

Minutes of the Regular Board of Education Meeting
November 5, 2012

The Webutuck Board of Education held their November 5, 2012 meeting at 7:30 p.m. in the Webutuck High School Library.

The following Board members were present:

William McGhee, President
Judy Moran
John Perotti
Judy Westfall

Also Present:

James Gratto Jr., Superintendent
Mary Grden, School Business Manager
Therese Trotter, District Clerk
Kayla Kohl
Katy McEnroe
Jay Curtis
Rosanna Hamm
Henry Pollinger
Nate Anctil
Jay Girvin
John Eboli
Trini and Elle Stevens

Absent:

Joanne Boyd
Kristen Panzer
Robert Trotta

1. CALL TO ORDER

President McGhee called the business meeting of November 5, 2012 to order at 7:32 p.m.

2. PRESENTATION

Nate Anctil – New York Power Authority

Mr. Anctil stated that New York Power Authority is a State authority which is tasked with visiting New York areas to reduce energy consumption throughout the state. He has been working with Webutuck Board of Education and the Buildings and Grounds to prepare a 100% design project for the past two years. He will submit the project to SED for a building permit in approx four to six weeks after the Board approves the resolution they will file for the building permit; and finally go out to bid with intentions of beginning construction July 2013. The project is fully funded from building aid through SED and savings generated from utilities from the District not using as much electricity. At this time it looks like between \$45,000 to \$50,000 savings a year to the District. This will allow upgrades to lighting, boiler work, air handler unit, and solar installations at high school and elementary school. They will add an interactive display which will be beneficial to the students as a “Green Curriculum”. Discussion ensued.

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RTTT Quarterly Report – R. Hamm and H. Pollinger

Mrs. Hamm explained where the teachers are with NWEA math assessments and what is happening in the math department meetings. The NWEA math assessments were administered this fall and there are now baseline scores for students in grades 3 through 10. Math, reading and language usage assessments are given to grades 3 through 10, reading and math are given to kindergarten, grades 1 and 2. She explained that several reports are generated from the assessments that will help teachers with instruction. Students receive a score and it is broken down for teachers to easily see where students are. Teachers can then group students within the classroom for differentiated instruction. During parent teacher conferences, Mrs. Hamm explained that students are given an opportunity to be involved in the process. Students, parents and teacher will sit together and review the scores along with setting goals for the students. Mrs. Hamm explained that tomorrow's training will focus on how to use scores in lesson planning. During the math department meetings they reviewed the results. They broke the scores down further as they relate to the four strands and they have been focusing on where students' strengths and weakness were. They identified target goals that they need to work on both with the lower and higher performance levels.

Mrs. Hamm spoke about the technology problems they have encountered with testing students. The lap tops freeze up and do not work well. The batteries do not last long enough either. Mrs. Hamm stated that every piece of technology the District owns is used during assessments, which last about three weeks. She commented that there will be more assessments that will be given in the future so it is something of which the District will need to be mindful. Discussion ensued.

Mr. Pollinger stated the ELA department grades 6 -12 met on the half days in September and October. They analyzed the MAPS data and ELA assessments grades 3 thru 8. He explained that the data is a very good predictor of grades 9, 10, 11, and 12 and how students will do on the Regents. The Committee identified target areas to work on which included academic vocabulary and context clues which goes hand-in-hand with vocabulary. He reported that in looking at the assessments of grades 3-8 context clues were an area of weakness. They worked on identifying other areas of weakness and also identifying students at risk or struggling with ELA. The focus going forward will be to strengthen writing skills and assessing testing data. Discussion ensued.

3. PUBLIC COMMENT

There were no comments from the public.

4. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

A. APPR

Mr. Gratto reviewed the revisions in the Principal and Teacher APPR scheduled to be approved later in the meeting to be sure the Board was aware of the changes.

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B. Roof repair at EBIS

Mr. Gratto reported the EBIS roof has been repaired and BOCES will be in to work on the interior repairs.

C. Mr. Gratto reported that there are postings out for two bus driver positions and two monitor positions. He also reported that they are ready to begin renovations on the Route 22 sign this week.

5. STUDENT REPORT

Kayla Kohl

Ms. Kohl reported that fall sports are coming to an end with the exception of boys soccer and cross country. Both teams will be competing in Regionals. There are two foreign exchange students from Guadeloupe staying with local families and attending school for a couple of weeks. Mr. Curtis reported on the school vote for President of the United States that took place in grades 4-12. President Obama received the most votes.

6. CONSENSUS AGENDA VOTE

Mr. Perotti made and Mrs. Westfall 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.

Ms. Moran commented that she hopes to develop a relationship in the future with DCC to have more courses taught at Millerton Elementary School.

Ayes 4 Nays 0 The motion carried.

7. DISTRICT CLERK'S REPORT

***A.** Approval of Minutes for October 15 and 22, 2012 Board meetings.

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

Ayes 4 Nays 0 The motion carried.

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

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

Extra Classroom Quarterly Report ending September.

