

Minutes of the Regular Board of Education Meeting
October 1, 2012

The Webutuck Board of Education held their October 1, 2012 meeting at 7:30 p.m. in the Webutuck High School Library.

The following Board members were present:

William McGhee, President

Joanne Boyd

Judy Moran

John Perotti

Judy Westfall

Also Present:

James Gratto Jr., Superintendent

Mary Grden, School Business Manager

Therese Trotter, District Clerk

Kayla Kohl

Claire Markonic

Kristen Chadwick

Vincent Merendino

Barbara Riley

Kenneth Sauer

Molly Tanner

Trini Stevens

Casey Swift

Jennifer Parks

Jon Zenz

Marty Markonic

Mig McDonald

Sara Chiarenza

Absent:

Kristen Panzer

Robert Trotta

1. CALL TO ORDER

President McGhee called the business meeting of October 1, 2012 to order at 7:38 p.m.

Mr. Gratto introduced the new nurse, Molly Tanner. Ms. Tanner gave a brief history of her past work experience. Board members welcomed her to the District.

2. PRINCIPALS' REPORT

Guidance Plan – Kenneth Sauer, Vincent Merendino, Kristen Gil

Mrs. Gil and Mr. Merendino went over the document that was provided to Board members listing the month to month list of duties that happen in the Guidance Department. The list included when they connect with students at different grade levels and what they go over, counseling students, failing notices, testing such as Regents, PSATs, and SATs, college process and graduation process. Ms. Moran questioned if Guidance can tell whether their initiatives are successful and asked for data that can point to that success. She would like to see objective measures to determine if the activities are working or not. It was decided that Guidance would provide a quarterly report regarding the data Ms. Moran requested. Discussion ensued.

3. PUBLIC COMMENT

The following topics were commented on by the public.
-dropouts

4. STUDENT REPORT

Kayla Kohl – reported on Spirit Week and Community Day and other events happening in the High School. Student Council would like two board members to judge the decoration of hallways during the week. She reported the Gay Straight Alliance is a new club in the High School. Ms. Kohl explained the goal is to create an environment where all students feel more comfortable.

5. CONSENSUS AGENDA VOTE

Mrs. Boyd made and Mr. Perotti 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.

Mr. McGhee called for removing 7B, 7F, and 10C for further discussion.

Ayes 5 Nays 0 The motion carried

6. DISTRICT CLERK'S REPORT

***A.** Approval of Minutes for September 17, 2012 Board meeting.

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

Ayes 5 Nays 0 The motion carried

B. Delegations - None

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***E. Substitute Instructional Appointment**

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 hereby approves the following substitute instructional appointment:

Amy Haase	Substitute Teacher
Effective: October 2, 2012	Salary: \$100/day
Ayes 5 Nays 0	The motion carried

F. Approval of Corrective Tenure Appointment

This item was removed from the consent agenda.

Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Webutuck Central School District, hereby corrects the appointment of Kathleen Howard to confirm that she has, since September 1, 2007, served and continues to serve in the tenure area of Physical Education.

This resolution corrects all previous appointments whereby Ms. Howard was appointed to the tenure area of Health, instead of the Physical Education tenure area.

As of August 31, 2012, Ms. Howard is tenured in Physical Education and will be credited with four (4) years ten and one half (10.5) months of seniority in the Physical Education tenure area.

8. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

A. On Line Grading Report

Mr. Gratto reported that online grading is live. Mid-Hudson Region Instructional Council (MHRIC) and Craig Trachtenberg helped to get it up and running. Students and parents will have separate accounts to be able to look at grades. They are determining the best way to notify parents of this new resource. Mr. Gratto also reported that the new website is up and accessible by a link on the old website. Discussion ensued.

B. Route 22 Sign

Mr. Gratto acknowledged the results of the student vote for the new sign. The Board of Education approved the winning choice of the vote. Board members are hoping that the renovation of the sign will be completed in a short period of time. Discussion ensued.

C. Ms. Grden offered the Financial Report for the recent Bond refunding to anyone that would like to read it. Discussion ensued.

9. CURRICULUM AND INSTRUCTION

***A. Approval of District Plans**

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 approves the following District Plans:

Academic Intervention Plan (AIS)

Professional Development Plan

Special Education Plan

Response to Intervention (RTI)

Ayes 5 Nays 0 The motion carried

10. BUSINESS AND OPERATIONS

***A. Acceptance of 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, with appreciation, the following donation:

Target "Take Charge of Education Program" \$46.80

Ayes 5 Nays 0 The motion carried

***B. Approval of Amended NECC Lease**

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 approves the Amended NECC Lease for rental of the Millerton Elementary building through June 2013.

Ayes 5 Nays 0 The motion carried

C. Approval of Bus Lease

This item was removed from the consent agenda.

Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education approves the Bus Lease for one 2012 Blue Bird Bus

VIN #1BAKGCPA0CF286514 in the amount of nine thousand five hundred dollars with New York Bus Sales LLC through June 30, 2013.

Ms. Grden stated that late in the afternoon she had heard from NYSIR. They would like to change the language regarding the thirty day notice and she would like to speak with the bus company regarding the change before approval. It is not a significant change but a minor insurance wording about notification.

D. Approval of Agreement for Route 22 Sign

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 approves the #3 sign choice in the student voting results and the sign contract with Ghi Signs of Canaan, CT for the School Sign located on Route 22, cost not to exceed \$7500.

Ayes 5 Nays 0 The motion carried

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11. BOARD OF EDUCATION

A. Committee Reports

1. Policy

Ms. Moran stated that the Committee is moving along through the 6000. She stated that a policy on Finance and Audit Committees will be given to the Board in the near future to discuss passing a resolution to create a separate Audit Committee that is different from the Finance Committee. Discussion ensued.

B. Negotiations

Ms. Moran stated negotiations are ongoing. She will provide details to Board members in executive session.

C. Mock Trial

Mrs. Boyd spoke about the letter in the Board packet that she drafted to the New York State Board Association regarding the Mock Trial team being disqualified. She asked for input on the letter from fellow Board members. She summarized what had taken place with the Mock Team back in May. Discussion ensued.

12. PUBLIC COMMENT

There were no comments from the public.

13. EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mr. Perotti made and Mrs. Boyd seconded a motion to adjourn to executive session at 9:03 pm for the purpose of discussing the employment history of a particular person or persons.

Ayes 5 Nays 0 The motion carried.

RECONVENE PUBLIC SESSION

Mr. Perotti made and Mrs. Westfall seconded a motion to adjourn the executive session and to reconvene the public session at 10:35 pm.

Ayes 5 Nays 0 The motion carried.

Instructional Appointment

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

Henry Pollinger	SAT English Instructor
Effective: Oct. 15, 2012 – Dec. 3, 2012	Salary: \$35.08/hour

Robert Reid	SAT Math Instructor
Effective: Oct. 15, 2012 - Dec. 3, 2012	Salary: \$35.08/hour

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Mr. Perotti made and Mrs. Westfall seconded a motion to adjourn the meeting of October 1, 2012 at 10:37 pm.

Ayes 5 Nays 0 The motion carried

Respectfully submitted,

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Therese M. Trotter
District Clerk