

Minutes of the Regular Board of Education Meeting
September 3, 2013

The Webutuck Board of Education held their September 3, 2013 meeting at 7:30 p.m. in the Webutuck High School Library.

The following Board members were present:

William McGhee, President

Christopher Mayville

Judy Moran

Kristen Panzer

Robert Trotta

Judy Westfall

Also Present:

James Gratto Jr., Superintendent

Therese Trotter, District Clerk

Jon Zenz

Bill Arlofski

Mike Ellington

Lilia Kuzmicz

Absent:

John Perotti

1. CALL TO ORDER

President McGhee called the business meeting of September 3, 2013 to order at 7:34 p.m. Jack Mosel introduced himself as Earth Science teacher and gave a brief summary of his background. The Board of Education welcomed him to the District.

2. PRESENTATION

Technology Presentation: Reverse Polarity

Bill Orlowski introduced his partners at Reverse Polarity: Lilia Kuzmicz and Mike Ellington.

Mr. Orlowski recapped the high points in their report submitted earlier to Board members. He began by stating that the Webutuck High School and Eugene Brooks Intermediate School were in much better shape than any other schools they have been through. He explained that many times computer teachers are given an additional job of overseeing technology and over the years end up purchasing inappropriate equipment. He noted that they were impressed that things were well marked in the school which makes it easier to add and take away equipment. He explained about some of Reverse Polarity's recommendations on bandwidth, bandwidth management, virtualizing the servers, email choice, and backup and restorer process. He asked Board members for questions. Ms. Moran would like all of the recommendations implemented as cost effectively as possible. Mrs. Panzer was in agreement with the recommendations in the report. The Board members would like to keep Reverse Polarity as a resource for Mr. Trachtenberg. Reverse Polarity will draw up a retainer and forward it to Mr. Gratto for Board approval. Discussion ensued.

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3. PUBLIC COMMENT

There were no comments from the public.

4. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

A. APPR Results

Mr. Gratto reported that the APPR results were in and were submitted to the teachers. Those scores are not public. The District also received the VARC scores for teachers K – 10.

B. Science Positions

Mr. Gratto noted that the Board is scheduled to abolish the two part time positions, create a position, and appoint Jack Mosel. Mr. Gratto would like to revise and amend 7I by removing the word temporary from the resolution and remove the ending appointment date which will make it a full-time probationary appointment. Mr. Gratto also noted the amendment for 7J which includes removing the name of the person being replaced and changing the probationary period to three years. Discussion ensued.

C. Bus Garage Roof

Mr. Gratto reported that the roof was leaking in the bus garage. The Maintenance Department repaired the roof. There was no leak Monday with all the rain over the weekend. Mr. Trotta requested to know if the crack on the floor in the bus garage had been fixed. Mr. Gratto will inquire.

D. Septic Update

Mr. Gratto reported that Ms. Grden and he recently had a conference call with Mr. Jurkowski relating to the septic issue. Ms. Grden felt confident with the steps Mr. Jurkowski was taking. Mr. Jurkowski submitted the application to State Education. Mr. Gratto will let the Board know when he hears something.

E. Mr. Gratto reported that Moustafa Elserafy needed to be removed from the agenda. He had not completed the hiring process at this time.

5. CONSENSUS AGENDA VOTE

Mrs. Panzer made and Mr. Trotta seconded the following motion to approve the Consent Agenda (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 revising #7G, 7I, and 7J as noted under Superintendent's Report and correcting Brenna Lape's name on the agenda.

Ayes 6 Nays 0 The motion carried.

6. DISTRICT CLERK'S REPORT

A. Delegations – none

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7. PERSONNEL

***A. Approval of Lead Evaluators**

Mrs. Panzer made and Mr. Trotta 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 following individuals as Lead Evaluators for the District for the 2013-2014 school year:

Kenneth Sauer
Katy McEnroe
Jennifer Chason

Ayes 6 Nays 0 The motion carried.

***B. Acceptance of Resignation of Varsity Field Hockey Coach**

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

Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, BE IT RESOLVED, the Board of Education of the Webutuck Central School District accepts the resignation of Varsity Field Hockey Coach, Kathleen Howard, for the 2013-2014 school year.

Ayes 6 Nays 0 The motion carried.

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

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

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

Allen Lazarus	Boys Soccer unpaid volunteer
Kaitlyn Bonk	Volleyball unpaid volunteer

<u>Mentee</u>	<u>Mentor</u>	<u>Stipend</u>
Jenna Garofalo	Christine Gillette	\$ 972
Tara Cameo Hart	Janice McSpiritt	\$ 972

Ayes 6 Nays 0 The motion carried.

***D. Extra-Curricular Appointments for the 2013-2014 School Year**

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

Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, BE IT RESOLVED, the Board of Education hereby approves the following 2013-2014 extra-curricular appointments, contingent upon meeting coursework/certifications consistent with the NYSED coaching sequence requirements:

		<u>Stipend</u>
Kaitlyn Bonk	Modified Volleyball Coach	\$2,148
Julianne Flood	JV Boys' Soccer	\$3,033
Hannah Peters	Varsity Field Hockey (stipend will be prorated)	\$4,373

Ayes 6 Nays 0 The motion carried.

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***E. Support Staff Appointment**

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

Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education hereby approves the following permanent appointment based on fulfillment of the Dutchess County Civil Service requirement with no change in salary or hours:

Brenna Lape	Athletic Trainer
Effective: September 4, 2013	
Ayes 6 Nays 0	The motion carried.

