WHEATLAND-CHILI CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT October 19, 2026
BOARD OF EDUCATION – REGULAR MEETING TJC – Room 312

Members Present:		Others Present:
President	James Musshafen	Stephen J. Kenny, Ed.D., Superintendent
Vice President	Shanna Fraser	Mary Vito, Pupil Personnel Services Director
Trustees	Adria Callery	Daniel Murray, Ed.D., Elementary Principal
	Benjamin Frisch, Ph.D.	Keara Mikoll, Interim Secondary Principal
	Courtney Panek	Diane Stocking, District Clerk
	Heather Woerner	
Student Ex Officio	Audrey Cullum	
	Anna Reid	
Member(s) Absent:	Gregory Berl	

BOARD OF EDUCATION WORKSHOP

Superintendent Dr. Kenny facilitated a workshop to review Curriculum, Instruction, Assessment and Standards.

The workshop adjourned at 6:12 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER – President J. Musshafen called the meeting to order at 6:23 p.m.

The *Pledge of Allegiance* was led by President J. Musshafen.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Trustee C. Panek moved, seconded by Trustee S. Fraser, to approve the agenda.

Motion carried 6-0.

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

None.

STUDENT FORUM

None.

3. PRESENTATIONS/REPORTS/DISCUSSIONS

   A. District Demographics – Superintendent Kenny reviewed the overall District demographics, including enrollment, diversity, poverty, and graduation rates. The Board's questions were answered.

   B. iReady/Data Results – Elementary School – D. Murray provided an overview of the first administration of iReady results for the elementary school. The Board's questions were answered.

   C. iReady/Data Results – Secondary School – K. Mikoll provided an overview of the first administration of iReady results for the secondary school. The Board's questions were answered.

   D. Student Ex Officio Report – Student board members shared updates on student feedback.

4. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

   S. Kenny provided an update on various school events, sporting events, and the capital project. He also acknowledged National Principal's Month.

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5. BOARD MEMBER COMMUNICATIONS

A. MCSBA Legislative Committee Meeting Update – A. Callery provided an update from the meeting held on October 7, 2026. Position papers were prepared for finalization. Legislative Breakfast is February 6, 2027.

B. MCSBA Executive Committee Meeting Update – J. Musshafen provided an update from the meeting held on October 7, 2026. The Executive Director's goals were reviewed as well as financials for the organization. There was a discussion about the legislative items, including what the student component may look like at the Legislative Breakfast.

C. PTA Meeting Update – S. Fraser provided an update from the meeting held on October 8, 2026. Due to the success of the High Five the Guys event at TJC, there are plans to hold another event towards the end of the school year. Coffee cart at TJC on 10/20/2026 and MS/HS was on Friday

D. MCSBA Information Exchange Committee Update – J. Musshafen, S. Kenny, J. Jackson, and C. Panek attended. C. Panek provided an update from the meeting held on October 14, 2026. The topic was Spot the Stop, a program that uses stop-arm cameras on school buses.

E. Monroe 2-Orleans BOCES Board of Education Meeting Update – J. Musshafen provided an update from the meeting held on October 14, 2026. At this meeting, the end-of-year audit was reviewed. There are no major deficiencies. They also reviewed data associated with summer school. WCCSD had 59 students who participated. There was continued discussion on new space options.

F. Board Visitation Day – October 15, 2026 – The Board provided positive feedback on the visit to both buildings.

G. Other Items of Information – J. Musshafen thanked Dr. Kenny and the administrative team for the information shared at the Workshop.

6. TENURE APPOINTMENT

A. Approval of Tenure Appointment

Tenure is an employment status granted by law in New York State and earned by successfully completing a period of probationary employment, then, upon the superintendent's recommendation, awarded by the Board of Education. A certificated or licensed professional as recognized by the New York State Education Department, once having been granted tenure, has earned a property right to his or her employment with the granting district, and may not be disciplined or dismissed except for just cause in a due process hearing.

Tenure is more than just this legal status, however. It is also a reflection of the Board of Education's belief in the quality of the professional standards of the individual to whom it is awarded. It is a statement of endorsement by which the Board entrusts the wellbeing of its schools as institutions, and its most precious charges, its students, to the continued influence of the individuals it collects in the recruitment, hiring, and retention process.

