

**WINDSOR CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING
TUESDAY, October 23, 2007**

DATE: October 23, 2007
TIME: 5:00 p.m.
PLACE: High School
KIND OF MEETING: Regular

MEMBERS PRESENT: Barbara Blincoe, Stephen Feehan, Gary Hmurcik (Arrived at 6:32 p.m.),
Gina Kress (Arrived at 5:23 p.m.), Barbara Mirch, Peter Nowacki,
and Jeffrey Renner (Arrived at 6:27 p.m.)

MEMBERS ABSENT: None

I. CALL TO ORDER

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President Nowacki called the meeting to order at 5:05 p.m.

II. BUILDING INSPECTION

Mrs. Kress entered the meeting at 5:23 p.m.

III. EXECUTIVE SESSION

EXECUTIVE SESSION

A. Motion to Enter Executive Session to Discuss Personnel,
Litigation, and Special Education Reports

Motion by Barbara Blincoe, seconded by Gina Kress,
for the Board to enter Executive Session to discuss
Personnel, Litigation, and Special Education Reports
and invite Jason Andrews, Bradley Bruce, and Lisa
Milano.

Yes	5
No	0
Abstentions	0
Motion Carried	5-0-0

Mr. Renner entered the meeting at 6:27 p.m.
Mr. Hmurcik entered the meeting at 6:32 p.m.

B. Motion to Leave Executive Session and Return to Regular
Session

Motion by Barbara Blincoe, seconded by Gary Hmurcik,
to return to Open Session.

Yes	7
No	0
Abstentions	0
Motion Carried	7-0-0

The Board returned to Open Session at 7:36 p.m.

IV. SALUTE TO FLAG

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V. PUBLIC COMMENTS

PUBLIC COMMENTS

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- Alexis Dugan, Parent, 2005 NY Rte 79, Windsor, NY
Mrs. Dugan addressed the Board regarding the alleged use of drugs by the football team and the suspension of her son. The Board accepted the investigation of these allegations by the administration and will continue to monitor the allegations.

VI. REPORTS

REPORTS

- A. High School Extended Day
 - Chris Haynes, High School Principal, gave an overview of the High School Extended Day Program.

VII. “GOOD NEWS” – Superintendent

GOOD NEWS

- A. FBLA Conference
 - Jeff Salasny, High School Associate Principal, gave a brief report on the FBLA meeting held at Windsor High School on October 9th. Students from Walton, UE, Sidney, Oneonta, and Unatego were in attendance. Two former students, Joseph Norman and Kathryn Fletcher, participated in this program. This outstanding program was organized by Mary Jo Wardell, our Business Teacher.
- B. Microsoft Tour Truck
 - Steve Goss, Windsor’s Network Specialist, organized the use of this state-of-the-art technology truck. This vehicle was a part of the FBLA conference day and was also open to the public on October 8th and 9th.
- C. Advisory Visit
 - Andy Fiorentino and Scott Beattie gave a brief overview of the Advisory Program at the Middle School. Staff members from Chenango Valley visited the Middle School.
- D. WSKG Performance – 8th Grade Chorus
 - Under direction of Connie Lamando, our 8th grade chorus will be performing on WSKG-TV during the holidays. The chorus will be going on a two hour taping session on October 29th at WSKG’s studio. This is an invaluable outside-the-classroom learning experience for our students.
- E. 8th Grade Camp Hilltop Visit
 - 8th Grade field trip to Camp Hilltop in Hancock, NY. This program promotes team building and self confidence in our students. Wonderful experience for all who attended.
- F. Freshmen Article
 - Chris Hayes gave a brief explanation of this ninth grade transition program as featured in a recent article in *The Press and Sun Bulletin*. This program divides students into two teams of 80 students. Teams have same teachers for all their main subjects. Teachers meet every other day to track students’ progress. This is the first year for the 9th Grade Learning Academy and to date it has been very successful.
- G. News from C. R. Weeks
 - On October 2nd, Mrs. Wheelock, mother of Col. Doug Wheelock, NASA Astronaut, made a visit to C. R. Weeks with a message from her son, an alumnus of C. R. Weeks. She presented the school with a patch that the astronauts will wear and information about the shuttle mission.
 - Mr. Trapani’s class was invited to participate in “Rock on Café” televised on News Channel 34.

