gameworkers Pool – Beth Verhoeven, James Adair and Janice Hitchcock

b) Other

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| i.    | <b>RESOLVED</b> , 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 Americans with Disability Act, Section 504 for student's #: 1247, 1249, 1386, 1392, 1485, 1502, 1614, 1647, 1708, 1784, 1795, 1938, 2022, 2171, and 2174.  | CSE/CPSE                              |
| ii.   | <b>RESOLVED</b> , by the Board of Education of the Windham-Ashland-Jewett Central School District, that the authority of the Board of Education pursuant to Real Property Tax Law Section 556 with respect to refunds and credits of real property taxes paid in the case of clerical error, unlawful entry, or error in essential fact, is hereby delegated to the Treasurer, upon audit by the internal auditor and reviewed by the Superintendent, where the recommended refund or credit is \$2,500 or less: and <b>BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED</b> , that applications for refund of taxes based upon a change in assessment by final order of a court in any tax certiorari proceeding, pursuant to §726 of the Real Property Tax Law, is delegated to the treasurer upon audit by the internal auditor, in an amount not to exceed \$2,500 <b>AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED</b> , the Treasurer shall report monthly to the Board any and all refunds made during the prior month; <b>AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED</b> , that this Resolution shall take effect immediately and remain in effect during this calendar year, and shall be submitted to the Board in January annually for consideration of renewal. |                                       |
| iii.  | <b>RESOLVED</b> , upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board designates Christine Thorington to carry out the required duties of the District Clerk when necessitated by the unavoidable absence or incapacitation of the District Clerk during the 2022-2023 school year.   |                                       |
| iv.   | <b>RESOLVED</b> , upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board designates John Wiktoro, Superintendent, to represent the District on the governing Board of the Catskill Area Schools Employee Benefit Plan for the plan year beginning July 1, 2022 and the Board of Education designates Michelle Mattice, Business Manager/Treasurer to serve as the District's interim designee.   | Catskill Area School Benefit Designee |
| v.    | <b>RESOLVED</b> , upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board approves the Agreement between the Windham-Ashland-Jewett Central School District and Columbia Memorial Hospital, as presented under separate cover.  | Columbia Memorial Agreement           |
| vi.   | <b>RESOLVED</b> , upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board accepts Chartwell's Food Safety Plan as approved annually.  | Chartwell's Safety Plan               |
| viii. | <b>BOND RESOLUTION DATED JULY 1, 2022 OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF THE WINDHAM-ASHLAND-JEWETT CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT AUTHORIZING NOT TO EXCEED \$5,655,000 AGGREGATE PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF SERIAL GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS TO FINANCE THE CONSTRUCTION, RECONSTRUCTION AND IMPROVEMENTS OF VARIOUS DISTRICT BUILDINGS, FACILITIES AND</b>   | BOND Resolution                       |

**SITES, THE ACQUISITION OF ORIGINAL FURNISHINGS, EQUIPMENT, MACHINERY OR APPARATUS AT AN ESTIMATED MAXIMUM COST OF \$5,655,000, THE EXPENDITURE OF SUCH SUM FOR SUCH PURPOSES, LEVY OF TAX IN ANNUAL INSTALLMENTS IN PAYMENT THEREOF, AND DETERMINING OTHER MATTERS IN CONNECTION THEREWITH.**

**WHEREAS**, the qualified voters of the Windham-Ashland-Jewett Central School District (the "District"), at the annual meeting of such voters duly held on the 17<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2022, duly approved a proposition authorizing the issuance of serial general obligation bonds in an aggregate principal amount not to exceed \$5,655,000, to finance the construction, reconstruction and improvements of various District buildings, facilities and sites, including but not limited to athletic fields, courts and trails, and the acquisition of original furnishings, equipment, machinery or apparatus required for the purpose for which such buildings, facilities and sites are to be used and payment of incidental costs related, the expenditure of such sum for such purposes, and the levy of the necessary tax therefor, to be levied upon the taxable property of the District and collected in annual installments as provided by Section 416 of the Education Law;

NOW THEREFOR, BE IT RESOLVED BY THIS BOARD OF EDUCATION AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. The District shall construct, reconstruct and improve various District buildings, facilities and sites, including but not limited to athletic fields, courts and trails and acquire original furnishings, equipment, machinery or apparatus required for the purpose for which such buildings, facilities and sites are to be used and payment of incidental costs related, at a maximum cost of \$5,655,000, as more particularly described in Section 3 hereof, and as generally outlined to and considered by the voters of the District at the annual District meeting held on May 17, 2022.

Section 2. The District is hereby authorized to issue its serial general obligation bonds (the "Bonds") in the aggregate principal amount of not to exceed \$5,655,000 pursuant to the Local Finance Law of New York, in order to finance the class of objects or purposes described herein.

