

Minutes of the Regular Board of Education Meeting
March 21, 2016

The Webutuck Board of Education held their March 21, 2016 meeting at 7:00 p.m. in the Webutuck High School Library.

The following Board members were present:

Kristen Panzer, President
Cory Chinn
Christopher Mayville
Nikki Johnson
Richard Keller-Coffey
Bill McGhee
Judy Moran

Absent:

Also Present:

Raymond Castellani, Superintendent
Cynthia Hawthorne, Business Official
Therese Trotter, District Clerk

1. CALL TO ORDER

President Panzer called the business meeting of March 21, 2016 to order at 7:09 p.m.

2. PRESENTATION

Preliminary Budget Discussion

Mr. Castellani reviewed the preliminary 2016-2017 school budget that was presented at last week's Board meeting. He reviewed the program fixed costs breakdown which is total of 406801 with a negative tax cap? is not good news for a district, he reviewed program requests which has not changed from last week. He went over reductions and program efficiencies. Major change is line item reductions - , budget savings and efficiencies is \$451,200. Proposed budget of \$21,633,679. Project levy increase 1.98 % using much less reserves than the District has in the past.

4. PUBLIC COMMENT

There were no comments from the public.

5. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

5.01. There was no report.

6. CONSENSUS AGENDA VOTE

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 removing #8.02 Approval of Memorandum of Agreement for further discussion.

Mr. Keller Coffey made and Mr. Mayville seconded the motion.

Aye 7 Nay 0 The motion carried.

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7. DISTRICT CLERK'S REPORT

***7.01. Approval of Minutes**

Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education approves the minutes from March 14, 2016 Board meeting as submitted.

Mr. Keller Coffey made and Mr. Mayville seconded the motion.

Aye 7 Nay 0 The motion carried.

7.02. Delegations - None

8. PERSONNEL

***8.01. Approval of Memorandum of Agreement**

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education of the Webutuck Central School District hereby approves the changes set forth in the addendum to the employment agreement of Superintendent, Raymond Castellani, dated March 21, 2016 and authorizes the Board President to execute the addendum to the contract.

Mr. Keller Coffey made and Mr. Mayville seconded the motion.

Aye 7 Nay 0 The motion carried.

8.02. Approval of Memorandum of Agreement

This item was removed from the consent agenda for discussion.

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Webutuck Central School District, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, does hereby appoint Erik Lynch to the position of Intermediate School Principal pursuant to a four (4) year probationary appointment in the School Administration tenure area commencing March 8, 2016 and terminating March 7, 2020.

BE IT ALSO RESOLVED, that Mr. Lynch is hereby granted a leave of absence from his position in the Childhood Education tenure area, for a period of up to two (2) years and four (4) months from March 8, 2016 to June 30, 2018, for the purpose of accepting the Principal appointment. Should Mr. Lynch's probationary appointment be terminated during or at the end of this leave of absence, he shall have the right to return to a position within the Childhood Education tenure area.

Mr. Mayville made and Mr. Keller Coffey seconded a motion to move into Executive Session for the purpose of discussing a personnel issue.

Aye 7 Nay 0 The motion carried.

RECONVENE PUBLIC SESSION

Mrs. Chinn made and Mrs. Johnson seconded a motion to adjourn the executive session and to reconvene the public session at 7:40 p.m.

Aye 7 Nay 0 The motion carried.

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Mrs. Johnson made and Mrs. Chinn seconded to approve the motion.

Ms. Moran made and Mr. Keller Coffey seconded the MOA to be amended at #2 Article 2 Schedule of Employment to read:

“..with dates to be determined by the Superintendent.”

Aye 7 Nay 0 The motion carried.

Vote on amended motion

Aye 6 Nay 1 The motion carried.

Mr. McGhee was the lone dissenter.

9. BOARD OF EDUCATION

***9.01. Notice of Annual Meeting Authorization**

Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education hereby authorizes and directs the District Clerk to give notice to the qualified voters of the Webutuck Central School District of the Annual Public Hearing on the Budget on Monday, May 9, 2016 at 7:00 p.m., for the purpose of presenting the budget document for the 2016-2017 School Year and the Annual Meeting, School District Election and Vote on the Budget to be held on Tuesday, May 17, 2016.

Mr. Keller Coffey made and Mr. Mayville seconded the motion.

Aye 7 Nay 0 The motion carried.

9.02. Finance Committee – The Committee met earlier in the evening and continued the discussion on reducing the music position. Board members continued to have concerns about the position. Discussion ensued. Two scenarios were discussed; reducing the music position to .4 or having each music teacher take .2 position cut. A Board member commented that it wasn't right to ask other teachers to take a position cut to fund another position.

Mr. Mayville made and Mr. Panzer seconded a motion to include the reduction of .4 music position in the budget.

Aye 2 Nay 5 The motion failed.

Mrs. Panzer	Aye	Richard Keller-Coffey	Nay
Cory Chinn	Nay	Bill McGhee	Nay
Chris Mayville	Aye	Judy Moran	Nay
Nikki Johnson	Nay		

PUBLIC COMMENT

There were no comments from the public.

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EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mr. Keller Coffey and Ms. Moran seconded a motion to adjourn to executive session at 8:20 pm for the purpose of discussion the negotiating a lease.

Aye 7 Nay 0 The motion carried.

RECONVENE PUBLIC SESSION

Mr. Keller Coffey made and Mrs. Johnson seconded a motion to adjourn the executive session and to reconvene the public session at 8:55 p.m.

Aye 7 Nay 0 The motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Mr. Mayville made and Ms. Moran seconded a motion to adjourn the meeting of March 21, 2016 at 8:58 pm.

Aye 7 Nay 0 The motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Therese M. Trotter
District Clerk