

**\*\*\*UNOFFICIAL MINUTES\*\*\***  
**Williamson Central School**  
**Board of Education**  
**Virtual Meeting Transcription for July 8, 2020**

Are we ready? We're ready. I'd like to call the meeting to order at six 37, please.

Flag of the United States. And to the Republic for which it stands one nation under God, indivisible with Liberty and justice for all

first w uh, our new board member, Jeff governor, and our reelected board member, Angela Fisher is going to take their oath. From a start with Jeff. Do you solemnly swear that you will support the constitution of the United States and the constitution of the state of New York and that you will faithfully discharge the duties as the board of education member?

Angela, do you solemnly swear that you will support the constitution of the United States and the constitution of the state of New York and that you will safely discharge the duties as the board of education member? I do.

Now I will call for nominations for the position of board of education president. I nominate Jamie Sonnevil

second I'll second,

any further nomination?

All in favor.

No offense. Okay. Jamie, congratulations.

Jamie, do you solemnly swear to do support the constitution of the United States and the constitution of the state of New York and that you'll faithfully discharge the duties as board of education president? I do.

Okay. Any nominations for the position of board of education? Vice president, Angela Fisher. Second. All in favor. Second.

All in favor. Aye. Aye.

Okay.

Okay. Can I ask you,

Angela, do you solemnly swear that you will support the constitution of the United States and the constitution of the state of New York? And they go faithfully discharge the duties as board of education. Vice-president.

District clerk, Tim, to give you the correct. You're going to appoint first, make them up to move to a firm with, to move to. So we need a motion to appoint Kelly Newson as district clerk. Second, any discussion? All in favor. Aye. Aye. Ventilation grants, Kelly.

Okay, I'll do that. Both vote district office officials. We're going to start with you. Do you solemnly swear that you will support the constitution of the United States and the constitution of the state of New York and that you will faithfully discharge the duties? As superintendent says, board of education number I named to.

It's okay.

Okay. Uh, let's see, Kelly, you're next. Kelly, do you solemnly swear that you will support the constitution of the United States and the constitution of the state of New York and that you will faithfully discharge the duties as district clerk? I do.

Here are your next Gary, do you sell you swear that you will support the constitution? The United States and the constitution of the state of New York. And they will faithfully discharge the duties as district Federer. Thank you.

Alright. Onto the annual disclosure of significant interests and obligations, that's the paper of what he has in front of you.

What do you do anything out loud, but it's just.

Yeah. Great. Thank you. Make sure you fill them out.

Okay. Moving on to board committees.

So, um, Jeff, we talked a little bit about this at, um, when we did our one-on-one last week and these are committees that we all sit on. And attendance needs, but we can usually have at least two board members so that if one can't go, there's a backup. Um, the list of who is on the past committees, isn't on the attachment, um, through a one by one.

Uh, so policy committee is something that we typically, we all sit down, Jeff, is that for you? Okay. I'm the new guy. So wherever you want to slap me in.

Okay. Scholarship committee. Um, Ashleen and Angela were last year

off the work. Are you two both interested still? Yup, absolutely. Anybody else want to join that?  
Also

negotiations? Uh, myself, Angela, uh, Bob was on it. Does anybody else interested in negotiation? I am,

um, buildings and grounds. That was Bob and Monica. I can continue. Jeff. Would you like to take over? Sounds good.

Um, there's a branding committee that, uh, all five board members committed to being a part of that. Keep you on there, you already on it. So we'll just throw you in, um, code of conduct committee that, uh, has all five board members. Again, we give that grading committee and all five of us, um, the wellness committee.

That was Ashton. And to be Angela,

happy to step off

Jeff for the wellness with Angela. Are you still, I can say

if there's ones that I'm on that you want to do? No, it's okay. I will say for County board of directors, Jamie Angela Ashton,

if asked you was going to step down, I was going to offer, I don't know if that you need more than three, if that would be, um, that would not be bad to note because a lot of ladies rotate a little bit more. That would be great. Yeah. Okay. Yep. The four County legislative committee that's these much less often.