VIII. CONSENT AGENDA

CONSENT AGENDA

- A. Approval of Minutes – October 9, 2007 – Regular Meeting
- B. Approval of Minutes – October 9, 2007 – Executive Session #1
- C. Approval of Minutes – October 9, 2007 – Executive Session #2
- D. Treasurer’s Report – September 30, 2007
- E. Request to Declare School Property Worthless

Motion by Barbara Blincoe, seconded by Gary Hmurcik, that the following resolution be approved:

BE IT RESOLVED, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, that the Consent Agenda be approved.

Yes	7
No	0
Abstentions	0
Motion Carried	7-0-0

IX. SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT

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REPORT

- A. School Board Recognition Week
 - Mr. Andrews presented the Board of Education with a certificate, photo of BOE, and a pin expressing the administrative team’s gratitude for the outstanding service provided by our Board of Education.
 - Mrs. Kennedy, Bell Principal, presented the BOE a wreath made and signed by all her students.
 - Dr. Wardell, Palmer Principal, presented the BOE a banner made and signed by all her students.
 - Mrs. Milano, Weeks Principal, presented the BOE Placemats made by her students.
- B. SMART Board Purchases
 - Currently we have 42 SMART Boards. No other single event has received such positive feedback to the superintendent.
 - Mr. Andrews’ goal is to expand the purchase of SMART Boards to 101 during the current school year. This will provide SMART Boards in each classroom that is deemed necessary.
 - Board came to consensus to proceed with this project.
- C. Col. Wheelock Space Mission Update
 - *High School* – entire student body was in auditorium for lift off. Great experience!
 - *Middle/Palmer* – Student K-8 joined together in Middle School gym for lift off. Very emotional moment for students and staff. The Middle School’s theme for this program is “Failure is Not an Option.” The Palmer School’s theme is “Reaching for the Stars.” The entire Palmer/Middle School staff had t-shirts with theme and Col. Wheelock’s name and football number on it.
 - *The Press & Sun Bulletin* and WBNG were in attendance at the Palmer/Middle School.
 - Special thanks to Adams Cable and Time Warner Cable for all of their assistance.
 - *Bell School* – “Reach for the Stars” is theme also used at Bell School. Students were reminded that Col. Wheelock was a student just like them. Two assemblies were held using the big screen.
 - C. R. Weeks – Students constructed a space shuttle, which hangs from the ceiling. Pictures of Col. Wheelock are on the shuttle. Ten days prior to the lift off, Mrs. Milano played “Come Fly with Me” on the announcements. Various classroom activities were held relating to the space mission. The NASA Channel and SMART Boards were used so students could see astronauts boarding. News Channel 34 was also at the school

X. NEW BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

A. Personnel Actions

Personnel Actions

(1) Tenure Appointment of Dean Bixby

Tenure Appt. of Dean Bixby

Motion by Barbara Blincoe, seconded by Gary Hmurcik, that the following resolution be approved:

BE IT RESOLVED, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, that the following tenure appointment is hereby made:

NAME: *Dean Bixby*

TENURE AREA: *Physical Education*

COMMENCEMENT DATE: *November 11, 2007*

CERTIFICATION STATUS: *Permanent – Physical Education*

Yes	7
No	0
Abstentions	0
Motion Carried	7-0-0

(2) Tenure Appointment of Debra Stanchak **Tenure Appt. of Debra Stanchak**

Motion by Barbara Blincoe, seconded by Gary Hmurcik, that the following resolution be approved:

BE IT RESOLVED, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, that the following tenure appointment is hereby made:

NAME: *Debra Stanchak*
TENURE AREA: *Teaching Assistant*
COMMENCEMENT DATE: *October 26, 2007*
CERTIFICATION STATUS: *Teaching Assistant Level III*

Yes	7
No	0
Abstentions	0
Motion Carried	7-0-0

(3) Tenure Appointment of Betty Wilder **Tenure Appt. of Betty Wilder Enrichment Program Teacher**

Motion by Barbara Blincoe, seconded by Gary Hmurcik, that the following resolution be approved:

BE IT RESOLVED, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, that the following tenure appointment is hereby made:

NAME: *Betty Wilder*
TENURE AREA: *Teaching Assistant*
COMMENCEMENT DATE: *October 26, 2007*
CERTIFICATION STATUS: *Teaching Assistant Level III*

Yes	7
No	0
Abstentions	0
Motion Carried	7-0-0

(4) Permanent Appointment of Tracy Horton as Bus Driver **Permanent Appt. of Tracy Horton as Bus Driver**

Motion by Barbara Blincoe, seconded by Gary Hmurcik, that the following resolution be approved:

BE IT RESOLVED, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, that Tracy Horton be granted a permanent appointment, effective October 24, 2007.

