

Minutes of the Regular Board of Education Meeting
May 23, 2016

The Webutuck Board of Education held their May 23, 2016 meeting at 7:00 p.m. in the Webutuck High School Library.

The following Board members were present:

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

Also Present:

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

Absent:

Bill McGhee
Cassandra Lopane
Ernesto Sebastian

1. CALL TO ORDER

President called the business meeting of May 23, 2016 to order at 7:03 p.m.

2. PRESENTATIONS

2.01. May Students of the Month

Mr. Lynch recognized the EBIS Students of the Month. Mr. Sullivan, an EBIS teacher, commented on the characteristics of Elizabeth Petkovich, who he recommended for Student of the Month and congratulated her. The Millerton News journalist took a picture of the students for the next edition of their newspaper.

Elizabeth Petkovich –Shawn Sullivan
Jillian Wolfe – Matt Eyler
Carissa Whitehead – Michelle Lewis
Makayla Milano –Christine Mathers
Gwen Masina – Sam Fitzgerald
Mia Hairston - Eric Wiener
Casandra Crum - Mary Murphy
Jack Forbes - Jay Bradley
Elizabeth Juarez - Beth Murphy
Cameron Cea - Lauren Boldrin

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2.02. Team Purchasing/Fundraising - Jon Zenz

Mr. Zenz discussed the difficulty with purchasing items for teams by fundraising. His concern was for families that could feel pressure to buy items for their child but cannot afford it. Discussion ensued.

Mr. Zenz spoke about Webutuck merging with Pawling Hockey. Mr. Castellani commented that Mr. Zenz needs to find out how many students are interested in each merger sport. Discussion ensued.

Mr. Keller Coffey commented on the Athletic Wish List stating that he thought it was a reasonable and good list. Discussion ensued.

2.03. Special Education Handbook - K. McEnroe

Ms. McEnroe explained that she wanted to put out a parent friendly handbook explaining the special education process in regards to disabilities and different services the District offers. Discussion ensued.

Mr. Castellani commented about an email from a parent requesting District transportation for her PreK child to a private school. Mr. Castellani spoke to District attorneys who reported that it is illegal for the District to transport PreK students to private schools because the District uses their own funds to transport our PreK students. Discussion ensued.

Mr. Castellani announced the Junior Prom is this Friday. All buildings are now PBIS trained. The Literacy Initiative Report has been received from BOCES and the Board will receive a summary in the near future.

3. STUDENT REPORT

Cassandra Whitehead reported that NYSSBA Majors were coming up. The Art Show was a success. The H.S. Band will march in the Memorial Parade in Millerton. Ms. Lopane is singing the National Anthem in Amenia on Memorial Day. The WHS Spring Concert was a success.

4. PUBLIC COMMENT

There were no comments from the public.

5. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

A. Items were discussed above.

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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 #9.02 Acceptance of Community Foundations of the Hudson Valley Grant and #9.03 Acceptance of Webutuck Quest Educational Enrichment Fund of Berkshire Taconic Community Foundation Grants from the consent agenda for further discussion.

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

Aye 6 Nay 0 The motion carried.

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 the March 21 and May 9, 2016 Board meeting as submitted.

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

Aye 6 Nay 0 The motion carried.

B. Delegations - None

8. PERSONNEL

8.01. Instructional Resignation

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

NAME	POSITION	EFFECTIVE DATE
Robert Reid	Math	June 30, 2016

Mr. Keller Coffey made and Mrs. Johnson seconded the motion.

The Board commented that it was a big loss to the District. They thanked him and wished him well.

Aye 6 Nay 0 The motion carried.

***8.02. Abolishment of Instructional Positions**

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

POSITION	EFFECTIVE DATE
1 - (0.2 FTE) Foreign Language: German	June 30, 2016
1 - (0.6 FTE) Music	June 30, 2016

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

Aye 6 Nay 0 The motion carried.

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***8.03. Creation of Instructional Position**

Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education hereby approves the creation of the following Instructional position:

POSITION	EFFECTIVE DATE	Salary
(0.6 F.T.E.) Biology	September 01, 2016	Per WTA Contract

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

Aye 6 Nay 0 The motion carried.

