



Tuesday, January 20, 2015

MINUTES OF WEBUTUCK (NORTH EAST) REGULAR BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING

Webutuck High School Library
194 Haight Road
P.O. Box 405
Amenia, NY 12501
REGULAR BOARD MEETING
7:30 pm Regular Board Meeting

1. CALL TO ORDER

Subject	1.01 CALL TO ORDER
Meeting	Jan 20, 2015 - MINUTES OF WEBUTUCK (NORTH EAST) REGULAR BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING
Category	1. CALL TO ORDER
Access	Public
Type	Procedural

Call to Order

The Webutuck Board of Education held their January 20, 2015 meeting at 7:30 p.m. in the District Office.

The following Board members were present:

Christopher Mayville
 Judy Moran
 Kristen Panzer
 John Perotti
 JudyWestfall

Absent:

Erin Bailey
 William McGhee

Also Present:

Raymond Castellani, Interim Superintendent
 Cynthia Hawthorne, School Business Manager
 Therese M. Trotter, District Clerk
 Kenneth Sauer
 Katy McEnroe
 Jennifer Chason
 Jenny Hansell
 Laura Calabrese
 Rob Kubec

Call to Order

Vice-President Moran called the business meeting of January 20, 2015 to order at 7:36 p.m and she lead the Pledge of Allegiance.

2. PRESENTATION

Subject 2.01 NEW YORK STATE POWER AUTHORITY - Nate Anctil

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Category 2. PRESENTATION

Access Public

Type

New York Power Authority - Nate Anctil

Mr. Anctil, a conservation engineer with the state-wide Energy Efficiency Group with New York Power Authority reported on the project that began in 2012. NYSPA is the largest State owned utility in the country producing approximately 30% of electric in New York State. He explained that they have done approximately \$2,000,000 worth of energy efficiency work around the State in public buildings. The thinking is energy saved is energy you don't have to produce. The project at Webutuck began in 2012 and was submitted to SED in May of 2013 for a \$900,000 project that encompasses lighting, air handler units, control work, burner replacement in the high school and a solar panel install either in the high school or elementary school. Mr. Anctil then explained the steps the project has been through and what still needs to happen with SED in regards to submission and approval. He hopes that everything will be resolved this coming summer in order for the project to begin. Mr. Perotti asked whether a generator was included in the project. Mr. Anctil stated it is not aidable by SED. Discussion ensued.

3. PUBLIC COMMENT

Subject 3.01 COMMENTS

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Category 3. PUBLIC COMMENT

Access Public

Type Information

Comments

The following topics were commented on by the public:

-Ms Hansell spoke about the plan NECC had for MES falling through.

4. STUDENT REPORT

Subject 4.01 REPORT - Jane Markonic/Andrew Hoke

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Category 4. STUDENT REPORT

Access Public

Type

Student Report- Jane Markonic/Andrew Hoke

There was no student report.

5. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Subject 5.01 PASS/FAIL IN SPECIAL AREAS

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Category 5. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Access Public

Type

Pass/Fail in Special Areas

Mr. Castellani spoke about the previous discussion on pass/fail in special areas. One of the points was students who are not artistically inclined were receiving grades that hurt their GPAs and also the consequences of students who have to take courses that are not necessary. Mr. Castellani would like to spend time working with the principals and departments to listen to what they have to say on the topic. Ms. McEnroe commented that arts and music are very connected into the curriculum maps and they are valuable courses. Board members stated that they were not looking for something to be done right away but that it would be a beginning of a conversation. Discussion ensued.

Subject 5.02 BACKGROUND CHECK

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Category 5. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Access Public

Type

Background Check

Mr. Castellani reported on background check service we use currently. SED was very slow several years ago when waiting for fingerprint results hence an additional system was put in place to expedite the process at a cost to the District. He feels now that it is a duplication of service and NYSED is much quicker pointing out that in days we get back results on fingerprints on employees. NYSED Portal has a much quicker turn around for results. He suggested to the Board that it may be an area to cut costs. Board members were in favor of Mr. Castellani's recommendation. Discussion ensued.

Subject 5.03 GUARD RAIL ACCIDENT

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Category 5. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Access Public

Type

Guard Rail Accident

Mr. Castellani reported to the Board on the accident that affected the guard rail that took place a couple of Saturdays ago. He reviewed the video and could see the car but not clearly enough. He reported it to the police, who already knew about it. They have filed a claim with the District insurance company.

