

August 23, 2011

The Webutuck Board of Education held their August 23, 2011 meeting at 7:45 a.m. in the Webutuck District Office.

The following Board members were present:

Dale Culver, President

Joanne Boyd

Judy Moran

Kristen Panzer

John Perotti

Also Present:

David A. Paciencia, Interim Superintendent

Mary Grden, School Business Manager

Therese Trotter, District Clerk

Absent:

William McGhee

Robert Trotta

CALL TO ORDER

President Culver called the business meeting of August 23, 2011 to order at 7:51 a.m.

DISCUSSION

1. Athletic Director Posting

The Superintendent explained the need to post for an Athletic Director. A Board member asked for clarification of job descriptions between Athletic Director and Director of Physical Education. Discussion ensued.

2. Earth Science Appointment

The Superintendent explained that he would like to hire a previous Earth Science teacher who has reapplied for the vacant position.

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Instructional Appointment

Mrs. Moran made and Mrs. Boyd seconded the following motion:

A Board member asked that a letter be sent home to parents explaining that Earth Science is being offered in ninth grade again.

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

Bonnie Parmalee	Earth Science Teacher
Effective: September 1, 2011	Tenure Area: Earth Science
Probationary Period: September 1, 2011 – August 31, 2014	
Annual Salary = \$55,183 Step 4	Replaces: Robert Bredow

BUSINESS AND OPERATIONS

1. Approval of Issuance of Tax Warrant

Ms. Moran made and Mrs. Boyd seconded the following motion:

There was great concern on the part of Board members with the perception the community will have on the increased tax rate for 2011-2012 school year particularly for the residents of the Town of North East. The Board members discussed why there was such a large increase to the Millerton residents. It was agreed that since the School District would be sending out the tax bills it might be viewed negatively that the school was not truthful in the tax levy increase in the most recent school budget vote which is not the case. They agreed that a public statement should go out to the newspaper and Key Communicator explaining that the increase was in large part due to the Town of North East's recent reevaluation of assessments. Discussion ensued.

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education hereby approves the tax warrant for the 2011-12 school year as listed below and recommended by the Superintendent of Schools:

Town	Amount of Levy	Tax Rate (per thousand)
Ancram	\$ 216,471	11.646658
Amenia	\$ 6,055,344	11.646658
Dover	\$ 31,184	23.293311
Northeast	\$ 4,789,580	11.646658
Stanford	\$ 641,132	20.156901
Washington	\$ 390,475	11.646658

Collection period: September 6 through October 5 without penalty

October 6 through November 4 with 2% penalty

Installment Plan – 1st Installment dues by September 15

2nd Installment due by March 15. A service charge of 5% will be added to installment payments by the Dutchess County Finance Commissioner.

The total tax levy of \$12,124,186 includes any tax reimbursement by New York State through the State of New York School Tax Relief Program.

Ayes 5 Nays 0 The motion carried.

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ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Mrs. Moran made and Mr. Perotti seconded a motion to adjourn the meeting of August 23, 2011 at 8:27 am.

Respectfully submitted,

Therese M. Trotter
District Clerk