

Minutes of the Regular Board of Education Meeting
November 4, 2013

The Webutuck Board of Education held their November 4, 2013 meeting at 7:30 p.m. in the Webutuck Elementary Gym.

The following Board members were present:

William McGhee, President

Christopher Mayville

Judy Moran

Kristen Panzer

John Perotti

Judy Westfall

Also Present:

James Gratto Jr., Superintendent

Therese Trotter, District Clerk

Jon Zenz

Kenneth Sauer

Katy McEnroe

Jennifer Chason

Gabe Napoleon

Andrew Coon

Absent:

Robert Trotta

1. CALL TO ORDER

President McGhee called the business meeting of November 4, 2013 to order at 7:34 p.m.

2. EXECUTIVE SESSION Mrs. Panzer made and Mr. Perotti seconded a motion to adjourn to executive session at 7:16 pm for the purpose of discussing the employment history of a particular person or persons.

Ayes 6 Nays 0 The motion carried.

3. RECONVENE PUBLIC SESSION

Mr. Mayville made and Mr. Perotti seconded a motion to adjourn the executive session and to reconvene the public session at 7:32 pm.

Ayes 6 Nays 0 The motion carried.

BOE APPRECIATION

Mr. Gratto acknowledged that it was Board Appreciation month. He thanked the Board members for the volunteerism and work that they have done on the District's behalf. Refreshments were served and the meeting resumed.

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4. PRESENTATION

Principals' Updates - K. Sauer, K. McEnroe, J. Chason

Mr. Sauer reported on the fall sports teams. He reported that Columbia Greene was recently at school to sign students up for instant admissions. The Backpack Program has been funded by donations for this year and there is enough money for it to run through the following year. Report card pickup is scheduled for next week.

Mrs. Chason reported that last Friday was a bit hectic with the electric and water out but they got students home safely. The same day the 4th graders were on a field trip visiting Howe's Cavern and the American Indian Museum, without incident. She and Mrs. Howard, along with the PTA, have planned a Jump Rope for Heart event through the American Heart Association for EBIS. Dates have been selected for field day for Grades 4-6 and Grades 7-8.

Ms. McEnroe reported that the annual Grandparent's Luncheon will be on November 21. WES has begun their food drive and they will donate their items to local area food banks. The St. Jude's fundraiser has begun. The elementary school has participated in the fundraiser for fifteen years and has raised approximately \$20,000.

5. STUDENT REPORT

Andrew Coon – Student Representative Coon reported on school activities for the last two weeks. Fall sports are finished with winter sports beginning shortly. "Damn Yankees" auditions began today. Student Council is sponsoring a Violence Awareness Day on November 12. Students will be asked to pledge against violence.

6. PUBLIC COMMENT

There were no comments from the public.

7. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

A. Mr. Gratto clarified the budget transfer sheets in the packet which covers the two encumbered funds to cover the septic project. He also clarified a personnel appointment. He noted the Local Assistance Plan for EBIS is required because our economically disadvantaged students did not make Adequate Yearly Progress. Mrs. Chason is developing a plan to address the problem and the Board will be able to review it in their Board packet this week.

B. High School Facebook Page

Mr. Gratto reported that Mr. Sauer had brought forward the concept of a High School Facebook page and he wanted to bring it to the Board members for discussion. Mr. Sauer commented that it would be another way to communicate with parents and students. Board members were concerned about allowing postings on the page. It was decided that Mr. Sauer would research whether neighboring districts have a facebook page and if they had any pros and cons they would share. Discussion ensued.

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8. CONSENSUS AGENDA VOTE

Mr. Perotti made and Mrs. Panzer seconded the following motion (as amended):

A consent agenda is a single vote, which approves all asterisked items. Board policy (#008a) prohibits discussion of consent agenda items. Asterisked* items can be pulled from the consent agenda for discussion by any one Board member.

The amendment called for pulling 10A and 11A off the consent agenda for further discussion.

Ayes 6 Nays 0 The motion carried.

9. DISTRICT CLERK'S REPORT

***A.** Approval of Minutes for October 7, 2013 Board meeting.

Mr. Perotti made and Mrs. Panzer seconded a motion to approve the minutes as submitted.

Ayes 6 Nays 0 The motion carried.

***B.** Acceptance of Financial Reports as submitted:

Mr. Perotti made and Mrs. Panzer seconded a motion to approve the Financial Reports minutes as submitted.

Treasurers Report for the month ending September.

Comprehensive Budget Status Report ending September.

Comprehensive Revenue Status Report ending September.

Claims Auditor Report Warrants # 12 -21

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Ayes 6 Nays 0 The motion carried.

C. Delegations - None

10. PERSONNEL

A. Instructional Appointment

This item was removed from the consent agenda.

Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education hereby approves the following instructional appointment:

Ms. Moran stated the Board had wanted guidelines and expectations developed for the position. She felt it would be better to have a teacher be the director because they know what teachers need. She suggested putting the posting back out because there were only two applicants who had applied. It was decided to bring it back at the next meeting.

