

Minutes of the Regular Board of Education Meeting

February 13, 2012

The Webutuck Board of Education held their February 13, 2012 meeting at 7:00 p.m. in the Webutuck High School Library.

The following Board members were present:

Dale Culver, President

Joanne Boyd

William McGhee

Judy Moran

Kristen Panzer arrived at 7:15 pm

John Perotti

Also Present:

James Gratto Jr., Superintendent

Mary Grden, School Business Manager

Therese Trotter, District Clerk

Katy McEnroe, WES Principal

Jay Curtis, EBIS Principal

Jon Zenz, Athletic Director

Brian Christofel, Student Representative

Kayla Smith, Millerton News Reporter

Cathy Christofel

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Community Members

Absent:

Robert Trotta

1. CALL TO ORDER

President Culver called the Business meeting of February 13, 2012 to order at 7:06 p.m.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mr. Perotti made and Ms. Moran seconded a motion to adjourn to executive session at 7:06 pm for the purpose of discussing the employment history of a particular person or persons.

Ayes 6 Nays 0 The motion carried.

2. RECONVENE PUBLIC SESSION

Mr. McGhee made and Mr. Perotti seconded a motion to adjourn the executive session and to reconvene the public session at 8:00 pm.

Ayes 6 Nays 0 The motion carried.

3. PRINCIPALS' REPORT

Jay Curtis – EBIS After School Program

Mr. Curtis introduced Erik Lynch, the new elementary AIS math teacher. Erik Lynch addressed the Board and thanked them. He stated he was looking forward to being a part of school and community.

Mr. Curtis reported he was happy with the after school opportunities for students in grades 4-6 such as chess club, 5th and 6th grade girls' soccer. He noted the Northeast Community Center clubs run through their after school program. The ELA teachers and students in 4th-6th grade are producing a children's book through The Scholastic Company nation-wide contest. There is a \$5000 cash prize to the winner. He noted that the book will be published whether they win or not and it will be sold at the school book fair. He is looking forward to having after school intramural sports. Mrs. Boyd questioned if there was a way to track students who are not involved in after school activities and encourage them to get involved. Mr. Curtis stated that each day teachers send a list of those students that are staying after for clubs and he will be able to monitor students through that. Discussion ensued.

4. ATHLETIC DIRECTOR'S REPORT

A. Modified Sports Philosophy

Mr. Zenz spoke on his modified sports philosophy. He believes sports can teach life lessons. He stated because we are consistently not winning games in some sports, we are not teaching a well rounded experience. At the modified level he would like to hold the bar higher starting with coaching and also what we expect from student athletes. He stated that when the mentality is to keep all players regardless of effort and skill, it can bring the team and program down. He stated that students are learning the fundamentals beginning in seventh grade which is not fair to the student and is too late to begin learning a sport. He proposed an intramural program that would begin in fifth grade and would be a feeder program for the high school beginning with basketball.

B. Proposed Afterschool Intramural Program

Mr. Zenz stated he would like the after school sports program to run from 2:15 pm to 3:10 pm. He would begin teaching fundamental skills in basketball with other sports being incorporated at a later time. Mr. Gratto asked Mr. Zenz to create a schedule with a start date, and who would be coaches. Mr. Zenz stated there is little cost to the program except buying a few pinnies and possibly rims for hoops. He would like to begin by next week. Discussion ensued.

5. PUBLIC COMMENT

There were no comments from the public.

6. STUDENT REPORT

Brian Christofel

Mr. Christofel reported on the previous week's school activities. Mock Trial had their first meet and lost. Varsity and JV basketball ended their seasons last week and modified basketball will end this week. Spring sports sign up has been taking place. He stated that suggestions from the Student Council suggestion box were implemented recently. There now is a clock in the senior lounge and there is a soap dispenser in the boys' cafeteria bathroom.

President Culver noted D. under Personnel should read Stephanie Bonk JV softball coach instead of Varsity softball coach. Discussion took place about what levels of teams we would have for volleyball and field hockey next year. Mr. Zenz stated it would depend on the numbers. President Culver discussed the history of the Board reducing those two sports to two levels each several years ago. Mr. McGhee reminded the Board that football was also cut and the Board should make sure the District is not violating Title IX.

7. CONSENSUS AGENDA VOTE

Mrs. Boyd made and Mr. Perotti seconded the following motion to approve the Consent Agenda (as amended). The amendment by Ms. Moran called for removing A under District Clerk's Report. 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.

8. DISTRICT CLERK'S REPORT

A. Approval of Minutes for February 6, 2011 Board meeting as submitted.

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

Ms. Moran objected to the format of the leave of absence resolution on the minutes. No decision was made at the meeting. It was decided that the minutes would be placed on the next agenda.

B. Delegations - None

9. PERSONNEL

***A. Substitute Support Staff 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 support staff appointment:

Gazella LeJeune	Substitute Food Service Worker
Effective: February 14, 2012	Salary: \$10.69/hour

Ayes 6 Nays 0 The motion carried.