***F. Substitute Instructional Appointment**

Mrs. Panzer made and Mr. Trotta 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 appointment:

Sabrina E. Klay	Substitute Teacher
Effective: September 1, 2013	Salary: \$85/day
Ayes 6 Nays 0	The motion carried.

***G. Substitute Support Staff Appointments**

Mrs. Panzer made and Mr. Trotta 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:

Nicole Ahearn	Substitute Teacher Aide/Assistant
Effective: December 11, 2012	Salary: \$11.96/hour

Nicole Ahearn	Substitute Monitor
Effective: December 11, 2012	Salary: \$11.29/hour

Nicole Ahearn	Substitute Bus Driver
Effective: September 1, 2013	Salary: \$16.80/hour

David Brant	Substitute Bus Driver
Effective: September 1, 2013	Salary: \$16.80/hour

Timothy Giacomara	Substitute Bus Mechanic
Effective: September 1, 2013	Salary: \$17.86/hour
(Pending Civil Service and fingerprint clearance)	

Sabrina E. Klay	Substitute Clerical Worker
Effective: September 1, 2013	Salary: \$12.85/hour

Sabrina E. Klay	Substitute Teacher Aide/Assistant
Effective: September 1, 2013	Salary: \$11.96/hour

Toni Ann Peterson	Substitute Teacher Aide/Assistant
Effective: September 1, 2013	Salary: \$11.96/hour

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Wendy Vergara-Gomez
Effective: September 1, 2013

Substitute Clerical Worker
Salary: \$12.85/hour

Ayes 6 Nays 0 The motion carried.

***H. Abolishment of Instructional Staff Positions**

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

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

.6 Earth Science Position September 1, 2013

.6 Biology Position September 1, 2013

Ayes 6 Nays 0 The motion carried.

***I. Create Instructional Staff Position**

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

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

1.0 Earth Science Position September 1, 2013

Ayes 6 Nays 0 The motion carried.

***J. Instructional Appointment**

Mrs. Panzer made and Mr. Trotta 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 appointment:

Jack O. Mosel Earth Science Teacher

Effective: September 1, 2013 Annual Salary = \$49,653, Step 1, plus MA

Probationary Period: September 1, 2013 – June 30, 2016

Ayes 6 Nays 0 The motion carried.

8. CURRICULUM AND INSTRUCTION

***A. Committee on Special Education Monthly Reports**

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

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 August 2013, prepared by the Webutuck Central School District Committee on Pre-School Education and by the Webutuck Central School District Committee Special Education.

Ayes 6 Nays 0 The motion carried.

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9. BUSINESS and OPERATIONS

***A. Approval of Wrestling and Lacrosse Merger with Pawling CSD**

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

Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools BE IT RESOLVED the Pawling Central School District currently provides a wrestling and lacrosse program for its high school students; and WHEREAS, the districts have discussed running one wrestling and lacrosse program for the students of both districts; It is hereby resolved: Subject to receipt of any necessary approvals and an agreement with Pawling, the Webutuck Board of Education hereby authorizes the “sharing” of a wrestling and lacrosse program with Pawling, effective for the 2013-14 school year.

Ayes 6 Nays 0 The motion carried.

***B. Approval of Budget Transfer**

Mrs. Panzer made and Mr. Trotta 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 #20 over five thousand dollars (\$5,000).

Ayes 6 Nays 0 The motion carried.

***C. Acceptance of Donation**

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

Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Webutuck Board of Education hereby accepts the generous donation from the Millbrook Rotary Club for the following school supplies:

large backpacks, spiral notebooks, composition notebooks, graph paper notebooks, 2 pocket folders, boxes of crayons, markers, colored pencils, dry erase markers, highlighters, pens, pencils, erasers, index cards, calculators, rulers, glue sticks, batteries

Ayes 6 Nays 0 The motion carried.

10. BOARD OF EDUCATION

A. Mrs. Panzer would like to keep field trips on BOE agenda goal. We have the resources but administration and teachers need to utilize them. Mrs. Panzer would like a report to see what has been happening for field trips in each building. She recommended a task force for field trips. Webutuck students should be taking overnight trips like other Districts do. It is a great educational experience. Discussion ensued.

11. PUBLIC COMMENT

There were no comments from the public.

12. EXECUTIVE SESSION

Ms. Moran made and Mrs. Panzer seconded a motion to adjourn to executive session at 9:05 pm for the purpose of discussing the employment history of a particular person or persons and possible litigation.

Ayes 6 Nays 0 The motion carried.

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13. RECONVENE PUBLIC SESSION

Ms. Moran made and Mr. Mayville seconded a motion to adjourn the executive session and to reconvene the public session at 10:06 pm.

Ayes 6 Nays 0 The motion carried.

Approval of Consultant

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

Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education hereby agrees to employ the following Administrative Consultant, Ophelia Richards, effective September 4, 2013 through June 30, 2014 at an daily rate of \$500 per day with no benefits, not to exceed 60 days.

Ayes 6 Nays 0 The motion carried.

14. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Mr. Mayville made and Mrs. Westfall seconded a motion to adjourn the meeting of September 3, 2013 at 10:08 pm.

Ayes 6 Nays 0 The motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Therese M. Trotter
District Clerk