Subject 5.04 SOFTBALL FUNDRAISER/SPRING TRIP

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Category 5. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Access Public

Type

Softball Fundraiser/Spring Trip

Mr. Castellani reported on the meeting regarding the softball trip. He asked the coaches for more information to present to the Board. The coaches reported back to him that they do not have the sixteen players to commit to the trip therefore they will not be able to go forward with planning. They are aiming for next year. Mrs. Panzer suggested at the beginning of each season, coaches are told about the processes such as overnight trips and that the Board needs to be presented with information on those types of field trips. Discussion ensued.

Subject 5.05 TECHNOLOGY VOUCHER

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Category 5. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Access Public

Type

Technology Voucher

Mr. Castellani discussed the technology voucher. Technology Department has been working with teachers for several months purchasing software and hardware through the voucher trying to use up the funds from the microsoft settlement. He directed Craig to use the voucher money to purchase a filtering system because the money had to be used by a certain date. The items the teachers would like to purchase will be through the general fund. Mr. Castellani has a reading program that was used in his previous district that was successful and would like to talk about purchasing that for the district instead of purchasing software just to use up money. Ms. Moran had several concerns about the purchase of the filtering system. Mr. Castellani will speak with Technology about the concerns and report back to the Board. Discussion ensued.

Subject 5.06 OTHER

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Category 5. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Access Public

Type

Other

Mr. Castellani commented about Christine Mathers who was recognized by the Federal Government as a master teacher. He would like to recognize and celebrate her at the next Board meeting.

Ms. Moran questioned if we had heard back from the attorney on Ms. Burdick's title. Mr. Castellani stated we had not.

6. *CONSENT AGENDA VOTE -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.

Subject 6.01 CONSENT AGENDA

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Category 6. *CONSENT AGENDA VOTE -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.

Access Public

Type Action (Consent)

***Consent Agenda**

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Ms. Moran suggested the MOA for Robert Eastman should read \$6.00 above his actual rate of pay. The amendment #8.01 Acceptance of Support Staff Resignation was pulled for further discussion.

Mr. Perotti made and Mrs. Panzer seconded the motion as amended.

Ayes 5 Nays 0 The motion carried.

7. DISTRICT CLERK'S REPORT

Subject 7.01 *APPROVAL OF MINUTES

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Category 7. DISTRICT CLERK'S REPORT

Access Public

Type Action (Consent)

Recommended Action Approval of Minutes

*Approval of Minutes

Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education approves the minutes from January 5, 2015 as submitted.

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

Ayes 5 Nay 0 The motion carried.

Subject 7.02 *APPROVAL OF FINANCIAL REPORTS
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Category 7. DISTRICT CLERK'S REPORT
Access Public
Type

*Acceptance of Financial Reports as Submitted

Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education accepts the Financial Reports as submitted:

Treasurers Report for the month ending November.
 Comprehensive Budget Status Report ending November.
 Comprehensive Revenue Status Report ending November.
 Claims Auditor Report Warrants #28-30
 Warrants #28-30

Mr. Perotti made and Mrs. Panzer seconded the motion to approve the Financial Reports as submitted.

Ayes 5 Nay 0 The motion carried.

Subject 7.03 DELEGATIONS
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Category 7. DISTRICT CLERK'S REPORT
Access Public
Type

Delegations

There were no delegations.

8. PERSONNEL

Subject 8.01 ACCEPTANCE OF SUPPORT STAFF RESIGNATION
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Category 8. PERSONNEL
 Access Public
 Type Action (Consent)
 Recommended Action Approval of Support Staff Resignation

Acceptance of Support Staff Resignation

This item was removed for recognition.

Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of schools, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education hereby accepts the following support staff resignation:

Brenna Lape Athletic Trainer & Health Office Aide
 Effective: January 30, 2015

Mrs. Panzer publicly recognized Brenna Lape's resignation with regret and wished her the best in the future.

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

Ayes 5 Nay 0 The motion carried.

Subject 8.02 *SUBSTITUTE SUPPORT STAFF APPOINTMENT

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Category 8. PERSONNEL

Access Public

Type Action (Consent)

Recommended Action Approval of Substitute Support Staff Appointments

*Substitute Support Staff Appointment

Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of schools, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education hereby approves the following substitute support staff appointment:

NAME	POSITION	EFFECTIVE	SALARY
Shirley Ball	Substitute School Monitor	January 06, 2015	\$11.29/hr.

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

Ayes 5 Nay 0 The motion carried.

Subject 8.03 *EXTRA-CURRICULAR APPOINTMENTS FOR THE 2014-2015 SCHOOL YEAR

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Category 8. PERSONNEL

Access Public

Type Action (Consent)

Recommended Action Approve Extra-Curricular Appointments

*Extra-Curricular Appointments for the 2014-2015 School Year

Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education approves the following Extra-Curricular Appointments for the 2014-2015 school year:

Henry Pollinger	Mock Court Advisor	\$246
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Craig Wickwire	Eric Weiner	\$984 (pro-rated)

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

Ayes 5 Nay 0 The motion carried.

