

March 5, 2012

The Webutuck Board of Education held their March 5, 2012 meeting at 7:30 p.m. in the Webutuck High School Library.

The following Board members were present:

Dale Culver, President

Joanne Boyd

Judy Moran

William McGhee

Kristen Panzer arrived at 7:42 pm

John Perotti

Also Present:

James Gratto, Jr., Superintendent

Mary Grden, School Business Administrator

Katy McEnroe, WES Principal

Jay Curtis, EBIS Principal

Jon Zenz, Athletic Director

Absent:

Robert Trotta

Therese Trotter, District Clerk

CALL TO ORDER

President Culver called the business meeting of March 5, 2012 to order at 7:42 p.m.

Mr. Gratto introduced Felice LaPietra, the long term English substitute teacher. Ms. LaPietra gave a brief history of her background and experience.

Mr. McGhee made and Mrs. Boyd seconded a motion to appoint Mary Grden Clerk Pro Tem.

Ayes 5 Nays 0 The motion carried.

3. PUBLIC COMMENT

There were no comments from the public.

4. STUDENT REPORT Brian Christofel

Student Representative Brian Christofel reported on recent school events.

Kristen Panzer arrived at 7:42.

5. PRESENTATION: Rosanna Hamm: Math Textbooks Recommendation
Interim Assessments NWEA

Rosanna Hamm presented the Race To The Top interim assessment requirements, and on behalf of the Instructional Council recommended that the Board of Education adopt the NWEA assessments.

Mrs. Hamm also recommended Go Math for grades K-6 and Houghlin Mufflin Math Series for grades 7-8. President Culver stated that the District will now be aligned K-8.

Ms. Moran recommended that the Instructional Council discuss implementing the assessments K-10. Discussion ensued.

6. CONSENSUS AGENDA VOTE

Mr. Perotti made and Mrs. Boyd seconded the following motion to approve the Consent Agenda (as amended). President Culver asked under Personnel that the stipend amount be moved under the mentor column. He also acknowledged the tenure of April Whalen and Stephanie Hoelderlin. 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 6 Nays 0 The motion carried.

7. DISTRICT CLERK'S REPORT

***A.** Approval of Minutes for February 6 and 13, 2011 Board meeting.

Mr. Perotti made and Mrs. Boyd seconded a motion to accept the minutes as submitted:

Ayes 6 Nays 0 The motion carried.

***B.** Acceptance of Financial Reports as submitted:

Perotti made and Mrs. Boyd seconded a motion to accept the minutes as submitted:

Treasurers Report for the month ending January.

Comprehensive Budget Status Report ending January.

Comprehensive Revenue Status Report ending January.

Warrants 40-47

Ayes 6 Nays 0 The motion carried.

C. Delegations - None

8. PERSONNEL

***A. Extra-Curricular Appointment for the 2011-2012 School Year**

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

Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education hereby approves the following 2011-2012 extra-curricular appointments:

Mentor

Evelyn Brennie

Effective: March 6, 2012

Stipend: \$962 (prorated)

Ayes 6 Nays 0

Mentee

Erik Lynch

The motion carried.

***B. Rescind Extra-Curricular Appointment for the 2011-2012 School Year**

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

Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education hereby rescinds the following 2011-2012 extra curricular appointment from the August 8, 2011 meeting of the Board of Education:

Kevin Kleespies

Ayes 6 Nays 0

Varsity Baseball

The motion carried.

***C. Substitute Instructional Appointment**

Mr. Perotti made and Mrs. Boyd 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:

Evan Burrow

Effective: March 6, 2012

Ayes 6 Nays 0

Substitute Teacher

Salary: \$90/day

The motion carried.

***D. Substitute Support Staff Appointments**

Mr. Perotti made and Mrs. Boyd 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:

Christopher McGhee

Effective: February 14, 2012

Ayes 6 Nays 0

Substitute Mechanic

Salary: \$17.86/hour

Evan Burrow

Effective: March 6, 2012

Substitute Teacher Aide/Assistant

Salary: \$11.96/hour

The motion carried.

***E. Leave of Absence**

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

Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education hereby approves the following paid/unpaid Leave of Absence for the purpose of FMLA:

Kristen Chadwick

Guidance Counselor

Effective: approx. March 19, 2012 – May 14, 2012

Ayes 6 Nays 0 The motion carried.

***F. Leave of Absence**

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

Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education hereby approves the following paid/unpaid medical Leave of Absence:

Melissa Carr

Bus Driver

Effective: approx. February 22, 2012 – April 20, 2012

Ayes 6 Nays 0 The motion carried.

***G. Substitute Instructional Leave Replacement Appointment**

Mr. Perotti made and Mrs. Boyd 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 leave replacement appointment:

Felice LaPietra

(.8 FTE) Sub. Leave Replacement

Effective: March 6, 2012 – June 22, 2012

Salary: Per Policy #402 (prorated)

EBIS & WHS (Steven Pollak)

Ayes 6 Nays 0 The motion carried.

***H. Continuation of Probationary Appointment**

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

Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education hereby approves the continuation of the probationary appointment of **Jessica Bertolini, Special Education**, from year one to year two, for the 2012-2013 school year.

Ayes 6 Nays 0 The motion carried.

***I. Continuation of Probationary Appointment**

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

Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education hereby approves the continuation of the probationary appointment of **Paige Wagner, Elementary Education**, from year two to year three, for the 2012-2013 school year.

Ayes 6 Nays 0 The motion carried.

***J. Approval of Tenure Recommendations for Teacher**

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

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
April Whalen	Early Childhood Education	August 31, 2012
Ayes 6	Nays 0	The motion carried.

