

Minutes of the Regular Board of Education Meeting  
April 10, 2012

The Webutuck Board of Education held their April 10, 2012 meeting at 7:30 p.m. in the Webutuck High School Library.

The following Board members were present:

Dale Culver, President  
Joanne Boyd  
William McGhee  
Judy Moran  
John Perotti

Also Present:

James Gratto Jr., Superintendent  
Mary Grden, School Business Manager  
Therese Trotter, District Clerk  
Kenneth Sauer, WHS Principal  
Jay Curtis, EBIS Principal  
Katie McEnroe, WES Principal  
Brian Christofel, Student Representative  
Faculty and Staff  
Community Members

Absent:

Kristen Panzer  
Robert Trotta

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

President Culver called the business meeting of April 10, 2012 to order at 7:32 p.m.

**2. PRINCIPALS' REPORT**

K. McEnroe: 2012-2013 Special Education Program

Mrs. McEnroe reported on the different Special Education Programs that the District currently provides to its students. Board members posed questions such as; areas of need within the program, what the co-teaching model looked like, and what the student enrollment looked like going into next the school year. Mrs. McEnroe provided the necessary information. Discussion ensued.

**3. PUBLIC COMMENT**

The following topics were commented on by the public:

- How much money will the District have in excess of last year?
- Triborough Agreement.
- Would like teachers to negotiate in public.
- Introduce oneself at the meeting so people know who you are and stop using acronyms.

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**4. STUDENT REPORT**

Brian Christofel

Mr. Christofel reported that Mock Trial is in the semi final match, National Honor Society is assisting Red Cross Blood Drive on April 20, the German Trip was a success, and Harlem Wizards are coming to High School as a fundraiser for the Class of 2012 and 2013 on April 17. He noted it is National Poetry Month. The English classes went outside and wrote poems on the sidewalks.

**5. CONSENSUS AGENDA VOTE**

Mr. Perotti made and Mrs. Boyd seconded the following motion to approve the Consent Agenda. 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 5      Nays 0      The motion carried.

**6. DISTRICT CLERK'S REPORT**

**\*A.** Approval of Minutes for March 26, 2011 Board meeting.

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

Ayes 5      Nays 0      The motion carried.

**B.** Delegations

Several Webutuck Teachers spoke on the subject of the budget.

Nancy Gagne WTA President spoke on behalf of the Webutuck Teachers. She read a statement indicating their concern for the elimination of teachers in the proposed 2012-2013 Budget. Several teachers spoke on the reasons why the eliminations would be a disadvantage to the District.

President Culver asked Superintendent Gratto to provide additional information to the Board in their Friday packet as a result of information that came out at the meeting. Discussion ensued.

**7. PERSONNEL**

**\*A. Acceptance of Support Staff Resignation**

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 hereby accepts the following support staff resignation:

Allen Weaver      Bus Mechanic Helper

Effective: April 5, 2012

Ayes 5      Nays 0      The motion carried.

**\*B. Support Staff Appointment**

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 hereby approves the following support staff appointment:

Douglas Westfall      Bus Driver

Effective: April 11, 2012      Salary: \$ 16.87/hour

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Ayes 5 Nays 0 The motion carried.

**8. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT**

A. Board of Education and Town of Amenia Agreement Renegotiation Proposal  
The Superintendent reported that the Facility Committee met with the Town of Amenia Supervisor to discuss the Town of Amenia's desire to re-negotiate the Agreement. Board members agreed they are open to discussing the Agreement between the District and Town of Amenia. Discussion ensued.

**9. CURRICULUM AND INSTRUCTION**

A. Report on March 30, 2012 and April 9, 2012 Staff Development Activities.  
The Superintendent reported the PreK through 12 grade teachers had all day workshop activities. They worked on many different endeavors with regard to RTTT last Friday. Both days were very productive. Discussion ensued.

**10. BUSINESS AND OPERATIONS**

**\*A. Approval of Facility Use Agreement**

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 hereby approves Facility Use Agreement for the Summer Food Program between the Webutuck Central School District and Northeast Community Council, Inc. from July 2, 2012 through August 10, 2012.

Ayes 5 Nays 0 The motion carried.

**\*B. Acceptance of Federal Single Audit**

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 hereby accepts the June 30, 2011 Federal Single Audit.

Ayes 5 Nays 0 The motion carried.

C. President Culver questioned if there was an update on septic system. There will not be until summer.

**11. BOARD OF EDUCATION**

**\*A. Amendment of 2011-2012 District Calendar**

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 hereby amends the 2011-2012 District Calendar to reflect May 24, 25, 29, 2012 as days the District is **not** in session.

Ayes 5 Nays 0 The motion carried.

Mr. Perotti made and Mrs. Moran seconded the following motion:  
Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education hereby amends the Board meeting calendar to reflect the Tuesday, April 24, 2012 meeting move to Monday, April 23, 2012.

Ayes 5 Nays 0 The motion carried.

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**B. 2012-2013 Updated Budget Proposal**

Mr. Gratto reviewed the budget proposal that was presented at the Board meeting two weeks ago. Mrs. Grden explained that there was additional funding from the State with the adoption of the State budget. There is an increase of State Aid in the amount of \$84,018. The current budget draft resulted in an estimated 1.18% tax levy increase. Discussion ensued with input from faculty and staff on the impact of the eliminations noted in the proposed 2012-2013 Budget presentation.

**C. Finance Committee Report**

The report was the budget discussion earlier in the meeting.

**D. Discussion on Policies 0000-4000 received from NYSSBA**

Mrs. Moran compared the policies sent back from NYSSBA to the policies that were sent to them. She noted that mistakes were added into the documents and the revisions the District made were not added into the policies. Mrs. Moran suggested the District input our own revisions. Discussion ensued.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

The following topics were commented on by the public:

- Superintendent line was overspent this year
- Unfunded mandates

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Mr. McGhee made and Mr. Perotti seconded a motion to adjourn to executive session at 9:34 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. McGhee made and Mrs. Boyd seconded a motion to adjourn the executive session and to reconvene the public session at 10:12 pm.

Ayes 5      Nays 0      The motion carried.

**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, Mr. McGhee made and Ms. Moran seconded a motion to adjourn the meeting of April 10, 2012 at 10:11 pm.

Ayes 5      Nays 0      The motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Therese M. Trotter, District Clerk