And those Jamie, Angela, Ashton, again, Monica, if you want me to word that to you can, um, what is the commitment on that one, as you said, not as often, not as often. That one is similar third, usually nights and on weekends. Okay. Yeah. Some of them, I think, used to be Saturday mornings. You can add me. Okay. Yep.

That'd be great.

Yeah. If we want to pause, I think, is that all right? We'll take a break. Lost audio. Okay.

Turn off the video.

Anybody would like to take PTSA? They may, I was going to say if anyone would like to do PTSA, I haven't gone to a meeting in forever volunteer and the parks unlisted, but I PTSA do

you want me to take times not working if you want to. Cause it's kind of parks and rec. I know. Yeah, yeah. Possible with that.

I haven't gone to a BGC liaison. You just used the person wherever you want to really relate to just tell people where to go prior to covert. We had them coming and give me, so it wasn't as imperative that a support member was basically they were coming meetings, but I used to be much more. Until this year.

And then I have, I didn't get to everything. Having a senior adds a lot to the equation.

Other organization, they just kind of like, like, you will be invited to pretend like you're a liaison tool. You'll be invited to every tech committee meeting. You can attend the agenda and you can bring back to this. Gotcha. And if there's two people listed or three people or our practice was to try to make sure, at least one of us attended.

So a lot of times. Jen. And I were both listed to her wellness and there were times where I can't make it. Can you, and as long as one of us was there, we had it covered.

No, it's mostly, we look at our work calendars, both sees I've never done anything with like, I've never received anything on some of them, there's no activity like parks. I didn't have to do anything. And the one time that they did send an email for something this year, we had it. The same time. So it wasn't something I could attend.

Um, yes. I mean really wherever

Well, at some of these don't seem as often as other saying, I go to every meeting, I don't know that you have even talked to anybody about it. Like a few I'll just add myself to that one. And I've never heard from anybody if you don't want to. I don't mind. But I was just saying, Jamie great. So Bob was on tech.

You want me to put myself down for tech as an alternate? Maybe I'll learn something.

Maybe I'll be blessed.

I enjoy really. I like technology when it works, it frustrates them.

Like right here, temporary here.

I can stay on PTSA. Who knows you and Jeff

report to us anyway.

I really liked the, I liked the curriculum helped you. That's

really hard. I know I hit it off 30 minutes later.

Cool. Yeah, but I also like to join the sec, so

I don't care. We didn't actually do anything with that this year.

I'll jump off. I like that.

so sorry. You guys that's all right.

I can look up the obituary, what the donation was for maybe just for the school, because it's with the school.

okay. So here's technology. I don't know how to do.

Jamie,

do you want to go?

You can be listed first.

Everybody makes sure you're kicked out. And I haven't told the 12 weeks to give it, but to return it, I got it for operations, but I never got it for and I'm like,

alright. Back to science. Um, so let's see, we're going to keep, uh, curriculum the same, correct. Uh, technology is going to be Jamie and Angela PR will stay the same. We're going to edge up, obviously Bob's place. Um, parks is going to be Ashton recreation will also be Ashton. A town more Angela and Jamie

safety committee, uh, Monica, Ashton, and Jeff committee on special education. Angela and Jeff, both CS stay with Monica PTSA. It's going to be Jeff and pathways. You can leave. You can leave me on PTSA

pathways will be all five of us. Great. Okay. On two appointments, I need a motion to approve the following appointments for 2020, 2021

discussion. Um, favor, I proposed passes five, zero. I need a motion to approve the following designations. Be it resolved that district funds be deposited in commercial banks or trusts according to foreign policy, section 5,200. Be it further resolved that the depository bank of the district funds for the 2020 2021 school year.

Shelby Shelby, JP Morgan chase bank key bank. And mine's national bank. The maximum amount that can be kept on account with any one bank shall be \$30 million. Be a further resolved that the times of Wayne County be designated as the official newspaper for the publication of all districts and legal notices.

Several second discussion all in favor. Aye. Aye. Motion passes five zero.

I need a motion to approve the following authorizations. So second discussion all in favor. Aye. Aye. Aye. Opposed passes five, zero. I need a motion to approve membership for the 2020, 2021 school year in the rural schools association of New York for \$700. So second. Discussion all in favor. Aye. Opposed passes five, zero.