Treasurers Report for the month ending August and September.

Comprehensive Budget Status Report ending August and September.

Comprehensive Revenue Status Report ending August and September.

Warrants 12-20

Ayes 4 Nays 0 The motion carried.

C. Delegations – None

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8. PERSONNEL

***A. Substitute Instructional Appointment**

Mr. Perotti made and Mrs. Westfall 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:

Susan Macura	Substitute Teacher
Effective: November 6, 2012	Salary: \$90/day

Jacquelynn Voss	Substitute Teacher
Effective: November 6, 2012	Salary: \$85/day

Ayes 4 Nays 0 The motion carried.

***B. Substitute Support Staff Appointment**

Mr. Perotti made and Mrs. Westfall 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:

Nicole Breyette	Substitute Food Service Helper
Effective: November 6, 2012	Salary: \$10.69/hour

Robert Ball	Substitute Food Service Helper
Effective: November 6, 2012	Salary: \$10.69/hour

Aimee McEnroe-Bock	Substitute Food Service Helper
Effective: November 6, 2012	Salary: \$10.69/hour

Ayes 4 Nays 0 The motion carried.

***C. Support Staff Resignation**

Mr. Perotti made and Mrs. Westfall 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:

Elizabeth Ward	Bus Driver
Effective: November 16, 2012	

Ayes 4 Nays 0 The motion carried.

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

Mr. Perotti made and Mrs. Westfall seconded the following motion:
Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, BE IT RESOLVED,
the Board of Education hereby approves the following 2013-2013 extra-curricular
appointments, contingent upon meeting coursework/certifications consistent with the
NYSED coaching sequence requirements:

		<u>Stipend</u>
Susan Pomeisl	Boys' Modified Basketball	\$2,125
Julianne Flood	Girls' Modified Basketball	\$2,125
Timothy McEnroe	Boys' JV Basketball	\$4,325
Jon Zenz	Girls' JV Basketball	\$4,325
Peter Iuele	Boys' Varsity Basketball	\$5,425
Michelle Adrian	Varsity Cheerleading	\$2,505
Ayes 4	Nays 0	The motion carried.

***E. Approval of Leave of Absence**

Mr. Perotti made and Mrs. Westfall seconded the following motion:
Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, BE IT RESOLVED, that the
Board of Education hereby approves the following paid medical Leave of Absence:

Mary Hendricks	Family and Consumer Science Teacher	
Effective: Approx. November 1, 2012- December 17, 2012		
Ayes 4	Nays 0	The motion carried.

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

Mr. Perotti made and Mrs. Westfall seconded the following motion:
Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, BE IT RESOLVED,
the Board of Education hereby approves the following 2013-2013 extra-curricular
appointments

<u>Mentee</u>	<u>Mentor</u>	<u>Stipend</u>
Patricia Hayes	Allison Lape Karp	\$168.35
Ayes 4	Nays 0	The motion carried.

9. CURRICULUM AND INSTRUCTION

***A. Approval of APPR Plans**

Mr. Perotti made and Mrs. Westfall seconded the following motion:
Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, BE IT RESOLVED, that the
Board of Education hereby approves the APPR Plans for Principals and Teachers for
2012-2013.

Ayes 4 Nays 0 The motion carried.

***B. Approval of NECC Revised Lease**

Mr. Perotti made and Mrs. Westfall seconded the following motion:
Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, BE IT RESOLVED, that the
Board of Education hereby approves the revised NECC Lease through
June 30, 2013.

Ayes 4 Nays 0 The motion carried.

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***C. Approval of NECC's Request of Building Use**

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

Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education hereby approves the request by NECC to sublet two rooms in Millerton Elementary to Dutchess Community College for the purpose of GED classes through June 30, 2013.

Ayes 4 Nays 0 The motion carried.

10. BUSINESS AND OPERATIONS

A. Other - None

11. BOARD OF EDUCATION

A. Committee Reports:

1. Facilities

Mr. Culver and Mr. Gratto visited the Millerton Elementary School for a facility review. Other facility discussion took place during the Power Authority presentation at the beginning of the meeting.

2. Finance

Mr. Gratto announced that the next Committee meeting will be November 19.

3. Policy

Ms. Moran reported the Committee was supposed to meet Monday but it was canceled due to the storm.

12. PUBLIC COMMENT

The following topics were commented on by the public:

-Water damage at EBIS

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Ms. Moran made and Mr. Perotti seconded a motion to adjourn to executive session at 8:04 pm for the purpose of discussing the employment history of a particular person or persons.

Ayes 4 Nays 0 The motion carried.

Joanne Boyd arrived at 8:25 pm

RECONVENE PUBLIC SESSION

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

Ayes 5 Nays 0 The motion carried.

Joanne Boyd left at 9:43

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ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Mr. Perotti made and Mrs. Westfall seconded a motion to adjourn the meeting of November 5, 2012 at 9:46 pm.

Ayes 4 Nays 0 The motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Therese M. Trotter
District Clerk