Yes	7
No	0
Abstentions	0
Motion Carried	7-0-0

(5) Emergency Conditional Provisional Appointment of Edward Hahn as Custodian **Emergency Conditional Provisional Appt. of Edward Hahn as Custodian**

Motion by Barbara Blincoe, seconded by Gary Hmurcik, that the following resolution be approved:

BE IT RESOLVED, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, that Edward Hahn be granted an emergency conditional provisional appointment as a Custodian, effective October 24, 2007. This emergency conditional appointment is made pending clearance by the State Education Department.

Yes 7
No 0
Abstentions 0
Motion Carried 7-0-0

- (6) Emergency Conditional Probationary Appointment of Patrick LaDue as Cleaner

Emergency Conditional Probationary Appt. of Patrick LaDue as Cleaner

Motion by Barbara Blincoe, seconded by Gary Hmurcik, that the following resolution be approved:

BE IT RESOLVED, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, that Patrick LaDue be granted an emergency conditional probationary appointment as a Cleaner, effective October 24, 2007. This emergency conditional appointment is made pending clearance by the State Education Department.

Yes 7
No 0
Abstentions 0
Motion Carried 7-0-0

- (7) Request for Unpaid Leave of Absence – Judi Mansheffer

Request for Unpaid Leave of Absence – Judi Mansheffer

Motion by Barbara Blincoe, seconded by Gary Hmurcik, that the following resolution be approved:

BE IT RESOLVED, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, that Judi Mansheffer be granted an unpaid leave of absence, if needed for officiating at the regional field hockey playoffs, on either November 9 or 10, 2007, or November 16, 2007.

Yes 7
No 0
Abstentions 0
Motion Carried 7-0-0

- (8) Approve Names to be Added to Substitute Teachers' List

Substitute Teachers' List

Motion by Barbara Blincoe, seconded by Gary Hmurcik, that the following resolution be approved:

BE IT RESOLVED, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, that the following names be added to the Substitute Teachers' List:

- o Elizabeth Morgan – Certified
- o Danielle Sisson – Certified
- o Holly Kaiser – Certified
- o Tina Corbin* – Degreed
- o Christina Garlick* – Non-degreed

Pending clearance for employment by the State Education Department.

Yes 7
No 0
Abstentions 0
Motion Carried 7-0-0

- (9) Approve Name to be Added to Substitute Employees' List

Substitute Employees' List

Motion by Barbara Blincoe, seconded by Gary Hmurcik, that the following resolution be approved:

BE IT RESOLVED, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, that the following name be added to the Substitute Employees' List:

- o Glenda Murphy – Bus Driver

This appointment is made pending clearance by the State Education Department.

Yes 7

No 0
 Abstentions 0
 Motion Carried 7-0-0

(10) Approvals for Swim Program

Approvals for Swim Program

Motion by Barbara Blincoe, seconded by Gary Hmurcik, that the following resolution be approved:

BE IT RESOLVED, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, that the following appointments be made for the 2007 Swim Program:

- o John Tomcho – Director
- o Heather Hoffman – Assistant Director
- o Chris Durdon – Assistant Director
- o Tyler Faulkner – Assistant Director

- o Aimee Cook – Swim Instructor
- o Ashley Stevens – Swim Instructor
- o Erica Scrambling – Swim Instructor
- o Sarah Dodd – Swim Instructor
- o Kyle Krause – Swim Instructor
- o Alex Vaughn – Swim Instructor

Yes 7
 No 0
 Abstentions 0
 Motion Carried 7-0-0

B. Approve Extension of Agreement for Joint Financing of Workers' Compensation

Approve Extension of Agreement Joint Financing Workers' Compensation

Motion by Barbara Blincoe, seconded by Gary Hmurcik, that the following resolution be approved:

BE IT RESOLVED, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, that the Windsor Central School District approves the extension of the Agreement for Joint Financing of Workers' Compensation under General Municipal Law Article 5-G for a period of five years which period will end on June 30, 2013.