Section 3. The class of objects or purposes to be financed pursuant to this Resolution (the "Purpose") is the construction, reconstruction and improvements of various District buildings, facilities and sites, including but not limited to athletic fields, courts and trails, and the acquisition of original furnishings, equipment, machinery or apparatus required for the purpose for which such buildings, facilities and sites are to be used and payment of incidental costs related thereto.

Section 4. It is hereby determined and declared that (a) the maximum cost of the Purpose, as estimated by the Board of Education, is \$5,655,000, (b) no money has heretofore been authorized to be applied to the payment of the cost of the Purpose, and (c) the District plans to finance the cost of the Purpose from funds received from the State of New York as building aid, and funds raised by the issuance of the Bonds and bond anticipation notes hereinafter referred to.

Section 5. It is hereby determined that the Purpose is one of the class of objects or purposes described in Subdivision 97 of Paragraph a of Section 11.00 of the Local Finance Law, and that the period of probable usefulness of the Purpose is thirty (30) years.

Section 6. Subject to the provisions of the Local Finance Law, the power to authorize the issuance of and to sell bond anticipation notes in anticipation of the sale of the Bonds,

including renewals of such notes, is hereby delegated to the President of the Board of Education, the chief fiscal officer.

Section 7. The power to further authorize the issuance of the Bonds and bond anticipation notes and to prescribe the terms, form and contents of the Bonds and bond anticipation notes, including the consolidation with other issues and the use of substantially level or declining debt service, subject to the provisions of this Resolution and the Local Finance Law, and to sell and deliver the Bonds and bond anticipation notes, is hereby delegated to the President of the Board of Education. The President of the Board of Education is hereby authorized to sign and the District Clerk is hereby authorized to attest any Bonds and bond anticipation notes issued pursuant to this Resolution, and the District Clerk is hereby authorized to affix to such Bonds and bond anticipation notes the corporate seal of the District.

Section 8. The faith and credit of the District are hereby irrevocably pledged for the payment of the principal of and interest on such Bonds and bond anticipation notes as the same respectively become due and payable. An annual appropriation shall be made in each year sufficient to pay the principal of and interest on such obligations becoming due and payable in such year. There shall be levied annually on all taxable real property of the District, a tax sufficient to pay the principal of and interest on such obligations as the same become due and payable.

Section 9. This Resolution shall constitute the declaration of the District's "official intent" to reimburse expenditures authorized by Section 1 with proceeds of the Bonds and notes, as required by United States Treasury Regulation Section 1.150-2.

Section 10. A summary of this Resolution shall be published by the District Clerk together with a notice in substantially the form prescribed by Section 81.00 of said Local Finance Law, and such publication shall be in each official newspaper of the District. The validity of the Bonds or of any bond anticipation notes issued in anticipation of the sale of the Bonds may be contested only if such obligations are authorized for an object or purpose for which the District is not authorized to expend money, or the provisions of law which should be complied with at the date of publication of this Resolution are not substantially complied with, and an action, suit or proceeding contesting such validity is commenced within twenty (20) days after the date of such publication; or if said obligations are authorized in violation of the provisions of the Constitution.

Section 11. This Resolution shall take effect immediately upon its adoption.

On motion by Melissa Maldonado, second by Drew Shuster, the Consent Agenda, Items 1(i) through 2(bviii), was approved.

Yes: Jean Jaeger, Debra Bunce, Melissa Maldonado, Drew Shuster and Loni Koument-Holdridge.

Absent: None

Consent  
Agenda

Correspondence - None

Important Dates

August 10, 2022

AFC/BOE Meetings 4:15/5:00 p.m.

Important  
Dates

Superintendent's Report –

Mr. Wiktoro gave an in depth update on the Capital Project.

Super  
Report

Public Comment – Mag Scarey wanted to thank the Board of Education for giving her the opportunity to once again be a long term substitute for Jesse Berube this spring and she also asked that they take a look at the dress code that is in place at this time regarding hoodies and hats.

Public  
Comment

**RESOLVED**, that the Board go into Executive Session at 4:03 p.m. for the purpose of discussing collective bargaining, on motion by Debra Bunce, seconded by Melissa Maldonado, and carried by those present.

Executive  
Session

The items discussed during the Executive Session will be made public as appropriate at future meetings of the Board of Education.

The Board reconvened into regular session at 4:25 pm on motion by Debra Bunce, second by Melissa Maldonado, and carried by those present.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 4:26 pm on motion by Debra Bunce, second by Melissa Maldonado, and carried by those present.

Adj.

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Karen Van Valkenburgh, District Clerk

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John Wiktorko, Clerk Pro Tem