Subject 8.04 *AMENDMENT OF POSITION AUTHORIZATIONS

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Category 8. PERSONNEL

Access Public

Type

*Amendment of Position Authorizations

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

NAME	POSITION
Raymond Castellani	Payroll Certification
Raymond Castellani	Records Appeal Officer
Raymond Castellani	504 Compliance Officer
Raymond Castellani	Civil Svc Section 75 Hearing Officer

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

Ayes 5 Nay 0 The motion carried.

9. BUSINESS AND OPERATIONS

Subject 9.01 ACCEPTANCE OF DONATIONS FROM CHURCH OF ST. JOHN IN THE WILDERNESS

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Category 9. BUSINESS AND OPERATIONS

Access Public

Type

Acceptance of Donations from Church of St. John in the Wilderness

Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education accepts two donations with gratitude from the Church of St. John in the Wilderness to the Webutuck Back Pack Program in the amounts of \$1,273.50.

Ms. Moran noted many people from Webutuck walked and ran to raise money. There efforts were appreciated.

Mrs. Panzer made and Mrs. Westfall seconded the motion.

Aye 5 Nay 0 The motion carried.

Subject 9.02 *APPROVAL OF MOA FOR SUBSTITUTE ASSIGNMENT OF ROBERT EASTMAN

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Category 9. BUSINESS AND OPERATIONS

Access Public

Type

*Approval of MOA for Substitute Assignment of Robert Eastman

Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education approves the Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) for Robert Eastman to act as a substitute for a non-union supervisory employee in their absence at a rate of \$6.00 per hour and for stated time period and other stipulations as set forth in the MOA.

Aye 5 Nay 0 The motion carried.

Subject 9.03 *APPROVAL OF BUDGET TRANSFER

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Category 9. BUSINESS AND OPERATIONS

Access Public

Type

*Approval of Budget Transfer

Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education approves the attached budget transfer schedule #9 over five thousand dollars (\$5,000).

Aye 5 Nay 0 The motion carried.

10. BOARD OF EDUCATION

Subject 10.01 OTHER

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Category 10. BOARD OF EDUCATION

Access Public

Type

Other

Mr. Mayville questioned if the new restaurant that opened in Amenia in the old Cozy Corner restaurant was presenting a problem with the buses again. Jerry Heiser will be contacted to see how the runs have been going in that area. Discussion ensued.

Ms. Moran asked a question on Mr. McGhee's behalf about contacting the the company that put in the cameras throughout the grounds and buildings. He would like to see if we can add additional cameras. Discussion ensued.

Mr. Perotti spoke about not being able to use local products in the cafeteria. Schools are restricted in using certain local products if they receive reimbursement on school lunches. Lunches cannot supply whole milk only 2% mil, He spoke about the importance of serving whole milk because it's detrimental to brain development. Discussion ensued.

Ms. Moran spoke about the editorial in the paper last week. She would like to draft a letter back to them. It was suggested to draft a letter from the Board. Mr. Perotti and Mrs. Panzer were not in favor of writing a letter from the Board of Education. Discussion ensued.

11. PUBLIC COMMENT

Subject	11.01 COMMENTS
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Category	11. PUBLIC COMMENT
Access	Public
Type	Information

Comments

There were no comments from the public.

12. EXECUTIVE SESSION (For the purpose of discussing the employment history of a particular person or persons.)

Subject	12.01 ENTER EXECUTIVE SESSION
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Category	12. EXECUTIVE SESSION (For the purpose of discussing the employment history of a particular person or persons.)
Access	Public
Type	

Enter Executive Session

Mr. Perotti made and Mrs. Panzer seconded a motion to adjourn to executive session at 8:53 pm for the purpose of discussing the employment history of a particular person or persons.

Ayes 5 Nays 0 The motion carried.

13. RECONVENE PUBLIC SESSION

Subject 13.01 ENTER PUBLIC SESSION
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Category 13. RECONVENE PUBLIC SESSION
Access Public
Type

Move Out of Executive Session

Mr. Mayville made and Mr. Westfall seconded a motion to adjourn the executive session and to reconvene the public session at 9:50 p.m.

Ayes 5 Nays 0 The motion carried.

14. ADJOURNMENT

Subject 14.01 ADJOURNMENT
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Category 14. ADJOURNMENT
Access Public
Type

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Mrs. Panzer made and Mr. Perotti seconded a motion to adjourn the meeting of January 20, 2015 at 9:51 pm.

Ayes 5 Nays 0 The motion carried.