***K. Approval of Tenure Recommendations for Teacher**

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

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
Stephanie Hoelderlin	Reading	November 2, 2012
Ayes 6	Nays 0	The motion carried.

***L. Instructional Staff Resignation**

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

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

Margaret Brizzie	Elementary Education
Effective: June 30, 2012	
Ayes 6	Nays 0
The motion carried.	

9. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

A. Reschedule April 16 Board meeting to April 17.

Mr. Gratto explained the reason about the change to the Board Meeting calendar. Action will be taken March 12.

B. Millbrook Request to Use Athletic Fields.

Mr. McGhee questioned if there would be impact to our program. There would be no impact. They would use the field hockey and soccer fields. Mrs. Boyd questioned if they would use their portable field lights here. The Athletic Director will look into it. She also noted the spirit of sharing at Cheerleading event. President Culver thanked Michelle Adrian for putting the event together.

C. BOCES Board Nominations.

Ms. Moran made and Mrs. Panzer seconded Dale Culver to serve on the Board of Education of the Dutchess County Board of Cooperative Educational Services.

Ayes 5 Nays 0 The motion carried.
Mr. Culver abstained.

D. Summary of Education Forum with NYS Senators John Flanagan and Greg Ball.
Mr. Gratto attended both sessions and commented that they were very similar. He noted points that were covered. Discussion ensued.

E. Junior and Senior Class requests to host Donkey Basketball and the Harlem Wizards.

The Board of Education is supportive of both events.

10. CURRICULUM AND INSTRUCTION

A. Other – No other topics were discussed.

11. BUSINESS AND OPERATIONS

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

Mr. Perotti made and Mrs. Boyd 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 February 2012, 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.

B. Acceptance of Harlem Valley Chamber of Commerce Donation

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

Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education accepts the generous donation of five hundred dollars (\$500.00) from the Harlem Valley Chamber of Commerce to be used to help offset the cost for college tours for Webutuck students.

Ayes 6 Nays 0 The motion carried.

C. Acceptance of Bank of Millbrook Donation

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

Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education accepts the generous donation of two hundred and fifty dollars (\$250.00) dollar from the Bank of Millbrook to be used to help offset the cost for college tours for Webutuck students.

Ayes 6 Nays 0 The motion carried.

D. Acceptance of Webutuck Fund for Excellence in Education (WFFEE) Donation

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

Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education accepts the generous donation of two thousand four hundred forty-six dollars and fifty-five cents (\$2446.55) from the Webutuck Fund for Excellence in Education (WFFEE) to be used to support the One School, One Book program at the Webutuck Elementary School.

Mr. Gratto noted the money is from the \$5000 donation.

Ayes 6 Nays 0 The motion carried.

E. Approval of Salisbury Bank Collateral Agreement

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

Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education approves the collateral agreement with Salisbury Bank.

Mrs. Grden and Mr. Culver explained the agreement.

Ayes 6 Nays 0 The motion carried.

F. NECC Use of Facilities for Summer Meals Program

Mrs. Grden gave an overview of the request by NECC. Mrs. Panzer noted her relationship as a Board member with NECC and will not participate in discussion or vote concerning NECC. Ms. Moran and Mr. Perotti expressed concern over the use of District equipment and would like a Webutuck employee present. Mrs. Boyd noted the Building Use Policy and afterschool program. President Culver asked all Board members to send any questions they have to Mrs. Grden and she will provide answers for the Board. Discussion ensued.

G. Recording Board of Education Meetings

Mr. Gratto commented the District would need to budget money to record Board meetings. Mrs. Grden concurred. Mrs. Panzer and Mrs. Moran noted that the towns use a tripod to hold the camera. President Culver did not want to expend money for the recording and expressed concern over the use of a camera. Discussion ensued.

12. BOARD OF EDUCATION

A. Finance Committee Report

1. Fund Balance Plan Discussion

President Culver reviewed the Finance Committee meeting agenda items. He noted there was discussion of planned reduction of appropriated fund balance over twenty years. Ms. Moran noted that the fund balance had been much higher. President Culver stated that the long range financial planning had created a stable tax levy. Mrs. Boyd asked about emergencies. President Culver responded we have unappropriated fund balance for emergency situations. Discussion ensued.

B. Mrs. Panzer asked Mr. Gratto to update the Board on “Dignity for all Students” at a future meeting. President Culver commented on the 4-6 program quote in the paper. He wanted to be clear that the intent was the failure of the Board and leadership and not on the action of the teachers. Mrs. Panzer commented that she did not see the changed plan as failure

Mrs. Boyd noted the recent cheerleading competition and commented on the spirit of students and also on theme day at WES. There were further questions and remarks about Career Day, Report Card pick-up reminder, Science Fair and Shadowing Program. Ms. Moran asked about the Shadowing Program process and suggested need for Policy. President Culver would like more information on liability coverage. The current program will be suspended until the details can be worked out. Discussion ensued.

PUBLIC COMMENT

The following topics were commented on by audience members:

Employee health insurance policy when employee is out of sick time, also payroll system procedure

13. EXECUTIVE SESSION

Ms. Moran made and Mr. Perotti seconded a motion to adjourn to executive session at 9:40 pm for the purpose of discussing the employment history of a particular person or persons.

Ayes 6 Nays 0 The motion carried.

14. RECONVENE PUBLIC SESSION

Mr. Perotti made and Mrs. Panzer seconded a motion to adjourn the executive session and to reconvene the public session at 10:30 pm.

Ayes 6 Nays 0 The motion carried.

15. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Mrs. Boyd made and Mrs. Panzer seconded a motion to adjourn the meeting of March 5, 2012 at 10:32 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Therese M. Trotter
District Clerk