Yes 7
 No 0
 Abstentions 0
 Motion Carried 7-0-0

C. Distinguished Graduate Program Discussion

Distinguished Graduate Program Discussion

Discussion was held by Board and consensus made for administration to proceed with this project.

D. Board of Education Election Procedure Referendum Vote

BOE Election Procedure Referendum Vote

Motion by Barbara Blincoe, seconded by Gary Hmurcik, that the following resolution be approved:

BE IT RESOLVED, that the following proposition be placed before the voters on December 19, 2007:

Shall the Windsor Central School District modify procedures for filling vacancies on the Board of Education beginning with the election conducted on the third Tuesday in May 2008, vacancies upon the Board of Education shall not be considered separate specific offices and nominating petitions shall not describe the specific vacancy for such thee candidate is nominated so that the candidates elected to such vacancies shall be the candidates receiving the greatest number of votes without regard to any specific vacancy upon the Board of Education? This proposition, if passed, shall continue in force unless modified by a voter proposition at a subsequent election.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Barbara Blincoe	No
Stephen Feehan	Yes
Gary Hmurcik	No
Gina Kress	No
Barbara Mirch	Yes
Peter Nowacki	No
Jeffrey Renner	Yes
Motion Failed	3-4-0

E. Approve Capital Reserve Fund and Bus Purchase Resolution **Approve Capital Reserve Fund and Bus Purchase Resolution**

The following resolution was offered by Trustee Barbara Blincoe, who moved its adoption, seconded by Trustee Gary Hmurcik, to-wit:

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Education of Windsor Central School District, Broome County, New York, as follows:

Section 1. That a Special District Meeting of the qualified voters of said School District shall be held at Floyd L. Bell Elementary, C. R. Weeks Elementary, and Windsor High School, in Windsor, New York, in said School District, on the 19th day of December, 2007, at 10:00 o'clock A.M., Prevailing Time, for the purpose of voting by voting machine upon the propositions hereinafter set forth. Polls for the purpose of voting will be kept open between the hours of 10:00 o'clock A.M. and 8:00 o'clock P.M., Prevailing Time.

Section 2. That the School District Clerk is hereby authorized to amend and or supplement the notice of the Special District Meeting hereinafter set forth from time to time as, in his or her discretion such amendment may be required.

Section 3. That the notice of said Special District Meeting, including the propositions to be voted upon, shall be in substantially the form attached hereto as Exhibit A and hereby made a part hereof.

Section 4. That the School District Clerk is hereby authorized and directed to cause notice to be given of said Special District Meeting in substantially the form hereinbefore prescribed, by publishing the same four times within the seven weeks next preceding such district meeting, the first publication to be at least forty-five days before said meeting, in the *Windsor Standard* and the *Press and Sun Bulletin*, the newspapers having a general circulation in said School District, and by giving such other notice as in his or her discretion may be deemed advisable.

Section 5. This resolution shall take effect immediately.

**NOTICE OF SPECIAL DISTRICT MEETING
ABSENTEE BALLOTS AND REGISTRATION OF VOTERS**

Windsor Central School District,
Broome County, New York

The Board of Education of Windsor Central School District, Broome County, New York, HEREBY GIVES NOTICE that a Special District Meeting of the qualified voters of said School District will be held at Floyd L. Bell Elementary, C. R. Weeks Elementary, and the Windsor High School, in Windsor, New York, in said School District, on the 19th day of December, 2007, at 10:00 o'clock A.M., Prevailing Time, for the purpose of voting by voting machine upon the propositions hereinafter set forth. Polls for the purpose of voting will be kept open between the hours of 10:00 o'clock A.M. and 8:00 o'clock P.M., Prevailing Time. The propositions are as follows:

PROPOSITION NO. 1

Shall the following resolution be adopted, to wit:

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of Windsor Central School District, Broome County, New York, is hereby authorized to establish a capital reserve fund for the construction, reconstruction, repair, furnishing or equipping of school district buildings and other facilities, including incidental improvements and expenses in an ultimate amount of \$5,000,000 and a probable term of ten (10) years, the source of funding to be surplus dollars available to the District when it closes its books every June 30.

