



Tuesday, April 7, 2015

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

HIGH SCHOOL LIBRARY

Webutuck High School Library

194 Haight Road

P.O. Box 405

Amenia, NY 12501

REGULAR BOARD MEETING

7:30 p.m. Regular Board Meeting

1. Call to Order

Subject	1.01 CALL TO ORDER
Meeting	Apr 7, 2015 - MINUTES OF WEBUTUCK (NORTH EAST) SPECIAL BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING
Category	1. Call to Order
Access	Public

Type

The Webutuck Board of Education held their April 7, 2015 meeting at 7:30 p.m. in the High School Library.

The following Board members were present:

Erin Bailey

Christopher Mayville

Judy Moran

Kristen Panzer

John Perotti

Judy Westfall

Absent:

William McGhee

Also Present:

Raymond Castellani, Interim Superintendent

Cynthia Hawthorne, School Business Manager

Therese M. Trotter, District Clerk

Gabe Napolean

Community Members

Call to Order

Vice-President Moran called the business meeting of April 7, 2015 to order at 7:34 p.m. and lead the Pledge of Allegiance.

2. PRESENTATION

Subject 2.01 PROPOSED 2015-2016 BUDGET

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Category 2. PRESENTATION

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Proposed 2015-2016 Budget

Mr. Castellani reviewed the upcoming Board meeting dates with regards to the Budget and Budget vote. He reviewed the 2014-2015 budget numbers, fixed costs and the 2015-2016 Proposed Budget of \$21,787,172. The program requests for 2015-2016 are one Math AIS teacher, one English Language Learner (ELL) Teacher and the Naviance Guidance Program for EBIS and WHS students. He noted that they were supported by the District and reviewed the costs as it related to the budget. The program requests total \$87,000 which brings the Proposed Budget of 2015-2016 to \$21,874,172. He reviewed budget savings and efficiencies that were found after a review of all programs and going through line by line budget items totaling \$542,094. He reviewed the program efficiencies of teachers and staff, explaining each position reduction including 1.8 teaching staff, 4.0 teaching assistants, 2.0 teaching aides, 1.0 bus monitor, 1.0 part-time clerical staff and a retirement breakage. With the savings and efficiencies the adjusted budget is \$21,332,078. He explained the tax levy limit and the tax cap law which is in it's fourth year. The tax levy limit is 1.66% and with the proposed budget we are compliant. Mr. Castellani reviewed the anticipated revenues and in the end there would be a shortfall of \$282,504. He reviewed possibilities to address the shortfall through the balanced approach of budget reductions, additional revenue or increased tax levy. The Board agreed with using additional monies of \$100,000 from the reserves and Other Post Employment Benefits (OPEB) Fund of \$182,504 which would eliminate the shortfall. Mr. Castellani explained the tax freeze credit. In a proposed budget star-eligible homeowners, within the Webutuck Central School District, would receive a rebate check when taxes increase. The 2015-2016 proposed budget is \$21,332,078, with a tax levy of \$12,938,714. Mr. Castellani noted the proposed 2015-2016 budget meets the criteria of allowable tax cap set forth by NYS. Discussion ensued.

3. PUBLIC COMMENT

Subject 3.01 PUBLIC COMMENT

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Category 3. PUBLIC COMMENT

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Public Comment

- 2.1million
- consultants being hired again
- a prepared statement was read by the Teacher's Union President about the proposed music cut
- music position being cut
- 3 instrumental teachers would be left, how will they teach choral
- don't follow what other schools are doing

