

Members Present:

President - Kim Snyder
Vice President - Shanna Fraser
Trustee - Carol Davis
- Courtney Panek
- Tiffany Passmore

Others Present:

Deborah Leh, Superintendent
Eric Windover, Secondary School Principal
Margaret Wright, Elementary School Principal
Jason deJong – PPS Supervisor
Bridget Ashton – Assistant Principal
Judith Cianciola – District Clerk

Members Absent:

Trustee - James Musshafen
- Michelle Rocha

CALL TO ORDER – President K. Snyder called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

The *Pledge of Allegiance* was led by two students from the elementary school.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Trustee T. Passmore moved, seconded by Trustee S. Fraser, to approve the agenda.

Motion 5-0.

HEARING AND DISCUSSION OF ITEMS OF INTEREST FROM MEMBERS OF THE AUDIENCE

None

TREASURER’S REPORT – The Board received the Treasurer’s Report for October, 2015.

PRESENTATIONS/REPORTS/DISCUSSIONS

- a. Athletic Update – S. Melville provided an update on student participation in athletics during the fall season. The number of student participants is comparable to last year’s numbers. The modified season was reviewed for cross country, soccer and volleyball. Both Boys’ and Girls’ Varsity Soccer teams made it to the Sectionals and the Girls’ Varsity Soccer team made it to the State championship games. The Girls’ Cross Country team had the best season ever. Almost all Varsity teams qualified as scholar athletes.
- b. Student Learning – Elementary Update – M. Wright and B. Ashton presented an overview of initiatives that are occurring at T. J. Connor that support improved student learning. Initiatives include Balanced Literacy, Math, Project Lead the Way Launch, Social Studies, and the OLWEUS Bullying Prevention program. Recent events like Red Ribbon Week, Bus Safety Training, Veterans’ Day Assembly, Parent-Teacher conferences, the Book Fair, and Science Fair were also reviewed.
- c. Budget Parameters 2016-2017 – D. Leh presented an overview of budget parameters for 2016-17 that align with District objectives and Board priorities. Class size considerations and essential budget factors were reviewed. The tax levy limit is expected to be lower for 2016-17 when compared to 2015-16 based on the Consumer Price Index. Ongoing discussion will concentrate on how best to balance expenses with revenues.
- d. Superintendent’s Report – Dr. D. Leh
 - 1) Update on Middle State Accreditation – D. Leh updated the Board on the work being done for the self-study related to the accreditation process. The Curriculum Council and Shared Decision Making Team have taken lead roles in the work to prepare for the visit in March. The Profile of Graduates has been drafted, as well as the Organizational and Student Performance Objectives. A survey was delivered to the District for the parents, staff, and students to provide input on the continuous improvement process. The

Leadership Team has been working on updating the data and narrative related to the 12 Middle States Standards. Required documents are being compiled for review by the evaluation team. The accreditation visit will occur on March 7-10, 2016.

- 2) Date for 2016 Senior Holiday Tea – D. Leh discussed the plans with the Board of holding a Senior Holiday Tea where past graduates will be invited to visit with our current seniors. Invitations will be mailed out to the last four years of graduates. Focus questions have been drafted. The Board discussed a possible date of December 18, 2015 and their availability to attend.

e. Board Member Communications

- 1) Board of Education Visitation Day – K. Snyder commented on visiting students in classrooms at the elementary school, and how well they are able to work independently in class. C. Davis commented on visiting Project Lead The Way (PLTW) classes and the projects the students were working on. T. Passmore visited classes at T. J. Connor and observed how the students appeared excited and enthusiastic to learn.
- 2) Information Exchange Committee Update – D. Leh commented on the recent meeting on Social Media, that including discussion around Twitter accounts and district policies.
- 3) November 16, 2015 Budget Workshop – K. Snyder commented that the budget workshop was very informative and educational.
- 4) Potential Topics for Board of Education Retreat – K. Snyder shared topic ideas proposed by board members. One proposal was for an efficiency study. Further discussion would need to occur to determine next steps and a facilitator for a workshop on this topic.
- 5) Science Fair Update – S. Fraser reviewed the first annual elementary science fair that was organized by the PTA. There were a total of 55 entries, and multiple awards were given out. The children had a great time and were very proud of their projects. Suggestions for next year include a bigger location and holding the event on a weekend.
- 6) Other Items of Information – S. Fraser asked a question about the District's rollout of Microsoft Office 365, and was advised that the technology committee would meet the following week to finalize the timeline.

