

Minutes of the Regular Board of Education Meeting
June 2, 2014

The Webutuck Board of Education held their June 2, 2014 meeting at 7:30 p.m. in the Webutuck High School Library.

The following Board members were present:

William McGhee, President

Erin Bailey

Christopher Mayville

Judy Moran

Kristen Panzer

John Perotti

Judy Westfall

Also Present:

James Gratto Jr., Superintendent

Therese Trotter, District Clerk

Kenneth Sauer

Katy McEnroe

Jennifer Chason

Jon Zenz

Andrew Coon

Paul Christofel

Maureen and Chip Ackerman

Jordan Mayville

Gabe Napoleon

1. CALL TO ORDER

President McGhee called the business meeting of June 2, 2014 to order at 7:32 p.m.

ADMINISTRATION OF OATH OF OFFICE FOR NEWLY ELECTED BOARD MEMBER ERIN BAILEY

Mrs. Trotter administered the Oath of Office to Erin Bailey.

2. PRESENTATION

Principals: Kenneth Sauer, Jennifer Chason, Katy McEnroe

Mr. Sauer spoke about the upswing in graduation rates with last year at 94%, up from 87% graduation rate the year before that. The staff is very proud of the increase. Denise Iberra made it to States for Steeplechase. Boy's baseball and girl's softball had great seasons comparatively. Common Core English Regents exams are tomorrow and there are two weeks of classes left of school until Regents exams begin.

Mrs. Chason reported that grade 4 -8 New York State Tests have been completed. The 8th grade Math Common Core Regents will be given tomorrow. Grades 4-6 Field Day takes place tomorrow and the PTA donated the tee shirts. Mrs. Chason noted the Intermediate School has had many field trips compared to previous years. They were all well received.

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Mrs. McEnroe reported that field trips have been taken and a few different destinations were selected and enjoyed. NWEA testing is being completed. Mrs. McEnroe reviewed the dates of field days in her building. Common Core and modules have been implemented. They are science and social studies based.

Mrs. McEnroe reported they are looking at AIS next year and ways to implement AIS in a different approach. She explained that the Gearing Up Committee implemented question posters that are up throughout the District. It is based on Brian Green's presentation from opening day of school. She noted that Pre-K and K orientation are this week with approximately the same number of students coming in as in previous years.

3. STUDENT REPORT

Andrew Coon and Paul Christofel

Representative Coon reported there would be a school dance this Friday at the high school. Next Friday the seniors will be going to Hershey Park for their senior trip. There are ten days of school left this year. Seniors Awards night will be on June 25 with a Senior Breakfast the following day. Representative Coon and Christofel thanked the Board for the opportunity to serve the student body and District.

Board of Education recognition of Student Representatives.

Mr. Gratto thanked Andrew Coon and Paul Christofel for volunteering their time for the past year and for representing the student body so well. President McGhee presented the two with gift certificates to a local book store.

4. PUBLIC COMMENT

The following topics were commented on by the public:

-Parents spoke about merging lacrosse with local schools such as Millbrook or Pawling. Grants are out there to provide start up costs.

5. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

A. Golf Merger with Pine Plains School District

Mr. Gratto reported that Pine Plains has low numbers in golf. Pine Plains approached Mr. Zenz about merging with Webutuck. Webutuck would be the host school. Ms. Moran questioned if the approval of the merger would be based on the costs currently budgeted? Mr. Zenz replied yes, and stated that both schools would end up spending less. Discussion ensued.

B. Technology Leader Position

Mr. Gratto reported that the Technology Committee recommended increasing the Technology Leader position to full-time which he supports. However, Mr. Gratto suggested two part-time positions but needs more time to study it to see what would work best. He will bring a recommendation back to the Board in two weeks.

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C. Family and Consumer Science Position

Mr. Gratto reviewed with the Board the status of the FACS position. The position was posted and the District received two applicants. It was offered to the top candidate but she declined it. He discussed eliminating FACS as a full-time position and increasing the Business Teacher position full-time. The Business Teacher would teach FACS required courses out of certification (by acquiring a waiver) and the District would add the DCC Business class, Accounting class, College and Career Readiness class, and drop the FACS classes already put out there. The Board had some questions regarding dropping the FACS courses. The Board was in agreement with the plan Mr. Gratto put forward. Discussion ensued.

D. Mr. Gratto noted that the addition to the agenda was Ms. Grden's waiver.

6. 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.

Ayes 7 Nays 0 The motion carried.

7. DISTRICT CLERK'S REPORT

***A.** Approval of Minutes for May 27, 2014 Board meetings.

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

Ayes 7 Nays 0 The motion carried.

B. Delegations – None

8. PERSONNEL

***A. Approval of Individual Terms and Conditions**

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 terms and conditions for Treasurer, Deputy Treasurer, Personnel Assistant/Administrative Clerk, Superintendent's Secretary/District Clerk, Athletic Director, Director of School Facilities and Operations, School Lunch Manager for the 2014-2015 school year.