- collateral damage - short term gain will turn into long term sacrifice - brings diversity
- what is the cost of savings of reductions, .6 music position, tighter staff means scheduling is a nightmare
- first you said it was budgeting now you say it's scheduling
- reduction of this position effects high school and middle school chorus, NYSSBA, musical,
- 2 sons going to graduate next year and are in music- colleges are in awe of courses they have taken, Mr. Stowe is a huge asset.
- music has pulled son through, struggling reader, he has group lessons
- understands the word "efficiencies", heard APPR evaluator is not an administrator in district at WCS - monies being spent on evaluators will be coming back to district if you aren't hiring back
- Children under lots of stress and courses like music keeps them going
- service manager at car dealership; if transmission on bus could be fixed, it saves money by not purchasing another new bus
- we were in this year's play, music helped me pass math and english. Mr. Stowe taught me so much.
- Mr. Stowe helped me site read, he is amazing.
- Mr. Stowe opened my world
- was in Dover School District and music wasn't good, Mr. Stowe has helped me be less shy. I was in the play, it was great. I want to do more work with him.
- would position be cut if it wasn't for tax cap
- Dover music program was not good, since we moved son has joined chorus and his personality started coming out. Music involvement has made son blossom.
- I have a lot of students in my PE class, I am a tax payer in this district and I'm a spender I don't want the 2.1 million back.
- how did you find money for certain expenses the last year and a half
- Look into the decisions more.
- tax payer in district, more than just our job, it's our home, have more invested than just our job.
- we should have some sort of course in stage lighting - my cousin had it at Pine Plains and is going to college for it

4. STUDENT REPORT

Subject	4.01 STUDENT REPORT - JANE MARKONIC AND ANDREW HOKE
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Representative Hoke reported that the first spring sports games are coming up this week and next week. He commented that they are trying to have a pep rally to recognize the spring sports with several different events.

Representative Markonic - reported that the Annual Blood Drive will take place Friday, April 10 from 12 to 9. Students are asking staff and fellow students to to sign up. Mr. Wickwire and Mrs. McEnroe have instituted a wall recognizing juniors and seniors from the National Honor Society. It was reported that Junior Prom is coming up and will take place at Cristos in Poughkeepsie.

5. *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 5.01 APPROVE CONSENT AGENDA

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***Consent Agenda Vote**

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

Ayes 6 Nay 0 The motion carried.

6. DISTRICT CLERK REPORT

Subject 6.01 *APPROVAL OF MINUTES

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Category 6. DISTRICT CLERK REPORT

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***Approval of Minutes**

Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education approves the minutes from March 30, 2015 as submitted.

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

Ayes 6 Nay 0 The motion carried.

Subject 6.02 DELEGATIONS

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Category 6. DISTRICT CLERK REPORT

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Delegation

There were no delegations.

7. BOARD OF EDUCATION

Subject 7.01 OTHER

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Category 7. BOARD OF EDUCATION

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Other

Ms. Moran questioned the backpack policy for school. She also noted EBIS handbook is online but WHS is not.

8. EXECUTIVE SESSION

Subject 8.01 ENTER EXECUTIVE SESSION (For the purpose of discussing the appointment of particular person or persons.)

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Category 8. EXECUTIVE SESSION

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Type Action

Enter Executive Session

Mr. Mayville made and Mrs. Panzer seconded a motion to adjourn to executive session at 9:53 pm for the purpose of discussing the history of a particular person or persons.

Aye 6 Nay 0 The motion carried.

9. RECONVENE PUBLIC SESSION

Subject 9.01 MOVE OUT OF EXECUTIVE SESSION

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Category 9. RECONVENE PUBLIC SESSION

Access Public

Type

Move Out of Executive Session

Mrs. Panzer made and Mr. Perotti seconded a motion to adjourn the executive session and to reconvene the public session at 10:15 p.m.

Ayes 6 Nays 0 The motion carried.

10. APPROVAL OF BUDGET

Subject 10.01 APPROVAL OF 2015-2016 BUDGET

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Category 10. APPROVAL OF BUDGET

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Approval of 2015-2016 Budget

Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education hereby approves the 2015-2016 Budget in the amount of \$21,382,078 with anticipated revenue exclusive of taxes in the amount of \$6,010,860 and the amount to be raised through taxes of \$12,938,714.

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

Ayes 6 Nay 0 The motion carried.

11. ADJOURNMENT

Subject 11.01 ADJOURN THE MEETING

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Category 11. ADJOURNMENT

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Type Action

Recommended Action Adjourn the Meeting.

Adjourn the Meeting

There being no further business, Mrs. Panzer made and Mr. Mayville seconded a motion to adjourn the meeting of April 7, 2015 at 10:17 pm.

Aye 6 Nay 0 The motion carried.