***B Leave of Absence**

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 unpaid leave of absence:

Karen Slater Food Service Helper

Effective: February 14, 2012 - June 29, 2012

Ayes 6 Nays 0 The motion carried.

***C. Temporary Support Staff 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 temporary support staff appointment:

Karen Slater Cook

Effective: Feb. 14, 2012 - June 29, 2012 Salary: \$14.61, Step 5

Ayes 6 Nays 0 The motion carried.

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

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 2011-2012 extra-curricular appointments:

Stephanie Bonk	JV Softball
Patrick Ivain	Modified Track
Ken Pomeisl	Varsity Baseball
Kevin Kleespies	JV Baseball
Timothy McEnroe	Modified Baseball

Ayes 6 Nays 0 The motion carried.

***E. Continuation of Probationary 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 continuation of the following probationary appointment of **Carrie Caldiero, School Social Worker**, from year one to year two, from September 1, 2012 to June 30, 2013.

Ayes 6 Nays 0 The motion carried.

***F. Continuation of Probationary 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 continuation of the probationary appointment of **Kristen Chadwick, Guidance Counselor**, from Year One to Year Two, from September 1, 2012 to June 30, 2013.

Ayes 6 Nays 0 The motion carried.

***G. Continuation of Probationary 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 continuation of the probationary appointment of **Sara Martin, Secondary Spanish**, from Year One to Year Two, f from September 1, 2012 to June 30, 2013.

Ayes 6 Nays 0 The motion carried.

***H. Continuation of Probationary Appointments**

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 continuation of the probationary appointment of **Bonnie Parmelee, Secondary Earth Science**, from Year One to Year Two, from September 1, 2012 to June 30, 2013.

Ayes 6 Nays 0 The motion carried.

I. Approval of Tenure Recommendations for Teacher

Ms. Moran made and Mrs. Panzer 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
Christine Henderson	Speech & Language	August 31, 2012

The Board members congratulated Ms. Henderson on receiving tenure.

Ayes 6 Nays 0 The motion carried.

J. Approval of Tenure Recommendations for Teacher

Mrs. Panzer made and Mr. Perotti 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
Michelle Nowak	Secondary Biology	August 31, 2012

The Board members congratulated Ms. Nowak on receiving tenure.

Ayes 6 Nays 0 The motion carried.

K. Position Authorization

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

Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education hereby designates the following individual to the position indicated, at no additional compensation:

Mary Grden	Title IX Compliance Officer
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Ayes 6 Nays 0 The motion carried.

10. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

***A. Request to amend the 2011- 2012 School Calendar to allow Early Release for students in Grades 4 – 12 on March 30, 2012.**

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

Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board approves the amendment of the 2011-2012 school calendar to allow for early release in Grades 4-12 on March 30, 2012.

Ayes 6 Nays 0 The motion carried.

B. Mr. Gratto spoke about the letter that he received today regarding NECC asking for use of the MES kitchen this summer to provide lunches to low income children in the District. Mrs. Panzer asked if there could be clarity about if NECC is requesting to use Webutuck staff. Board members would like time to read the letter and discuss it at a future date.

11. CURRICULUM AND INSTRUCTION

A. None

12. BUSINESS AND OPERATIONS

A. None

13. BOARD OF EDUCATION

A. Finance Committee Report

President Culver recapped the topics of discussion at the Finance Meeting that took place earlier this evening. They spoke with transportation about the possible surplus of buses, they will try to sell parts of surplus buses and scrap the rest in hopes of generating more revenue than selling the bus as is. Mrs. Grden stated they went over staffing in the transportation as well as consolidating runs. There was conversation on going back to the older model of programming in grades 4-6, the needs of Prek – 3, enrollment, and using staff efficiently. Mrs. Panzer expressed frustration that the 4-6 grade model is being changed again after parents expressed concerns last year over the current model being used. Mr. Gratto noted that these topics discussed were not set in stone. He explained that the BETs are going over what is working in their buildings and what is not. Discussion ensued.

B. Policy Committee Report

Mrs. Boyd reported they are working through the 5000 series. She noted that there are several policies in the series that will have to come to the Board for discussion and input. The list will be presented to the Board sometime in March. Discussion ensued.

Mr. Perotti commented on a recent book he was reading about education. It talked about the importance of teaching Latin. He would like the Superintendent to look into bringing Latin into the school.

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C. Mrs. Boyd stated that Mark Molinaro will be invited to the Dutchess County School Board (DCSBA) March meeting. If he comes, Mrs. Boyd will let the Board know.

Ms. Moran questioned about the nominations for the BOCES Board and when the vote for that is. The nomination sheet will be in the packet this week and the BOCES vote will be April 17.

PUBLIC COMMENT

There were no comments from the audience.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Ms. Moran made and Mrs. Boyd seconded a motion to adjourn the meeting of February 13, 2012 at 9:05 pm.

Ayes 6 Nays 0 The motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Therese M. Trotter
District Clerk