

**Board of Education Meeting
Public Hearing
Thursday, May 29, 2025
5:30 p.m.**

STAFF PRESENT: Dr. Duca, Superintendent of Schools
Brian Sirianni, Clerk of the Board

PRESENT: Shannon Capozzola, attorney from Honeywell Law Firm

PRESENTATION ON PROPOSED CHARTER SCHOOL

Shannon Capozzola, and attorney from Honeywell Law Firm, opened the public hearing, as the moderator, at 5:30 p.m.

She announced the name of the proposed charter school as the Wildflower Upstate NY Charter School. She read the rules of the public hearing.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Courtney Murphy, future Executive Director of Wildflower Upstate NY Charter School opened public comments, introducing herself.

Brianna Souse, spoke in support of the charter school.

Maxine Renino spoke in support of Courtney Murphy and the charter school.

Charlene Cook expressed her full support for the Wildflower Charter School, and Courtney Murphy.

Jennifer Messines spoke in support of having a Montessori school available for students.

Ruhie White spoke in support of having an additional option for students.

Julia Franklin spoke in support of Wildflower's model, and the support it would offer to the community in the way of an additional option.

No name given - spoke in support of the Wildflower Charter School, as a tuition free Montessori option.

Courtney Murphy read a statement from Nicole Zagata in support of additional option for students.

Courtney Murphy read a statement from Sarah Lucky in support for a Montessori school

Courtney Murphy read a statement from Raphael Moses in support of Wildflower Upstate NY Charter School

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Courtney Murphy read a statement from Elizabeth Pitcherale in support of an alternative option.

Courtney Murphy read a statement from Leah Ferrone in support of the Wildflower Upstate NY Charter School.

Courtney Murphy read a statement from Michaela Hughes in support of the Wildflower Upstate NY Charter School as a Montessori tuition free option.

Courtney Murphy read a statement of support from Johanna Eldridge.

Courtney Murphy read a statement from Amaya Barthelemy supporting Wildflower Upstate NY Charter School.

Courtney Murphy read a statement of support from Danisha Feliz.

Courtney Murphy read a statement of support from Ashley Hirschfield.

Courtney Murphy read a statement of support from TJ Kuznia.

Shannon Capozzola closed the Public Hearing record at 6:04 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Bah' followed by a long, sweeping horizontal line.

Brian Sirianni
Clerk of the Board