I need a motion to prove membership for the 2020, 2021 school year, your state school board association. So that would be skipped over four County. Did thank you very much. You're welcome. Sorry. I need a motion to approve membership for the 2020 2021 school year. You're in the four counties for associations.

So discussion all in favor. Aye. Opposed passes five zero, need a motion to approve membership for the 2020, 2021 school year in a year. State school boards, association, or a total of 78, 15. So second, any discussion? All in favor, aye. Aye opposed passes five, zero, Kelly. You were doing your workout over there.

Yep. Good people is not conducive. Yeah, I'm good now. Okay. I need a motion to approve the board of education meeting schedule as follows. Can I interrupt for one second? Yep. So, um, wait for your, like, these just came out with their meeting calendar today and normally, um, they have. There, um, opponent meeting where you guys all vote for the board members and the administrative budget.

It's usually the third, Thursday. They moved it to the, or the third, Wednesday. They went to the fourth Wednesday. So that's Wednesday, April 28th. So I don't know if you want to add a meeting and do like an early morning one, like you've done in the past special. That's what we've done for as long as we have a quorum for everyone has to be there for that.

So it'd be like a seven. 30 or 8:00 AM meeting to work, whatever works for everybody. And that would be on the 28th, April 28th. So Jeff, that would be like a really quick meeting to vote for the vote. And there's only three of us to be there for forum. So that's how it was usually when we have those special meetings.

Um, they're, they're announced call, it takes 15 minutes or loss to complete the meeting, and then you're on your way. You do a couple of years, especially the ends of that. Okay. Usually in the morning before work? Yes. Yes. Yep. Yep. Alright. So I will add that into the meeting schedule. So it'll be the 28th.

There'll be an addendum. Yeah. So I'll move that. We approve it with that change of April 28 discussion all in favor, aye. Pose as his five zero.

I need a motion to approve the bonding of district treasurer in the amount of \$2 million for the 2020 2021 school year second, all in favor, aye. Passes five zero. I need a motion to approve the bonding of district tax collector or the amount of \$2 million for the 2020 2021 is clear.

Discussion all in favor. Aye. Aye. Opposed passes five, zero. I need a motion to prove the mileage reimbursement rate of 57.5 cents per mile for the 2020 and 2021 school year. Second discussion all in favor. Aye. Passes five zero. You need a motion to approve the district substitute rates for the 2020, 2021 school year.

So second, first, second, I've been trying

discussion all in favor, post as is five zero. I need a motion to approve the districts tutorial rates at \$25 per hour.

Second. All in favor. Aye. Aye. Passes five zero. I need a motion to establish the senior citizen tax exemptions for the 20 2020 school year district regulation, 52, 10 senior citizen taxes. Some of that discussion all in favor.

need a motion to conclude the reorg meeting of the board of education of the central school districts. So moved second all in favor. Aye. Aye.

Now we can move into open session. Jab. You survived your first reorg meeting.

Nice job everybody. All right, Kelly, any public comment? No public comment at this moment. Any announcements knowing that

no anticipated answer executive session for matters. Second, second.

I shut it off. No, we're not done. I know, but I'm just keep this library.

someone doesn't knock on the door.

Oh yeah. North of Gary to the left. That note to come back in. Is that what you said? Yes.

Just a reminder. We're still live on Facebook. And if you can speak up, the mic is right there. So if you can face the mic when you speak and speak up, I think it's picking up the sound very well, but we want to do our best to make sure we're projecting towards them.

We'll move into reports from district administrators,

district administrators here. Do you have any reports

looking forward to this year, working with you and thank you. Um, and also would like to welcome mr. Governor to the board. We're very fortunate to have her team now working with you as well.

Mr.

anything else?

So a couple of things. I would like to welcome you, mr. Governor, I'm very happy to have you and congratulations to you as the president for the 2021 year, Jamie and vice-president Angela for the 2021 year thing. Congratulations. And thank you for serving. So I know that people have a lot of questions about the fall and add is, um, meeting today.

