

Minutes of the Regular Board of Education Meeting  
July 23, 2012

The Webutuck Board of Education held their July 23, 2012 meeting at 7:30 p.m. in the Webutuck High School Library.

The following Board members were present:

William McGhee, President  
Joanne Boyd  
Judy Moran  
Kristen Panzer  
John Perotti  
Robert Trotta  
Judy Westfall

Also Present:

James Gratto Jr., Superintendent  
Mary Grden, School Business Manager  
Therese Trotter, District Clerk  
Jon Zenz  
Sandy Sheldon  
Peg Berlinghoff

Absent:

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

President McGhee called the business meeting of July 30, 2012 to order at 7:40 p.m.

**2. PRINCIPALS' REPORT**

Pre-K Report – Mrs. McEnroe could not attend the meeting, Mr. Gratto presented the Pre-K information. He referenced the handout that was in the Board packet and that Mrs. McEnroe will answer questions the Board has at a future meeting. Mr. Gratto commented that Mrs. McEnroe felt it was difficult to determine if the results were from the early intervention provided by the Pre-K program because of the many variables. There was discussion about the history of the Pre-K qualifying procedures. There was further discussion on a possible Pre-First grade. Discussion ensued.

**3. PUBLIC COMMENT**

There were no comments from the public:

**4. 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 7      Nays 0      The motion carried.

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**5. DISTRICT CLERK'S REPORT**

**\*A. Approval of Minutes for July 9, 2012 Reorganization Meeting and July 9, 2012 Business Board meetings as submitted.**

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

Ayes 7      Nays 0      The motion carried.

**\*B. Acceptance of Financial Reports as submitted:**

Extra Classroom Quarterly Report ending June (unaudited).

Treasurers Report for the month ending June (unaudited).

Comprehensive Budget Status Report ending June (unaudited).

Comprehensive Revenue Status Report ending June (unaudited).

Warrants 70-74

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

Ayes 7      Nays 0      The motion carried.

**C. Delegations - None**

**6. PERSONNEL**

**\*A. Instructional 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 instructional appointment:

Ann Knickerbocker      Summer School Science Teacher

Effective: July 23, 2012-August 17, 2012      Salary \$35.08/hour (per diem )

Ayes 7      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:

Carol Sanson-Furey      Teacher's Aide (1.0 FTE)

Effective: September 1, 2012      Salary: \$12.01/hr, Step 1 per CSEA

Ayes 7      Nays 0      The motion carried.



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**\*F. Extra-Curricular Appointments for the 2012-2013 School Year**

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

Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, BE IT RESOLVED, the Board of Education hereby approves the following 2012-2013 extra-curricular appointments, contingent upon meeting coursework/certifications consistent with the NYSED coaching sequence requirements:

		<u>Stipend</u>
Julianne Flood	Girls' Varsity Field Hockey	\$4,325
Stephanie Bonk	Varsity Volleyball	\$4,325
Samuel Fitzgerald	Golf Coach	\$2,505
Kevin Doyle	Boys' Varsity Soccer	\$4,325
Becir Becovik	Boys' JV Soccer	\$3,000
Lou Latrell	Girls' Varsity Soccer	\$4,325

Ayes 7      Nays 0      The motion carried.

**7. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT**

A. Board Retreat

Mr. Gratto spoke about scheduling a Board Retreat. The Board members decided on Tuesday, August 21 at 6:30 pm. Board members will develop Board goals for 2012-2013 school year. All Board members were in agreement.

B. Board of Education Goals 2012-2013

Board Goals will be discussed at the August 21, 2012 Board Retreat.

C. Mr. Gratto stated that Policies 0000 through 3000 are ready for distribution. Mr. Gratto polled Board members on who would like them in hard copy or CD.

Mr. Gratto commented on the updated Town of Amenia Agreement. The revisions the Board of Education requested have been made to the Agreement. Board members will sign the Agreement after the rooms have been updated. Discussion ensued.

Mr. Gratto reported the latest information on the District sign on Route 22. The company gave the District two different options. The company did note that if the District made a decision soon, it could be done by the beginning of school. Mrs. Panzer mentioned a local sign maker that may be interested in renovating the sign. Mr. Gratto will call the individual. Discussion ensued.