Ayes 7 Nays 0 The motion carried.

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***B. Substitute Support Staff 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 support staff appointments:

Lori Milano	Substitute Monitor
Effective: June 3, 2014	Salary: \$11.29 per hour

Herbert Day	Substitute Custodial Worker
Effective: June 3, 2014	Salary: \$13.36 per hour

Ayes 7 Nays 0 The motion carried.

***C. Creation of Support Staff Positions**

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 of the Webutuck Central School District hereby approves the creation of the following of two .50 FTE support staff positions:

Typist .5 FTE	Effective: September 1, 2014
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Ayes 7 Nays 0 The motion carried.

***D. Support Staff 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 instructional appointments for the 2013-2014 Summer School Programs:

Patty Steen	Teaching Assistant
Effective: July 14 – August 22, 2014	Salary: \$15.72 per hour

Kim Coon	Teaching Assistant
Effective: July 14-August 22, 2014	Salary: \$15.72 per hour

Laurie Werner	Teacher Aide
Effective: July 14-August 22, 2014	Salary: \$13.93 per hour

Ayes 7 Nays 0 The motion carried.

***E. 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 instructional appointments for the 2013-2014 Summer School Programs:

Rebecca Garrard	Speech Therapy Teacher
Effective: July 14 – August 22, 2014	Salary: \$35.91 per hour

(2 days per week)

Ayes 7 Nays 0 The motion carried.

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9. BUSINESS and OPERATIONS

***A. Approval of Contract with Dutchess County BOCES for Installment Purchase Agreement Copiers**

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 contract with Dutchess County BOCES for the acquisition of two copiers through a five year installment purchase agreement commencing in the 2014-2015 school year with a maximum total principal cost of \$27,524.08 and further that the Webutuck (North East) School District will pay the Dutchess County BOCES through its regular monthly billing cycle.

Ayes 7 Nays 0 The motion carried.

B. Approval of Golf Merger with Pine Plains School District

Ms. Moran made and Mrs. Panzer seconded the following amendment to the motion: with expenditures not to exceed the amount budgeted for 2014-2015 school year.

Ayes 7 Nays 0 The motion carried.

Mr. Perotti made and Mrs. Westfall seconded the following motion as amended:

Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools BE IT RESOLVED the Pine Plains Central School District currently provides a golf program for its high school students; and

WHEREAS, the districts have discussed running one golf program for the students of both districts; It is hereby resolved:

Subject to receipt of any necessary approvals and an agreement with Pine Plains, the Webutuck Board of Education hereby authorizes the “sharing” of a golf program with Pine Plains with expenditures not to exceed the amount budgeted for 2014-2015 school year.

Ayes 7 Nays 0 The motion carried.

***C. Authorization to Declare Surplus Items**

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 declares the following vehicle surplus and authorizes its sale through public bid:

Vehicle	Year	Model	Vin #	Mileage	Min. Bid
Flat Bed Dump Truck	2003	F-550	1FDAF57F83EA93931	25,600	\$10,000

Ayes 7 Nays 0 The motion carried.

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***D. Approval of Budget Transfers**

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 schedules #20 over five thousand dollars (\$5,000).

Ayes 7 Nays 0 The motion carried.

10. BOARD OF EDUCATION

***A. Second Reading and Adoption of Series #9000 Personnel Goals**

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 second reading and adoption of Series #9000 Personnel Goals.

Ayes 7 Nays 0 The motion carried.

***B. Approval of Waiver**

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

Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, BE IT RESOLVED that as the Board of Education authorizes the Superintendent to submit a Section 211 waiver on behalf of retiree, Mary Grden.

Ayes 7 Nays 0 The motion carried.

Ms. Moran would like more explicit directions of write-in votes. She suggested handing directions out to voters and possibly adding it to the budget newsletter. Discussion ensued.

Mrs. Panzer questioned the local diploma. She would like more information on how you acquire a Regents diploma and what District intentions are for kids. Discussion ensued.

Mr. Mayville stated he is happy to see the CAPE Program in the works for the District.

Mrs. Panzer announced Spring for Sound event is happening in Millerton this Saturday.

11. PUBLIC COMMENT

There were no comments from the public.

12. EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mr. Perotti made and Mr. Mayville seconded a motion to adjourn to executive session at 8:40 pm for the purpose of discussing the employment history of a particular person or persons.

Ayes 7 Nays 0 The motion carried.

13. RECONVENE PUBLIC SESSION

Mr. Perotti made and Mrs. Westfall seconded a motion to adjourn the executive session and to reconvene the public session at 9:04 pm.

Ayes 7 Nays 0 The motion carried.

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14. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Mrs. Westfall made and Mrs. Panzer seconded a motion to adjourn the meeting of June 2, 2014 at 9:02 pm.

Ayes 6 Nays 0 The motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Therese M. Trotter
District Clerk