Katy McEnroe

Effective: November 5, 2013

Mentor Director

Stipend: \$1750 (pro-rated)

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***D. Substitute Instructional Appointments**

Mr. Perotti made and Mrs. Panzer seconded the following motion:

Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education hereby approves the following substitute instructional appointments:

Kayla Moreno	Substitute Teacher
Effective: November 5, 2013	Salary: \$85/day
Nicole Burris	Substitute Teacher
Effective: November 5, 2013	Salary: \$85/day
Amber Hall	Substitute Teacher
Effective: November 5, 2013	Salary: \$85/day
Courtney Dye	Substitute Teacher
Effective: November 5, 2013	Salary: \$85/day
Courtney Dye	Substitute Teacher Assistant
Effective: November 5, 2013	Salary: \$ 11.96 per hour
Courtney Dye	Substitute Teacher Aide
Effective: November 5, 2013	Salary: \$11.96 per hour

Ayes 6 Nays 0 The motion carried.

***E. Extra-Curricular Appointment for the 2013-2014 School Year**

Mr. Perotti made and Mrs. Panzer seconded the following motion:

Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education hereby accepts the following extra-curricular appointment for the 2013-2014 school year effective November 5, 2013:

<u>Mentee</u>	<u>Mentor</u>	<u>Stipend</u>
Felice LaPietra	Sherry Fisher	\$972.00 (pro-rated)
Ayes 6	Nays 0	The motion carried.

***F. Creation of Extra-Curricular Account**

Mr. Perotti made and Mrs. Panzer seconded the following motion:

Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education hereby approves the creation of the Class of 2020 Extra-Curricular Account.

Ayes 6 Nays 0 The motion carried.

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11. CURRICULUM AND INSTRUCTION

A. Committee on Special Education Monthly Reports

This item was removed from the consent agenda for further discussion.

Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Webutuck Board of Education hereby accepts the Committee on Special Education report for October 2013, prepared by the Webutuck Central School District Committee on Pre-School Education and by the Webutuck Central School District Committee Special Education.

Mr. Mayville made and Mrs. Panzer seconded the above motion.

Ayes 6 Nays 0 The motion carried.

12. BUSINESS and OPERATIONS

***A. Approval of Budget Transfer**

Mr. Perotti made and Mrs. Panzer seconded the following motion:

Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education approves the attached budget transfer schedule #1 over five thousand dollars (\$5,000).

Ayes 6 Nays 0 The motion carried.

***B. Acceptance of Target Donation**

Mr. Perotti made and Mrs. Panzer seconded the following motion:

Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Webutuck Board of Education hereby accepts the donation from Target for the “Give with Target” campaign in the amount of \$53.00 for the purpose of Webutuck Elementary School supplies account.

Ayes 6 Nays 0 The motion carried.

13. BOARD OF EDUCATION

A. Race to the Top (RTTT)

B. Data Dashboard

Mr. Gratto reported that a few neighboring districts are opting out of RTTT. The overall concern is the Data Dashboard. Each district was to select a vendor to hold all of their data on their District instead of having information in all different areas. The Dashboard would be the place where a district would go to get district information. The main concern of several districts is the confidentiality of that information about students and NY State Education did not have sound answers to that question. Board members discussed how much money the Webutuck District would receive from RTTT. It was noted we would get \$27,000 over three years. Our District could opt out but we might have to pay \$11,000 back to NYSED. It was noted that even if we decide to opt out of RTTT, we still have to report data to the New York State Education Department.

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C. Committee Reports

1. Facilities and Finance Committees will meet at 6:30 pm on November 6th. Mr. Perotti spoke about the recent meeting in Millerton regarding the Millerton School Building. He noted that the Webutuck District had put a lot of money, more than one million dollars, into the building to upgrade it several years ago. He noted that asbestos abatement had taken place prior to the Early Childhood Center going into the building and that it passed inspection for that. He felt that this information needed to get out.
2. The Policy Committee met earlier today. They have been working on Series 8000 and have established scholarship guidelines which will be added to the upcoming Board packet.

D. Special Education Committee Status

Mrs. Panzer stated concerns about the special education report she received monthly since being on the Board Committee. She sees no meaning in the Committee and doesn't know its purpose. Mr. Gratto stated that we are not required to have a Board committee, but we can. She said if Special Education Committee wanted to give the Board a quality report twice a year about needs, requests that would be beneficial but as it is now the reports don't necessarily need a Board to review them. Mr. Gratto summarized that the Special Education Committee will be an ad hoc Committee going forward and they could report to us on the yearly plan around the time the board begins to review the budget for the new school year. Discussion ensued.

Board members addressed Mr. Zenz on how football season ended. Mr. Zenz reported that eight students finished the season. The coaches were happy with how it turned out. Mr. Gratto noted that he received an email from the Dover Business Official stating they were happy with the results, however the conditions may be more formal next year and they may bill us next year per student. Mr. Perotti noted he heard from parents from Webutuck whose children were involved with the program and that they were very happy Webutuck was open to the merge and they hope that the District could with other schools.

14. PUBLIC COMMENT

There were no comments from the public.

15. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Mr. Perotti made and Mr. Mayville seconded a motion to adjourn the meeting of November 4, 2013 at 9:03 pm.

Ayes 6 Nays 0 The motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Therese M. Trotter
District Clerk