8.04. Approval of Tenure Recommendation for Teacher

Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education does hereby grant tenure to the following teacher:

Teacher	Tenure Area	Effective Date
Matthew Ehyler	Special Education	September 1, 2016

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

Aye 6 Nay 0 The motion carried.

The Board congratulated Mr. Ehyler on receiving tenure.

Aye 6 Nay 0 The motion carried.

8.05. Approval of Tenure Recommendation for Teacher

Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education does hereby grant tenure to the following teacher:

Teacher	Tenure Area	Effective Date
Jenna Garofalo	Secondary English	September 1, 2016

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

The Board congratulated Ms. Garofalo on receiving tenure.

Aye 6 Nay 0 The motion carried.

8.06. Approval of Tenure Recommendation for Administrator

Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education does hereby grant tenure to the following Administrator:

Administrator	Tenure Area	Effective Date
Jennifer Chason	Administration	August 19, 2016

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

Mr. Castellani commented about seeing Ms. Chason growth in just a short year and a half. Board members congratulated Ms. Chason on receiving tenure. Board members also thanked Ms. McEnroe and Ms. Chason for taking on their many rolls in the District.

Aye 6 Nay 0 The motion carried.

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9. BUSINESS and OPERATIONS

***9.01. Approval of Budget Transfer #16**

Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education approves the budget transfer schedule #16 over five thousand dollars (\$5,000).

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

Aye 6 Nay 0 The motion carried.

9.02. Acceptance of Community Foundations of the Hudson Valley Grant

This item was removed from the consent agenda.

Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education accepts the Community Foundations of the Hudson Valley Grant awarded to Chris Gillette at Webutuck Central School for Cell Phone Camera Adapter Mounts in the amount of \$499.00; THEREFORE any unused portion of this grant should be utilized for future field trip enrichment purposes of the school or district.

Ms. Moran made and Mr. Keller Coffey seconded the motion.

Mr. Keller Coffey commented that teachers who apply for grants should be commended. It takes a lot of time applying for and collecting research for the grant. He acknowledged Mrs. Gillette's efforts and thanked her.

Aye 6 Nay 0 The motion carried.

9.03. Acceptance of Webutuck Quest Educational Enrichment Fund of Berkshire Taconic Community Foundation Grants

This item was removed from the consent agenda.

Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education accepts the Webutuck Quest Educational Enrichment Fund (QUEST) of Berkshire Taconic Community Foundation Grants as follows:

Donor	Recipient	Amount	Grant
QUEST	J. Jaffee	\$ 500.	Building fluency in reading, writing and telling stories.
QUEST	M. Smith	\$ 594.24	Interactive Reading System
QUEST	R. Garrard, K. Thompson, M. Baker, S. Hoelderlin, K. Mahaffy	\$ 500.	Parent Reading Project
QUEST	C. Dietter-Smith	\$1200.	Sphero SPRK (school-parent-robot-kids) Enrichment Program
	TOTAL	\$2794.	

Mrs. Johnson made and Mr. Keller Coffey seconded the motion.

Mr. Keller Coffey again noted the amount of time it took to apply for grants. He acknowledged the teachers efforts and congratulated them.

Aye 6 Nay 0 The motion carried.

Mr. Keller Coffey made and Mr. Mayville seconded the motion to amend the dollar figures. The Parent Reading Project and Sphero SPRK Enrichment Program amounts were changed to reflect the correct amounts.

Aye 6 Nay 0 The motion carried.

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***9.04. ACCEPTANCE OF TRUCK BID**

Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, BE IT RESOLVED, the Board of Education hereby awards the acceptable highest bid for surplus Vehicles as follows:

VEHICLE	AMOUNT	VENDOR
VAN 7 - 2009 DODGE	\$ 1,555.50	KATHLEEN SANICOLA
BUS 103 - 2005 GMC	\$ 550.00	P&B AUTO SALES
BUS 105 - 2006 GMC	\$ 1,380.00	P&B AUTO SALES

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

Aye 6 Nay 0 The motion carried.