Mr. Trotta asked why there was no taping of the meeting. Mr. Gratto explained that the technology person has summer hours and has not been in to finish formatting the disc. Mr. Trotta would like the meetings taped beginning this school year. Mr. Gratto assured him it will be done.

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**8. CURRICULUM AND INSTRUCTION**

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

Mr. Perotti made and Mrs. Boyd 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 April, May, June, and July 2012, prepared by the Webutuck Central School District Committee on Pre-School Education and by the Webutuck Central School District Committee on Special Education.

Ayes 7      Nays 0      The motion carried.

**B.** Mr. Gratto stated that the Grades 3-8 preliminary scores have been released in math and english. Mr. Curtis will present the information at the August 6 Board meeting.

**9. BUSINESS AND OPERATIONS**

**\*A. Acceptance of Revised Donation**

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

Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, BE IT RESOLVED, the Board of Education hereby accepts the revised donation from the Class of 2012:

\$ 840.34 towards new seating for the public lounge in the High School

Ayes 7      Nays 0      The motion carried.

**B.** Mrs. Grden reported that although there is approval to go forward with bond refunding, it was on hold because the rates were not attractive. Fiscal Advisor's was looking for a minimum of a 2% spread and they contacted Mrs. Grden today to advise that the spread is 2.68%. They estimated it would be a savings of \$239,000 and they would like to move forward with it. The Board gave Mrs. Grden approval for Fiscal Advisors to proceed with bond refunding. Mrs. Grden stated if it looks unattractive at any time it can be stopped.

**10. BOARD OF EDUCATION**

**\*A. Approval of Dignity for all Students Act**

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 Dignity for All Students Act.

Ayes 7      Nays 0      The motion carried.

**\*B. Approval of the Revised 2012-2013 Board Meeting 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 approves the Revised 2012-2013 Board Meeting Calendar, as recommended by the Superintendent of Schools.

Ayes 7      Nays 0      The motion carried.

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**C. Board of Education Committees**

Mr. McGhee spoke about the Committees and stated that he would like Dale Culver to stay on several of the committees, specifically Negotiations, Finance, and Facilities because of his history with those committees. Mrs. Boyd and Mrs. Panzer had concerns about a non Board member being on sub committees, particularly negotiations. Mr. McGhee and Ms. Moran did not feel that it was a concern and stated several reasons in support of having Mr. Culver on the committees. President McGhee stated that school attorneys advised them the Board President has the authority to appoint members to committees. Discussion ensued.

**D.** The Policy meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, July 25 at 4:30 p.m.

Mrs. Boyd stated that the Board did not recognize the Code of Conduct at the Reorganizational meeting. Mr. Gratto stated that we should accept it at the August 6, 2012. It was noted that the Handbook stated there was a 4-12 walking program being offered but that will not be happening. Mr. Gratto will call the print company to see if it can be deleted.

Mrs. Panzer commented that the Board had pulled the OT/PT/SPE contract for discussion in Executive Session and we will need to approve that at the August 6<sup>th</sup> Board meeting. Discussion ensued

Mrs. Boyd noted in Mrs. Grden's update there was discussion about Pupil Benefits. Ms. Grden commented that if we didn't use them we would have to have another third party administrator to process those claims. The Board agreed to stay with Pupil Benefits and thanked Mrs. Grden for the information.

**11. PUBLIC COMMENT**

There were no comments made from the public.

**12. EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Mr. Trotta made and Ms. Moran seconded a motion to adjourn to executive session at 9:00 pm for the purpose of discussing the employment history of a particular person or persons.

Ayes 7      Nays 0      The motion carried.

**13. RECONVENE PUBLIC SESSION**

Mr. Trotta made and Mr. Perotti seconded a motion to adjourn the executive session and to reconvene the public session at 9:45 pm.

Ayes 7      Nays 0      The motion carried.

**14. ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, Mrs. Moran made and Mrs. Panzer seconded a motion to adjourn the meeting of July 23, 2012 at 9:46 pm.

Ayes 7      Nays 0      The motion carried.

Respectfully submitted, Therese M. Trotter District Clerk