The governor did give us some timeline indicators for movement on plans for returning in the fall. So he suggested, and I used that word because we're hopeful, but there's nobody holding anybody accountable to the deadlines that we would have some clear guidance by July 13th, that districts would be responsible for submitting their plans to the state by July 31st.

And that he would make a decision about whether we can return to school physically by the first week of August. So I wanted to. Sure everybody had that timeline in mind. As you know, in district, we've been doing a lot of work on sub committees. We have an operations and facilities, subcommittee committee, a teaching and learning sub committee, a health and safety sub committee, communications, transportation, food service, and technology, all sub committees who have been meeting to brainstorm and talk about potentially what our return to school look like.

So thanks to everybody who's been serving. And those committees, and we will keep you posted along the way as we get more information. Thanks also to all of our families and community members who have responded to our surveys, uh, seeking your perceptions and input on the return planning and how you feel about students returning to school.

And what would make you feel good about students returning to school and what concerns you have? We are definitely reviewing that information and taking it to heart as we plan.

Um, you said that you have surveys, how many surveys have come back on? Uh, I, I made a note of it. We had over 300 families respond to both of our parents surveys. So we have a lot of good data. We had over 300 students respond to the student survey, and that is all information that will be shared with you in detail and our admin and board retreat, actually, it's in your binders, um, right in front of you.

So let me just mention that those are for you. They are the. The information that we will be referencing during our retreat, lots of data, lots of information. And we wanted to make sure you had it in your hands. So you had time to take a look through it and think about it before we get together. Awesome.

Thank you.

Okay. District committee reports, we had one community that was canceled. That was policy committee, and then we had the return recovery of planning, subcommittee meetings. When you were in all of them? Yes. Uh, yes. So, so I was in all of them. I think dr. Macaluso was in many of them and board members said on many of them as well.

Um, administrators, teachers, parents have been involved in, um, just brainstorming. What are the things we need to be thinking about? What are the things we need to be doing in multiple scenarios? So. We are back, but we have physical distancing and other safety precautions in place. What do we have to think about?

What could that look like? Um, from everything from do we have one way hallways to, how do we spread kids out if we need to have six foot space between them? So, as I stated in my video earlier, um, we absolutely need to await further guidance, so we know what details to focus in on, but we have. A plan that is pretty thick with great ideas that we can just talk and choose from once we get that further guidance.

Great. Thank you very much. Um, document that you sent to us, which was like a combination of everything is not gonna get submitted to the state. It is not. So that ends our, that's a great question. That is our own document, where we are just keeping track of all of the conversations we've had. All of the ideas, all of the concerns, all of the questions.

So that when we do get further guidance, we can drill into that and then pull out what we would then enter into the state plan. The state plan will be submitted through the New York state education department portal and will be very, uh, scripted. And we will just answer their questions and put in the information that they're requesting, but we will use all of our planning and that document that I shared with you to answer their questions answered by the approach to every scenario.

Correct? Yes. So do we think that something like that document could be used once you have the state form filled out and it's approved, could you boil the pieces that you took from that document down to posts for parents or students to look at, to say here's what we, here's what our actual plan looks like, so that they're aware of that.

To the fall, what that is. So absolutely we will do that. Um, and not only that, there will be clear and concise communication with all our stakeholder groups, parents, students, so that they know what to expect, what it's going to look like to answer any questions that they have. And

those will be developed with that particular audience in mind so that the student one will use terminology and examples that students will easily be able to understand.

Great. Thank you. Great district events. Um, we had multiple graduation events and, um, I think I can probably speak for everybody here. I can only begin to imagine how much effort went into creating individual ceremonies ever since then, large group ceremony, where all our staff. It just to walk down into the track and have all of our staff, Williamson, superhero chairs and all of our students.

I mean, I hated goosebumps. I have to imagine that the students felt that as well. So a senior, how does it, it almost seems like it was like six months ago. In a couple of weeks. Um, but yes, I, you know, given the situation, um, I agree everything was done to the best of the abilities, given their circumstances.

Um, and I think we would be remissed. So thank you for bringing it up, um, to not bang the high school team or all of their Hunter and state plan and replan, and really thought about how can we do the best we can in a terrible situation. Right. Or our kids and the positive, one of the positive things that I took out of it too, is, you know, we had a couple of snafoos if you will, but those are just building blocks for the coming years.