***9.05. Acceptance of Surplus Equipment Bids**

Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, BE IT RESOLVED, the Board of Education hereby awards the acceptable highest bid for surplus Equipment as follows:

EQUIPMENT	Bid	VENDOR
		BASIL AUTOMOTIVE
3 POINT HITCH BLOWER	\$ 205.00	
2 STIHL WEED WACKERS	\$ 50.00	JAMES KILMER
2 HAND HELD BLOWERS 1- STIHL, 1 HUSKEY		
	\$ 40.00	DOUG WESTFALL
		BASIL AUTOMOTIVE
TRUCK MOUNTED SANDER	\$ 405.00	
		BASIL AUTOMOTIVE
STAINLESS STEEL SINK	\$ 10.00	
2 WHEEL DOLLEY	\$ 50.00	BILL FLINT
LINCOLN AIR BUMPER JACK	\$ 79.50	BILL FLINT
		BASIL AUTOMOTIVE
BAND SAW OLD	\$ 10.00	
OLD DRILL PRESS	\$ 10.00	BILL FLINT
OLD PLANER	\$ 10.00	BILL FLINT

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

Aye 6 Nay 0 The motion carried.

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***F. Authorization for Tax Adjustments and Refund**

WHEREAS, by Order of Honorable James V. Brands, Supreme Court of the State of New York, County of Dutchess, dated April 14, 2016, in the matter of Application for Refund of Taxes for the 2013, 2014, and 2015 assessment years were adjusted in favor of petitioner, Mountain farm Ranch, LLC for properties owned in the Town of Amenia, in the Webutuck Central School District,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that pursuant to the terms of the above referenced Order, the School Tax Collector is hereby authorized to issue a refund for the 2013, 2014, and 2015 school year, said taxes for the 2013, 2014, and 2015 school year are as follows:

YR	GRID NO.	OLD ASSESSMENT	NEW ASSESSMENT	TAX BILLED	CORRECTED AMOUNT	TAX Refund
2013	132000-7167-00-660290-0000	\$779,500.00	\$615,500.00	\$9,473.64	\$7,480.47	\$1,993.18
2014	132000-7167-00-660290-0000	\$779,500.00	\$615,800.00	\$9,378.30	\$7,408.79	\$1,969.51
2015	132000-7167-00-660290-0000	\$779,500.00	\$616,000.00	\$9,715.43	\$7,677.62	\$2,037.82
						\$6,000.51

YR	GRID NO.	OLD ASSESSMENT	NEW ASSESSMENT	TAX BILLED	CORRECTED AMOUNT	TAX Refund
2013	132000-7167-00-567261-0000	\$40,000.00	\$35,000.00	\$486.14	\$425.37	\$60.78
2014	132000-7167-00-567261-0000	\$40,000.00	\$35,000.00	\$481.25	\$421.09	\$60.17
2015	132000-7167-00-567261-0000	\$40,000.00	\$35,000.00	\$498.55	\$436.23	\$62.33
						\$183.27

YR	GRID NO.	OLD ASSESSMENT	NEW ASSESSMENT	TAX BILLED	CORRECTED AMOUNT	TAX Refund
2013	132000-7167-00-704453-0000	\$88,000.00	\$21,200.00	\$1,069.51	\$257.65	\$811.86
2014	132000-7167-00-704453-0000	\$88,000.00	\$21,200.00	\$1,058.74	\$255.06	\$803.69
2015	132000-7167-00-704453-0000	\$88,000.00	\$21,200.00	\$1,096.80	\$264.23	\$832.58
						\$2,448.14

YR	GRID NO.	OLD ASSESSMENT	NEW ASSESSMENT	TAX BILLED	CORRECTED AMOUNT	TAX Refund
2013	132000-7167-00-738430-0000	\$88,000.00	\$24,100.00	\$1,069.51	\$292.90	\$776.62
2014	132000-7167-00-738430-0000	\$88,000.00	\$24,100.00	\$1,058.74	\$289.95	\$768.80
2015	132000-7167-00-738430-0000	\$88,000.00	\$24,100.00	\$1,096.80	\$300.37	\$796.44
						\$2,341.86

