

Minutes of the Regular Board of Education Meeting  
April 26, 2016

The Webutuck Board of Education held their April 26, 2016 meeting at 7:00 p.m. in the Webutuck High School Library.

The following Board members were present:

Kristen Panzer, President  
Nikki Johnson  
Bill McGhee  
Christopher Mayville  
Judy Moran

Also Present:

Raymond Castellani, Superintendent  
Cynthia Hawthorne, Business Official  
Therese Trotter, District Clerk  
Cassandra Lopane  
Cassandra Whitehead  
Ernesto Sebastian

Absent:

Cory Chinn  
Richard Keller-Coffey

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

President called the business meeting of April 26, 2016 to order at 7:06 p.m.

**2. PRESENTATION**

**2.01. April Students of the Month**

Ms. Chason announced the Students of the Month in the High School. They were as follows:

Kasey O'Brien  
Hunter Coulthard  
Fernanda Fox  
Taylor Edmundson  
Samantha Wolfe

Mr. Lynch announced the Students of the Month in EBIS. There were as follows:

Brennan Laundry  
Lauren Palmer  
Olivia Farnham  
Makayla Milano  
Karen Zempoalteca  
Gwen Masina  
Dylan Ward  
Emily Thompson  
Justin Calabrese

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The Superintendent congratulated the students and praised them for their hard work.

Mr. Castellani recognized the Mock Court Team and Advisor Mr. Pollinger. Mr. Pollinger spoke about his history with Mock Court as a student in Webutuck and the character of the members of this year's Mock Court. The team was comprised of Cassandra Lopane, recently named Lawyer of the Match, Ruo Han Huang won the Breslow Award, which is a recognition of the Most Outstanding Mock Court Participant for 2016, also on the team were Abbygail Hoke, Sara Meili, Isabella Tomasetti, Sophia Tomasetti, and Ezzy Johnson. Mr. Castellani thanked the Team for representing Webutuck School District with excellence.

**3. STUDENT REPORT**

Ms. Lopane reported on the Blood Drive that took place on April 8 sponsored by Honor Society. There will be a 5k run fundraiser on April 30th to benefit the Backpack Program. Ms. Lopane commented that there is proposal being circulated through the senior class regarding going to Six Flags or having a Senior Ball.

Ms. Whitehead noted the concerts coming up. The 6-8 grade concert will take place May 4<sup>th</sup> and the HS concert will be May 11<sup>th</sup>. The NYSSBA Solo Concerts is next weekend.

Mr. Sebastian reported on the last spring games of the season and their records.

**2.02. Community Service - Jennifer Chason**

Mr. Castellani commented on adding a Community Service piece into Webutuck graduation requirements. It would be in line with the goal of developing a well-rounded student at Webutuck. Ms. Chason described how she saw the Community Service requirement beginning and how it will be implemented. She was pleasantly surprised at how many opportunities are available to Webutuck students.

Betsey McCall, NECC Jobs Program Director, and Tara Foley, The Wassaic Project spoke about the many opportunities for community service between their two organizations. Mr. Pollinger brought up the school website and pointed out where the community service link tie-in will be. Discussion ensued.

**2.03. Special Education Handbook - K. McEnroe**

The presentation was moved to the next Board meeting.

**4. PUBLIC COMMENT**

There were no comments from the public.

**5. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT**

Mr. Castellani reminded the audience of the annual budget vote on May 17, 2016, 12:00 pm until 9:00 pm in the H.S. gym.

Mr. Castellani updated the Board on PBIS behavior intervention program. The schools are in the process of being trained. The staff and faculty are excited about the program.

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He noted the Superintendent Conference Day this Friday for staff. Discussion ensued. Mr. Castellani commented about Right Reasons Initiative pending the school budget approval and the impact it will have in the coming years. Discussion ensued.

He reported that another part of Right Reasons that is exciting is the Summer School Credit Recovery Program. The program will help students that need more support or are in jeopardy of failing a course. They will be able to work on their computer from home with direct, individualized instruction. Discussion ensued.

He updated the Board on the septic program near the baseball field. It has been delayed for a number of years for different reasons. He noted that Mr. D' Amato, the new Facilities Director would like a second opinion after reviewing the plan with Tetra Tech. Board members were in agreement with a second opinion. Discussion ensued.

**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. An amendment called for removing #9.02 Award of External Auditor Proposal for further discussion. Mr. Mayville made and Ms. Moran seconded the motion.

Aye 5      Nay 0      The motion carried.

**7. DISTRICT CLERK'S REPORT**

**\*7.01.** Approval of Minutes for March 21 and April 4, 2016 Board meetings.

Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education approves the minutes from March 21, 2016 and April 4, 2016 Board meeting as submitted.

Mr. Mayville made and Ms. Moran seconded the motion.

Aye 5      Nay 0      The motion carried.

**7.02.** Delegations - None

**8. PERSONNEL**

**8.01. Support Staff Resignation For The Purpose Of Retirement**

Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of schools, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education hereby accepts the following support staff resignation for the purpose of retirement:

NAME	POSITION	EFFECTIVE DATE
Candace Swart	Bus Driver	June 30, 2016

Mr. McGhee made and Mrs. Johnson seconded the motion.