And what can we build on for the next year? And what did that 2020 class, um, help provide for future classes?

Items like takeaways. Yeah. Yeah, I think we all felt that individual ceremonies, right. To allow as many pairs of family to come in, to participate. And I think that that was awesome. I know we've all talked about moving the ceremony to the field with the new stadium and look, that field gave me an idea.

Like you may never have tried it, right. Because tradition stays. We always do it in the courtyard, right. Because of the 20, 20 class wanting to do something together because of.

Yeah. And w and I don't want to give a negative connotation when I said snafu was because the only thing that really comes to my mind was right. Challenges is a better word, is the sound right? That was the only thing out of all of that, but that's just a building plaque and we'll work through it. Yeah, absolutely.

So that, so I did not want to turn that into a negative, so I just thought I should mention that, that, okay. Above all that it was positive. So thank you. Staff ceremony, staff. Yes.

I agree. Nicole Locke had everybody. Yeah.

Great. Okay. We're County school board association. We had two separate meetings. Uh, Jeff MD and myself attended. The gets acquainted meeting West one day and she finally joined the

annual meeting on her own. Um, and, uh, Jeff, would you think that they get acquainted to helpful? Absolutely helpful, but yeah, I think we'll begin to get to region Norwood spoke, uh, via video.

That was really interesting. Yeah.

Okay. Professional development. The only thing that I was going to share that I'm GE taught, touched upon is, you know, what are we doing in the fall? So I watch or watch for those emails to come through the onboards and in those. So I've been reading a lot about that, but I don't think that's any, really, any different than any of us.

Um, it's

August is, uh, um, the short timeframe for turnaround for everybody. So

we have a great team. So we'll do a webinar, uh, the end of June about budgeting and then certain fiscal environments. Um, they did send me the replay so I can forward it to everyone if you're interested. Yeah. That'd be very interesting. You said you did that too, because they, they focused a lot on, you should go to the tax cap because you lose money, even though around here, most districts did not, but it was just a different strategy, different strategy, different way to look at it.

And it laid it out by year. If you don't for several years. Yeah. Cumulatively, what that does to your district.

Take the emotion out the community. Right? Right. Yup. Well, I think that the way that this past budget was put together, you know, speaks to it. Didn't didn't do what I recommend right here. The financial standpoint we tried to do what was best for the community? Always fail. Yep. Yeah. Um, another thing about the professional development, uh, Angela and I were at agenda setting mg this week or late last week.

And, um, we talked about any, a small component of professional development, um, a specific article or something of that Andrew selects that we all kind of read together and have a conversation about it, or your thoughts on that. That's great. As long as it's not, you know, chapters knowledge that I think that is a worry, is that we're also busy to begin with.

So we wouldn't always do it. It would only be more, very high level stuff that comes. Right. Right. I mean, you read the onboard, but when we come to these, I never think about the articles I've read. So it probably looks as though it's, don't put the time in, but it's adding, you know, it would help. A collegial conversation around all the topics that we've all read talked about in workshops or individual conversations of gender studies and stuff like that.

And allow us to just cry into position.

Let's move forward with that idea. Okay. Board reports need a motion to approve the CSE case. Summarize suburb.

Great. So we have, uh, may report, um, the thing, uh, there's nothing dramatically interesting in the report. I just want to mention is that talked about, uh, last couple of meetings is our state aid payments. Um, we are getting those. So just to, uh, kind of, kind of reassures, um, that, uh, you know, there were originally some, uh, some minor delays in some of the scheduled eight, eight payments.

Um, they seem to be back on track with getting our generally payment, which we just in the last few days got a, uh, our scheduled June, generally payment. We got our grant, uh, Embarrassment request, um, pay it. We're receiving, um, our school lunch reimbursements on time also. So, um, cash flow is good.

Well, we still, uh, we're continuing to receive some, um, parent money and then, uh, we do have, uh, bending receipts. Awesome. Not a lot. There was just so, so minor receipts coming in. Thank you.

