

Minutes of the Regular Board of Education Meeting
September 4, 2012

The Webutuck Board of Education held their September 4, 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

Therese Trotter, District Clerk

Jon Zenz

Absent:

Mary Grden, School Business Manager

1. CALL TO ORDER

President McGhee called the business meeting of September 4, 2012 to order at 7:38 p.m. Mr. Gratto introduced Lisa Cancel who will be a new typist. Ms. Cancel summarized her work history

PRESENTATION

NECC – Jenny Hansell - Ms. Hansell and Jan Brooks reported on the NECC program. The update included the after-school program, summer camp program and the free lunch program. Ms. Brooks reported that seventy-four (74) students were enrolled for the summer camp program. The free lunch program was offered for the first time and they also added the availability of free breakfasts. The turnout was high. Jenny stated the program was declared an open site which allowed anyone up to the age of 18 to have breakfast and lunch. Mr. Trotta wanted to know more about the after school program. Jan Brooks summarized the information about the program. The GED program offered at the Millerton building was discussed and it was discovered that DCC had not followed proper procedures to use the building. Mrs. Grden will contact DCC about the problem and correct it. Ms. Hansell referenced the new addition in the NECC lease for the Millerton building. It now requires NECC to taking over mowing and plowing of the Millerton building grounds. She requested that the stipulation be removed due to the cost. Board members suggested several options for Ms. Hansell to pursue to help with the cost. Discussion ensued.

2. PUBLIC COMMENT

There were no comments from the public.

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***F. Substitute Instructional Appointment**

Mr. Perotti made 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 instructional appointment:

Ann Knickerbocker	Substitute Teacher
Effective: September 4, 2012	Salary: \$90/day
Ayes 7 Nays 0	The motion carried.

6. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

A. Purchase of local art work.

Mr. Gratto questioned Board members about moving ahead with purchasing local student's art work and displaying it in the District. Mrs. Panzer spoke about a Webutuck alumni who recently had displayed his work at a Millerton gallery. This was his first venture into photography and he mentioned that Webutuck did not have a photography class at school. The Board discussed having WFFEE or Berkshire Taconic help raise funds for purchasing the art. The Board was in support of offering some kind of photography class possibly through the Afterschool Program.

B. Mr. Gratto stated the District still needs a girls' modified soccer coach.

The Accountability and Overview Report which has usually been put out in August has not been released yet so we do not know our Performance Indexes. He reported that it does look like our graduation rate came back up to 80%, but that is a preliminary assessment. We still do not know about our students with disabilities and economically disadvantaged student groups performed. As soon as that information comes in, the Superintendent will report to the Board. Student scores are in and AIS determination have been made. Lastly, an APPR update: the teacher and principal evaluations are being created and they are almost ready to be sent to NYSED.

7. BUSINESS AND OPERATIONS

A. Other - None

8. BOARD OF EDUCATION

***A. Approval of 2012-2013 Board of Education Goals**

Mr. Perotti made and Mrs. Panzer seconded the following motion:
Upon the recommendation of Superintendent of Schools, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education hereby approves the 2012-2013 Board of Education Goals (as amended).

Ayes 7 Nays 0 The motion carried.

B. Discussion of NECC's request to revise 2012 – 2013 Lease.

This was part of the discussion during the NECC presentation at the beginning of the meeting.

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C. Ms. Moran requested a break out of students who took regents, what they got the first time they took it and what they received the second time. Discussion ensued.

Mr. Perotti spoke about a parent that came up to him and praised the school.

Mr. Trotta asked for an update on the sign. Mr. Gratto is waiting to hear from Ghi Signs.

9. PUBLIC COMMENT

There were no comments from the public.

10. EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mr. Perotti made and Ms. Moran seconded a motion to adjourn to executive session at 9:15 pm for the purpose of discussing the employment history of a particular person or persons.

Ayes 7 Nays 0 The motion carried.

RECONVENE PUBLIC SESSION

Mr. made and Mrs. seconded a motion to adjourn the executive session and to reconvene the public session at 10:16 pm.

Ayes 7 Nays 0 The motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Mr. Perotti made and Mrs. Panzer seconded a motion to adjourn the meeting of September 4, 2012 at 10:17 pm.

Ayes 7 Nays 0 The motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Therese M. Trotter
District Clerk