5. New Business

a. Approval of Minutes of Board Meeting held on November 9, 2015

Trustee C. Davis moved, seconded by Trustee C. Panek, to approve the following:

Resolved that, the Board of Education of the Wheatland-Chili Central School District, hereby approves the minutes of the Board meeting held on November 9, 2015.

Motion 5-0.

b. Approval of Minutes of Board Budget Workshop held on November 16, 2015

Trustee C. Panek moved, seconded by Trustee C. Davis, to approve the following:

Resolved that, the Board of Education of the Wheatland-Chili Central School District, hereby approves

the minutes of the Board budget workshop held on November 16, 2015.

Motion 5-0.

c. Approval of Recommendations of Committee on Special Education

Trustee T. Passmore moved, seconded by Trustee C. Panek, to approve the following:

Resolved that, the Board of Education of the Wheatland-Chili Central School District, hereby approves the CSE recommendations for meetings held on 11/2/15, 11/6/15, 11/10/15, 11/12/15, and 11/16/15.

Motion 5-0.

d. Approval of First Reading of Board Policies

Trustee C. Panek moved, seconded by Trustee T. Passmore, to approve the following:

Resolved that, the Board of Education of the Wheatland-Chili Central School District, upon the recommendation of the superintendent of schools, hereby approves the first reading of the following Board policies:

Revised Board Policy #5511	Maintenance of Fund Balance
NEW Board Policy #5674	Data Networks and Security Access
Revised Board Policy #6470	Staff Use of Computerized Information Resources

Motion 5-0.

e. Acceptance of Donation

Trustee C. Panek moved, seconded by Trustee C. Davis, to approve the following:

Resolved that, the Board of Education of the Wheatland-Chili Central School District, upon the recommendation of the superintendent of schools, hereby accepts the donation of a flexible floor covering system for our MS/HS gymnasium.

Motion 5-0.

f. Personnel Actions

1) Approval of Substitutes – Classified Staff

Trustee C. Panek moved, seconded by Trustee C. Davis, to approve the following:

Resolved that, the Board of Education of the Wheatland-Chili Central School District, upon the recommendation of the superintendent of schools, hereby approves the following substitute appointments:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Area</u>	<u>Salary</u>	<u>Effective Date</u>
Diana Latko	Teacher Aide	\$9.12	November 24, 2015
Matthew Stocking	Teacher Aide	\$9.12	November 24, 2015

Motion 5-0.

2) Approval of Substitute – Certificated Staff

Trustee T. Passmore moved, seconded by Trustee C. Davis, to approve the following:

Resolved that, the Board of Education of the Wheatland-Chili Central School District, upon the recommendation of the superintendent of schools, hereby approves the following substitute appointment:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Area</u>	<u>Salary</u>	<u>Effective Date</u>
Steven Lauffer	Chemistry 7-12	\$90/day	November 24, 2015

Motion 5-0.

3) Approval of Modification of Substitute Start Date

Trustee C. Panek moved, seconded by Trustee C. Davis, to approve the following:

Resolved that, the Board of Education of the Wheatland-Chili Central School District, upon the recommendation of the superintendent of schools, hereby approve the modification of the start date for the following substitute:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Start Date Modification</u>
James Compitello	Change start date from November 10 to November 9, 2015.

Motion 5-0.

ADJOURNMENT

Trustee C. Panek moved, seconded by Trustee C. Davis, to adjourn the meeting at 8:40 p.m.

Motion carried 5-0.