Alright, let's move into the consent agenda. I need a motion to approve the consent agenda items five through eight is recommended by superintendent. So discussion all in favor. I think the abstain from it. Oh, just, Oh, sorry. You pulled it out. Okay. Thank you. Um, passes five. Okay. We'll move on to, I need a motion to approve the appointments as presented

second. Uh, any discussion? I won't be abstaining. Say anything cause I have children on that. Likewise. Okay. All in favor. Aye. Aye. Opposed?

Okay. Three, zero, two.

Thank you.

Alright, you need a motion to approve the retirement resignation as presented.

You will be missed. I know that. Just going to say, I think the students are going to really miss that friendly face to have in the building. Yeah.

Anytime I've worked with him for PTSA, you know, putting flowerpots out, he's just always knowing where everything was and yup. Very people take a lot of knowledge. Yes. All in favor. Aye. Passes

on to old business

committee. So as you know, we canceled the, our policy meeting or last time. So we are just looking for a date to do the summer policy meeting. There are at least two policies that we really have some urgency over. So are you looking to tackle because there's like a 30 minute or 60 minute or 30 before board meeting, just because forward, we need more attention to our.

That's a good idea. We attach it to the retreat comes out of it. You could then put on the agenda.

we'll be okay though. We can do it from cell phone.

it was only half an hour or so we can probably.

Cool.

Great. Okay. You business. I need a motion to approve the resolution to approve the agreement between the central school district and employee. Some of all in favor. Aye. Aye. Aye. Passes five zero. I need a motion to approve the instructional position. Abolishment resolution. Second, any discussion? All in favor.

Aye. Aye.

Passes. Jeff. Am I going too quick for you? Nope. Okay. I'm on board. Okay. I should have brought my glasses.

You're playing solitaire down there. Big of a screen. Bigger. I need a motion to approve the instructional position, abolishment resolution. So second discussion all in favor. Aye. Passes five zero.

I need a motion to approve the amendment to appointment agreement of Gregory Macaluso. So discussion. All in favor. Aye. Passes five zero. I need a motion to approve the committee on preschool special education for the 2020, 2021. The school year. So second discussion all in favor. Aye. Aye. Aye. Aye. Passes five, Sarah.

I need a motion to approve the committee on special education for the 2020, 2021 school year.

I said, I think discussion all in favor. Aye. Aye. Passes five, zero. I need a motion to approve the committee on special education subcommittee for the 20, 20, 20, 21 school year. Some of the top of this, uh, all in favor, the discussion, sorry. I'm just to. I asked this,

I need a motion to approve the appointment and appointments agreement of J chickening school business administrator.

I would just like to add that, um, that we are very excited to bring this to you today. It was a very quick turn around from the interview process. Um, but we think. Will be a great fit. We're very excited. All in favor. Post

Sarah Jay's are watching welcome

to our meetings. Upcoming district committee meetings. We have the board of education and administrator retreat. Um, you told you 1st of July at 8:00 AM. And the board of education and administrative retreats and the next day, the 20 seconds

we don't have any upcoming district events, items, board of education highlights.

Well, you've already kind of touched on it earlier, but I would say that. Individual graduations and the graduation, all graduations. Um, I know that it wasn't ideal, but I really, there was something special about the individual and stuff where they could bring, you know, the 25 family members and people who maybe wouldn't have normally come to sit through the long ceremony.

Um, the individual pictures were really nice, really can kind of get family photos. Um, and obviously as outside going with Jamie said with walking onto the field and having the teachers there cheering, you know, It was really moving. Everyone did such a great job making the best of it, pretty crappy situation.

Um, I'd like to highlight, uh, the video that you did. I saw that this morning and I thought that was, that was great introduction. I shared it. Um, but secondly, the, I know we talked about the graduation, but I don't want to miss out on the parade because I think the kids really ended up enjoying that. So I'd like to thank the kids.

Community members that helped make that happen as well as the students for doing an abiding by everything that they were supposed to. And the admin and staff who helped make that all happen. So I just wanted to, they did enjoy that. Yeah. I heard

public comments. Kelly, anything else? Double check. Nope. Public comment. All right. Anticipated executive session. Uh,

Thank you.