

Minutes of the Regular Board of Education Meeting  
January 6, 2014

The Webutuck Board of Education held their January 6, 2014 meeting at 7:30 p.m. in the Webutuck High School Library.

The following Board members were present:

William McGhee, President

Christopher Mayville

Judy Moran

Kristen Panzer

John Perotti

Judy Westfall

Also Present:

James Gratto Jr., Superintendent

Therese Trotter, District Clerk

Gabe Napoleon

Absent:

Robert Trotta

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

President McGhee called the business meeting of January 6, 2014 to order at 7:32 p.m.

**STUDENT REPORT**

There was no student report.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

There were no comments from the public.

**2. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT**

**A. Septic Project Update**

Mr. Gratto stated Ray Jurkowski from Morris Associates submitted an update to the Board on the septic project. Mr. Jurkowski is waiting to hear from NYSED and Dutchess County Health Department on the submitted project. Discussion ensued.

**B. Abolishment of Head Maintenance Position**

Mr. Gratto explained to the Board the reason of abolishing Head Maintenance position scheduled tonight. Ms. Moran and Mr. McGhee had questions about maintaining the position. It was decided to discuss the subject matter in Executive Session.

**C. Possible amendment of 2013-2014 School Calendar**

Due to the number of snow days already used, Mr. Gratto pointed out to the Board two days that could be utilized as full school days if the District uses up their snow days this winter. Discussion ensued.

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Ms. Panzer wanted clarification on the special education student who will be going to school in Dover. Discussion ensued.  
She also requested clarification on the SUNY New Paltz field trip and where the money was coming from. Mr. Gratto stated there is a donation from the PTA and the rest will come from the High School field trip budget line.

**3. CONSENSUS 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.

The amendment called for removing #5A and 5D from the consent agenda for further discussion.

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

Ayes 6      Nays 0      The motion carried.

**4. DISTRICT CLERK'S REPORT**

A. Delegations - None

**5. PERSONNEL**

**A. Abolishment of Support Staff Position**

This item was removed from the consent agenda for further discussion in executive session.

Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education hereby abolishes the following support staff position:

(1.0 FTE) Head Maintenance      Effective: January 7, 2014

**\*B. Support Staff Appointment**

Mr. Perotti and Mrs. Panzer seconded the following motion:

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

Kelly Kilmer      Food Service Worker  
Effective: January 7, 2014      Salary: \$10.90 per hour  
(Replaces Kathy Warren)      Step 1

Ayes 6      Nays 0      The motion carried.

**\*C. Substitute Support Staff Appointment**

Mr. Perotti and Mrs. Panzer 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

Gregory Gray      Substitute Custodial Worker  
Effective: January 7, 2014      \$13.36 per hour

Ayes 6      Nays 0      The motion carried.

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**D. Amendment of Support Staff Appointment**

This item was removed from consent agenda for further discussion.

Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education hereby approves the amendment of the following support staff position:

Robert Ball	Teacher Aide (from 3 hour to 2 hour position)
Effective: January 7, 2014	Salary: \$12.19

Ms. Moran questioned if we needed the position because of the revised hours and was it an accurate reflection of what the position needs. Mr. Gratto spoke to Ms. McEnroe and she said it would be appropriate. Discussion ensued.

Ms. Moran made and Mr. Perotti seconded the above motion.

Ayes 6      Nays 0      The motion carried.

**6. CURRIUCULUM AND INSTRUCTION**

**\*A. Committee on Special Education Monthly Report**

Mr. Perotti and Mrs. Panzer 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 December 2013, 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.

**7. BUSINESS and OPERATIONS**

**\*A. Acceptance of Donation**

Mr. Perotti and Mrs. Panzer seconded the following motion:

Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Webutuck Board of Education hereby accepts the generous donation of seven backpacks filled with non-perishable food items for the Backpack Program received from an anonymous donor (local business owner).

Ayes 6      Nays 0      The motion carried.

**\*B. Approval of Agreement with Dover Union Free School**

Mr. Perotti and Mrs. Panzer seconded the following motion:

Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Webutuck Board of Education approves the Agreement between Webutuck Central School and Dover Union Free School made and entered into on December 16, 2013 for education of special education student #900000709 for the December 17, 2013 to June 26, 2014.

Ayes 6      Nays 0      The motion carried.

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**\*C. Acceptance of Donation**

Mr. Perotti and Mrs. Panzer seconded the following motion:

Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Webutuck Board of Education accepts with gratitude the PTA donation of \$360.00 to be used for AP Biology class SUNY New Paltz field trip.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board of Education approves the increases the 2013-2014 Budget in the amount of \$360.00 in Budget Code A2110.450 01 00 30 to be recorded in Revenue Account Code A2770, with such funds to be expended from A2110.450 01 00 30.