PROPOSITION NO. 2

Shall the following resolution be adopted, to wit:

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of Windsor Central School District, Broome County, New York, is hereby authorized to purchase school buses and other transportation vehicles, including incidental expenses in connection therewith, at a total maximum estimated cost of \$350,000; and that such sum, or so much thereof as may be necessary, shall be raised by the levy of a tax upon the taxable property of said School District and collected in annual installments as provided by Section 416 of the Education Law; and in anticipation of such tax, obligations of said School District shall be issued.

NOTICE IS ALSO HEREBY GIVEN that the aforesaid propositions may appear on the ballot labels of the voting machines used at such Special District Meeting in the following abbreviated forms due to space constraints (in which case the full text of such propositions shall be posted thereat):

PROPOSITION NO. 1

Shall Proposition No. 1 set forth in the notice of this meeting authorizing establishment of a Capital Reserve Fund for construction and reconstruction of school district buildings and facilities, including incidental expenses, at an ultimate amount of \$5,000,000 and term of 10 years with contributions from annual surplus fund balances, be approved?

PROPOSITION NO. 2

Shall Proposition No. 2 set forth in the notice of this meeting authorizing the purchase of school buses and other vehicles, including incidental expenses, at a maximum estimated cost of \$350,000, and providing that such sum of \$350,000 shall be raised by the levy of a tax to be collected annually, with District obligations to be issued in anticipation thereof, be approved?

NOTICE IS ALSO HEREBY GIVEN that the Board of Registration will meet in Windsor, New York, at the three polling places designated above to register voters on December 10, 2007, between the hours of 12:00 noon and 4:00 o'clock p.m., Prevailing Time, to prepare the register of the School District for said Special District Meeting, and any person shall be entitled to have his or her name placed upon such register provided that at such meeting of the Board of Registration he or she is known or proven to the satisfaction of such Board of Registration to be then or thereafter entitled to vote at said Special District Meeting. The register prepared pursuant to Section 2014 of the Education Law shall be filed in the office of the School District Clerk and will be open for inspection by any qualified voter of the District on each of the five days prior to and the day set for the school district meeting, between the hours of 8:00 o'clock A.M. and 4:00 o'clock P.M., Prevailing Time, *except* Sunday, December 16, 2007.

NOTICE IS ALSO HEREBY GIVEN that applications for absentee ballots may be applied for at the office of the School District Clerk. Any such application must be received by the District Clerk at least seven days before the date of the aforesaid Special District Meeting if the ballot is to be mailed to the voter, or the day before such Special District Meeting, if the ballot is to be delivered personally to the voter. A list of all persons to whom absentee voter's ballots shall have been issued shall be available for public inspection in the office of the School District Clerk not less than five days prior to the date of the Special District Meeting (excluding Saturdays and Sundays) during regular office hours until the date of the aforesaid Special District Meeting. In addition, such list shall also be posted conspicuously at the places of voting during the hours of such Special District Meeting.

Dated: Windsor, New York,

October 23, 2007.

BY ORDER OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF
WINDSOR CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT,
BROOME COUNTY, NEW YORK

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Barbara Blincoe	Yes
Stephen Feehan	Yes
Gary Hmurcik	Yes
Gina Kress	Yes
Barbara Mirch	Yes
Peter Nowacki	Yes
Jeffrey Renner	Yes
Motion Passed	7-0-0

XI. INFORMATION

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- A. Budget Transfer Report
- B. Year-to-Date Budget Report – September 30, 2007

XII. NEXT MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION

⇒October 30, 2007 – Meet the New Teachers – 6:00 p.m. – C. R. Weeks
⇒November 13, 2007 – Regular Meeting – 6:00 p.m. – C. R. Weeks

NEXT MEETING

XIII. PUBLIC COMMENTS

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PUBLIC COMMENTS

- Carolyn Price, Taxpayer, White Birch Rd., Windsor, NY
Stated her displeasure with the Board for not allowing the public to vote on at-large voting.

XIV. ADJOURNMENT

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Barbara Blincoe, second by Gina Kress, that the meeting be adjourned.

Yes	7
No	0
Abstentions	0
Motion Carried	7-0-0

The meeting was adjourned at 9:31 p.m.

Monnie M. Congdon
School District Clerk