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YR	GRID NO.	OLD ASSESSMENT	NEW ASSESSMENT	TAX BILLED	CORRECTED AMOUNT	TAX Refund
2013	132000-7167-00-781112-0000	\$346,800.00	\$191,000.00	\$4,214.83	\$2,321.31	\$1,893.52
2014	132000-7167-00-781112-0000	\$346,800.00	\$191,000.00	\$4,172.41	\$2,297.95	\$1,874.47
2015	132000-7167-00-781112-0000	\$346,800.00	\$191,000.00	\$4,322.40	\$2,380.56	\$1,941.85
						\$5,709.84

YR	GRID NO.	OLD ASSESSMENT	NEW ASSESSMENT	TAX BILLED	CORRECTED AMOUNT	TAX Refund
2013	132000-7167-00-839385-0000	\$240,000.00	\$172,500.00	\$2,916.84	\$2,096.48	\$820.37
2014	132000-7167-00-839385-0000	\$240,000.00	\$172,500.00	\$2,887.48	\$2,075.38	\$812.11
2015	132000-7167-00-839385-0000	\$240,000.00	\$172,500.00	\$2,991.28	\$2,149.98	\$841.31
						\$2,473.79

YR	GRID NO.	OLD ASSESSMENT	NEW ASSESSMENT	TAX BILLED	CORRECTED AMOUNT	TAX Refund
2013	132000-7167-00-890378-0000	\$255,800.00	\$202,000.00	\$3,108.86	\$2,455.00	\$653.87
2014	132000-7167-00-890378-0000	\$255,800.00	\$202,000.00	\$3,077.57	\$2,430.30	\$647.29
2015	132000-7167-00-890378-0000	\$255,800.00	\$202,000.00	\$3,188.21	\$2,517.66	\$670.56
						\$1,971.71
						\$21,129.12

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Business Administrator is hereby authorized to correct the 2013,2014, and 2015 assessment to reflect such valuation reductions, with a notation in the margin, opposite said entries that the corrections are by authorization of the above-referenced Order; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that pursuant to the terms of the above referenced Order, the School Treasurer is hereby authorized to refund any overpayments of school taxes for the above school year, said refund in the amount of \$21,129.12 and reduce the tax certiorari reserve by said amount.

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

Aye 6 Nay 0 The motion carried.

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***9.06. Approval of Payroll Schedule for 2016-2017 School Year**

Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education hereby approves the payroll calendar for 2016-2017 school year.

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

Aye 6 Nay 0 The motion carried.

10. BOARD OF EDUCATION

10.01. Committee Reports

The Negotiations Committee meant and will discuss the progress in Executive Session.

10.02. Acceptance of 2016-2017 Annual Budget Vote and Board Member Election Results

BE IT RESOLVED, the Webutuck Board of Education accepts the following vote results from the 2016-2017 Annual Budget Vote and Board Member Election on May 17, 2016:

Voting Machine	Proposition I		Proposition II	
	Budget		Transportation	
	YES	NO	YES	NO
BMD #033	117	64	118	62
OPS #2081	31	25	32	23
Absentees	8	10	10	8
TOTALS	156	99	160	93

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Voting Machine No.	Chris Mayville	Steve Abad
BMD #033	139	135
OPS #2081	46	39
Absentees	17	16
TOTALS	202	190

Mr. Keller Coffey made and Mrs. Johnson seconded the motion.
The Board members congratulated the Superintendent and School Business Official on their work and the outcome of the vote.

Aye 6 Yea 0 The motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT

There were no comments from the public.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mr. Mayville made and Mr. Keller Coffey seconded a motion to adjourn to executive session at 8:25 pm for the purpose of discussing contract negotiations.

Ayes 6 Nays 0 The motion carried.

RECONVENE PUBLIC SESSION

Ms. Moran made and Mrs. Johnson seconded a motion to adjourn the executive session and to reconvene the public session at 10:18 pm.

Ayes 6 Nays 0 The motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Ms. Moran made and Mrs. Johnson seconded a motion to adjourn the meeting of May 23, 2016 at 10:20 pm.

Ayes 6 Nays 0 The motion carried.

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Respectfully submitted,

Therese M. Trotter
District Clerk