Board members remarked about her years of service being remarkable. They thanked her for her good work and wished her well in retirement.

Aye 5                      Nay 0                      The motion carried.

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**\*8.02. Temporary Support Staff Appointment**

Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education approves the following temporary support staff appointment:

Melanie Kay Temporary (1.0 FTE) Typist  
Effective: April 27, 2016 - July 27, 2016 Salary: Step 1 as per CSEA contract

Replaces: Lisa Cancel

Mr. Mayville made and Ms. Moran seconded the motion.

Aye 5 Nay 0 The motion carried.

**\*8.03. Support Staff Appointment**

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

Ashley Schreibman Health Aide 3.5 hrs  
Effective: April 27, 2016 Step 1 per CSEA contract  
Replaces: Nancy Genoese

Mr. Mayville made and Ms. Moran seconded the motion.

Aye 5 Nay 0 The motion carried.

**9. BUSINESS and OPERATIONS**

**\*9.01. Acceptance of Federal Single Audit**

Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education hereby accepts the June 30, 2016 Federal Single Audit.

Mr. Mayville made and Ms. Moran seconded the motion.

Aye 5 Nay 0 The motion carried.

**9.02. Award of External Auditor Proposal**

This item was removed from the consent agenda.

Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education awards the external auditor proposal to Sickler, Torchia, Allen & Churchill, CPA's P.C. for the years 2015 through 2020.

Ms. Moran made and Mrs. Johnson seconded the motion.

Aye 5 Nay 0 The motion carried.

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**10. BOARD OF EDUCATION**

**\*10.01. Appointment of Election Inspectors for the May 17, 2016 School Budget Vote for the 2016-2017 School Year**

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education hereby approves the appointment and authorizes payment for the following persons for the May 17, 2016 School Budget Vote,

**Board of Election Inspectors**

Jessica Ptasnick @ 250.00/day  
Bette Jo Baxter @ 200.00/day

**Chief Election Inspector** @12.00/per hour

Richard Howard

**Election Inspectors** @10.00/per hour

Rosanna Hamm  
Bonnie Howard

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board of Education requires each Election Inspector to sign a statement certifying receipt of the “Responsibilities and the Rules of Conduct for School Board Elections”, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Board of Education authorizes the District Clerk to appoint additional officials and inspectors if necessary.

Mr. Mayville made and Ms. Moran seconded the motion.

Aye 5      Nay 0      The motion carried.

**10.02. Approval of BOCES Administrative Budget for 2016-2017**

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Webutuck Board of Education hereby approves the Dutchess County BOCES Administrative Budget in the amount of \$4,389,498 as presented.

Ms. Moran made and Mrs. Johnson seconded the motion.

Mr. Mayville commented that our district doesn't get all that we should be getting from BOCES.

Aye 4      Nay 1      The motion carried.

Mr. Mayville was the lone dissenter

**10.03. Nominations of BOCES Board Members**

<b>CANDIDATE NAME</b>	<b>DISTRICT OF RESIDENCE</b>
Ralph Chiumento	Spackenkill School District
Ralph Coates	Poughkeepsie City School District

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education hereby nominates Ralph Chiumento and Ralph Coates for the two Board of Education vacancies on the Dutchess County Board of Cooperative Educational Services (BOCES).

Mr. Mayville made and Mrs. Johnson seconded the motion.

Aye 5      Nay 0      The motion carried.

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Mr. Castellani reported about the MOA for Bob Eastman regarding buying vacation days back. He could not take vacation days because he was helping the district after Mr. Lounsbury death.

Upon recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education approves the MOA between Webutuck and Bob Eastman.

Ms. Moran made and Mrs. Johnson seconded the motion.

Aye 5                      Nay 0                      the motion carried.

**10.04 Committee Reports**

Facilities Committee – are interested in hearing more from Bill Wisbauer from Tetra Tech regarding future capital projects.

The Negotiations Committee is actively engaged in negotiations with the teacher's union. CSEA has given dates to begin their negotiations.

The Board of Education thanked the District Clerk for her work for the Board in honor of Administrative Assistants' Day.

**11. PUBLIC COMMENT**

There were no comments from the public.

**12. EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Mrs. Johnson made and Ms. Moran seconded a motion to adjourn to executive session at 7:05 pm for the purpose of discussing the negotiations and potential employment history of a particular person or persons.

Ayes 5                      Nays 0                      The motion carried.

**13. RECONVENE PUBLIC SESSION**

Mr. Mayville made and Ms. Moran seconded a motion to adjourn the executive session and to reconvene the public session at 9:55 pm.

Ayes 5                      Nays 0                      The motion carried.

**14. ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, Mr. Mayville made and Mrs. Johnson seconded a motion to adjourn the meeting of April 26, 2016 at 9:55 pm.

Ayes 5                      Nays 0                      The motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Therese M. Trotter  
District Clerk