The Board of Education of the Wheatland-Chili Central School District has recognized you as an individual whose high standards of excellence in the pursuit of your daily duties with the children and other adults in our schools is deserving of continued status for as long as you are willing to apply your professional efforts and talents here. On behalf of the Board of Education, congratulations on being judged deserving of this privilege.

Trustee C. Panek moved, seconded by Trustee S. Fraser, 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 tenure with noted effective date:

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Name	Area	Effective Date
Lora DeNero	Speech	November 6, 2026

Motion carried 6-0.

7. CONSENSUS AGENDA (INCLUDING PERSONNEL ACTIONS)

A. Approval Consensus Agenda

Trustee C. Panek moved, seconded by Trustee S. Fraser, 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 consensus agenda.

Motion carried 6-0.

B. Approval of Consensus Items

Trustee C. Panek moved, seconded by Trustee S. Fraser, 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 consensus items 7.C. through 7.L.

Motion carried 6-0.

Items Approved under the Consensus Agenda:

C. Approval of Minutes of the Board Meeting held on October 5, 2026

Resolved that, the Board of Education of the Wheatland-Chili Central School District, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, hereby approves the minutes of the Board meeting held on October 5, 2026.

D. Approval of Recommendation of Committee on Special Education

Resolved that, the Board of Education of the Wheatland-Chili Central School District, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, hereby approves the CSE Recommendations for meetings held 9/21/2026, 9/22/2026, 9/24/2026, 9/28/2026, 10/1/2026, 10/2/2026, 10/8/2026 and 10/13/2026.

E. Approval of Long-term Substitute Appointments

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 long-term substitute appointments:

Name	Tenure Area	Certification	Effective Dates	Salary
Kyle Annis	Technology	Technology, Anticipated	August 26, 2026 - June 25, 2027	No Change
Patricia Preston	Literacy	English 7-12, Permanent	August 26, 2026 - June 25, 2027	No Change

F. Approval of Substitute Appointment

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:

Name	Area	Effective Date
Maura Cappotelli	Substitute Teacher Substitute Teaching Assistant Substitute Teacher Aide	2026-2027 School Year

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G. Acceptance of Resignations – Contract Substitute

Resolved that, the Board of Education of the Wheatland-Chili Central School District, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, hereby accepts the following resignations:

Name	Area	Effective Date
Arlene Cooper*	Contract Substitute	Approximately November 12, 2026
Emma Richardson*	Contract Substitute	Approximately October 7, 2026

*in order to accept another position in the District

H. Approval of Long-term Daily Substitute Appointments

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 long-term daily substitute appointments:

Name	**Tenure Area**	**Certification**	**Effective Dates**	**FTE**	**Salary**
Arlene Cooper	Elementary	Teaching Assistant, Level III	Approximately November 13, 2026 – December 22, 2026 (Shirley Marotta's Leave)	1.0	$200/day
Emma Richardson	Social Studies	Not Certified	Approximately October 8, 2026 – November 10, 226 (Amy Hicks' Leave)	1.0	$200/day
Micah McEathron*	Social Studies	Social Studies 7-12, Initial	Approximately November 11, 2026 – December 22, 2026 (Christopher Peets' Leave)	1.0	$200/day

*pending fingerprint clearance

I. Approval of Winter Coaches

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 winter coach appointments for the 2025-2026 school year:

Winter Sport	**Coach**	**FTE**
JV Boys Basketball	Michael Lio	1.0
Modified Boys Basketball	Marlos Norman	1.0

J. Approval of Advisors

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 advisor appointments for the 2026-2027 school year:

Extraclass Activity	**Name**	**FTE**
HS Musical, Producer	Olivia Murray	1.0
HS Musical, Lighting Designer	Amanda Petrella-Christ	1.0
HS Musical, Musical Choreographer	Cori Colombo	1.0

K. Approval of Adjustment to Advisors

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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 adjustment to advisor appointments for the 2026-2027 school year:

Extraclass Activity	Name	Original FTE	Adjusted FTE
HS Musical, Artistic Director	Amanda Petrella-Christ	1.0	0.5
HS Musical, Artistic Director	Olivia Murray	N/A	0.5

L. Approval of Adjustment to Probationary Start Date – Classified Staff

Trustee C. Panek moved, seconded by Trustee S. Fraser, 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 probationary start date adjustment:

Name	Original Effective Date	Adjusted Effective Date	Original Probationary Period	Adjusted Probationary Period
Ellizabeth Marlowe	October 12, 2026	October 13, 2026	October 12, 2026 – October 11, 2027	October 13, 2026 – October 12, 2027

8. NEW BUSINESS

A. Resolution Classifying the Proposed Wheatland-Chili Central School 2026-27 Classroom Renovation Project as a Type II Action in Accordance with SEQRA

Trustee C. Panek moved, seconded by Trustee S. Fraser, 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:

Whereas, the Wheatland-Chili Central School District is lead agency for the purpose of implementing the above referenced project, and

Whereas, the Wheatland-Chili Central School District has considered and reviewed the project, now therefore be it,

Resolved, the Wheatland-Chili Central School District, as the lead agency for purposes of this project, determines that the project is a Type II action for the purposes of SEQRA and be it further

Resolved, that as a consequence of such finding, the Wheatland-Chili Central School District hereby determines that no additional actions are required in accordance with the requirements of SEQRA.

Motion carried 6-0.

B. Designation of Lead Agency Status for the Wheatland-Chili Central School District 2026-27 Classroom Renovation Project

Trustee C. Panek moved, seconded by Trustee S. Fraser, 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:

Whereas, the Wheatland-Chili Central School District, in an effort to improve its educational facilities, has initiated a Capital Outlay Exception Project; and

Whereas, on June 1, 2026, the Wheatland-Chili Central School District Board of Education took action to proceed with said project; and

Whereas, the preliminary engineer's estimate prepared by CPL provides a detailed description of the proposed Classroom Renovation Project; and

Resolved, that the Wheatland-Chili Central School District will act as the lead agency in the SEQR review of the action for the proposed 2026-27 Classroom Renovation Project for the Wheatland-Chili Central School District.

Motion carried 6-0.

C. Resolution Classifying the Proposed Wheatland-Chili Central School 2026-27 Capital Outlay Exception Project as a Type II Action in Accordance with SEQRA

Trustee C. Panek moved, seconded by Trustee S. Fraser, 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:

Whereas, the Wheatland-Chili Central School District is lead agency for the purpose of implementing the above referenced project, and

Whereas, the Wheatland-Chili Central School District has considered and reviewed the project, now therefore be it,

Resolved, the Wheatland-Chili Central School District, as the lead agency for purposes of this project, determines that the project is a Type II action for the purposes of SEQRA and be it further

Resolved, that as a consequence of such finding, the Wheatland-Chili Central School District hereby determines that no additional actions are required in accordance with the requirements of SEQRA.

Motion carried 6-0.

D. Designation of Lead Agency Status for the Wheatland-Chili Central School District 2026-27 Capital Outlay Exception Project

Trustee C. Panek moved, seconded by Trustee S. Fraser, 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:

Whereas, the Wheatland-Chili Central School District, in an effort to improve its educational facilities, has initiated a Capital Outlay Exception Project; and

Whereas, on April 20, 2026, the Wheatland-Chili Central School District Board of Education took action to proceed with said project; and

Whereas, the preliminary engineer's estimate prepared by CPL provides a detailed description of the proposed Classroom Renovation Project; and

Resolved, that the Wheatland-Chili Central School District will act as the lead agency in the SEQR review of the action for the proposed 2026-27 Capital Outlay Exception Project for the Wheatland-Chili Central School District.

Motion carried 6-0.

E. Approval of Association Membership

Trustee C. Panek moved, seconded by Trustee S. Fraser, 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 authorizes the Board to join the following professional organization for the 2026-2027 school year:

National School Boards Association (NSBA)

Motion carried 6-0.

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F. Approval of Conference Attendance

Trustee C. Panek moved, seconded by Trustee S. Fraser, 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 members of the Board of Education to attend the National School Boards Association (NSBA) Annual Conference, including conference registration and related expenses scheduled to occur on April 2-4, 2027.

Motion carried 6-0.

G. Approval of First Reading, Waive of Second Reading, and Adoption of Board of Education Policy

Trustee C. Panek moved, seconded by Trustee S. Fraser, 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 policy:

Policy Number	**Policy Name**
#3290	Operation of Motor-Driven Vehicles on District Property

Motion carried 6-0.

ADJOURNMENT

Trustee C. Panek moved, seconded by Trustee S. Fraser, to adjourn from the meeting at 8:15 p.m.

Motion carried 6-0.

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