Ayes 6      Nays 0      The motion carried.

**\*D. Authorization for Tax Adjustments and Refund**

Mr. Perotti and Mrs. Panzer seconded the following motion:

WHEREAS, by Order of Honorable James V. Brands, Supreme Court of the State of New York, County of Dutchess, dated November 27, 2013, in the matter of Application for Refund of Taxes for the 2012-2013 assessment years were adjusted in favor of petitioner, Siland Commerical, LLC., for properties owned in the Town of Amenia, in the Webutuck Central School District,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that pursuant to the terms of the above referenced Order, the School Tax Collector is hereby authorized to issue a refund for the 2012-2013 school year, said taxes for the 2012-13 school year as follows:

GRID NUMBER	OLD ASSESSMENT	NEW ASSESSMENT	TAX BILLED	CORRECTED AMOUNT	TAX REFUND
132000 7066-00-910219	294,000	238,500	3,495.90	2,835.96	\$659.94
132000 7066-00-954116	219,000	130,000	2,604.09	1545.81	\$1,058.28
				TOTAL REFUND	\$1,718.22

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Business Administrator is hereby authorized to correct the 2012-2013 assessment to reflect such valuation reductions, with a notation in the margin, opposite said entries that the corrections are by authorization of the above-referenced Order; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that pursuant to the terms of the above referenced Order, the School Treasurer is hereby authorized to refund any overpayments of school taxes for the above school year, said refund in the amount of \$ 1,718.22 and reduce the tax certiorari reserve by said amount.

Ayes 6      Nays 0      The motion carried.

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**8. BOARD OF EDUCATION**

**\*A. Second Reading and Adoption of Series 6000 and 7000**

Mr. Perotti and Mrs. Panzer seconded the following motion:

Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education hereby approves the second reading and adoption of Series 6000 Fiscal Management and Series 7000 Facilities Development.

Ayes 6      Nays 0      The motion carried.

**B. First Reading of Policy #5695 Students and Personal Electronic Devices**

Mr. Perotti noted that he heard an educator on TV who stated students needed more communication face to face and not always through electronics.

Ms. Moran pointed out several revisions that she would like to see on the Policy. Mr. Gratto will have the revisions made and will include it in the next Board packet. It will be on the next agenda as a second reading and adoption.

C. Mr. Perotti mentioned after the walk through at Millerton Elementary he remembers several energy projects being done. He pointed out that the first energy project took place in the early 80s at the building. New windows were put in, roofs were done and insulation. A few years later another energy project was done were lighting was put in. Discussion ensued.

Ms. Moran would like Mr. Gratto to call Ann Linden regarding the pictures that were given to her. She also wanted Mr. Gratto to contact the Town Hall to clarify the internet installation in the Webutuck room located there.

Board members would like the plaque in Millerton Elementary to be given to the Amenia Town Hall.

President McGhee gave an internet site to Mr. Gratto regarding the surplus school furniture that will find a home for students in other countries.

Ms. Moran spoke about looking at Reverse Polarity emails and learning that they had not received requested information from the Technology Department. Mr. Trachtenberg had replied in the email that he was waiting on BOCES. She would like follow up to learn if Mr. Trachtenberg had heard back from BOCES and provided then information to Reverse Polarity. Discussion ensued.

Ms. Panzer asked about babysitting services during the Common Core Presentation February 3<sup>rd</sup>. Mr. Gratto will report back when he hears something.

**9. PUBLIC COMMENT**

There were no comments from the public.

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**10. EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Mr. Perotti made and Mrs. Westfall seconded a motion to adjourn to executive session at 8:15 pm for the purpose of discussing the employment history of a particular person or persons.

Ayes 6      Nays 0      The motion carried.

Mrs. Panzer left the meeting at 8:45 p.m.

**11. RECONVENE PUBLIC SESSION**

Mr. Perotti made and Mrs. Westfall seconded a motion to adjourn the executive session and to reconvene the public session at 8:47 pm.

Ayes 5      Nays 0      The motion carried.

**Administrative Appointment**

Mr. Perotti made and Ms. Moran seconded the following motion:

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education hereby extends the employment of James A. Gratto, Jr. Superintendent of Schools, commencing on July 1, 2015 to June 30, 2016 with no change in terms and conditions until negotiated.

Ayes 5      Nays 0      The motion carried.

**12. ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, Mr. Perotti made and Mrs. Westfall seconded a motion to adjourn the meeting of January 6, 2014 at 8:53 pm.

Ayes 5      Nays 0      The motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Therese M. Trotter  
District Clerk