

Minutes of the Regular Board of Education Meeting
February 19, 2013

The Webutuck Board of Education held their February 19, 2013 meeting at 6:00 p.m. in the Webutuck High School Library.

The following Board members were present:

Joanne Boyd
Judy Moran
Kristen Panzer
John Perotti
Judy Westfall

Also Present:

James Gratto Jr., Superintendent
Therese Trotter, District Clerk
Rosanna Hamm
Kevin Kleespies
Karen Kleespies
Sherri Fisher
Sam Fitzgerald
Al Barros
Denice Conway
Cheryl Benken
Estefani Reyes
Jon Zenz
Kayla Gangloff, Millerton News

Absent:

William McGhee, President
Robert Trotta
Mary Grden, School Business Manager

1. CALL TO ORDER

President McGhee called the Business meeting of February 19, 2013 to order at 6:07 p.m.

2. EXECUTIVE SESSION

Ms. Moran made and Mrs. Boyd seconded a motion to adjourn to executive session at 6:07 pm for the purpose of discussing the employment history of a particular person or persons.

Ayes 5 Nays 0 The motion carried.

3. RECONVENE PUBLIC SESSION

Mrs. Boyd made and Mr. Perotti seconded a motion to adjourn the executive session and to reconvene the public session at 7:43 pm.

Ayes 5 Nays 0 The motion carried.

4. PRESENTATION

Senior Trip – C. Benken

Ms. Reyes, a senior, gave a short summary of the schedule for the cruise around Manhattan. She stated it will cost each student \$105.00 and that 61 students have signed up to attend. Discussion ensued.

RTTT Report:

Social Studies – K. Kleespies, D. Conway

Ms. Kleespies and Ms. Conway gave an overview of the new social studies program being used. Ms. Conway displayed the website for everyone to see and went through the webpage describing what it offers. She spoke about the favorable feedback from staff about the program being very hands on, user friendly, and having a lot of resources. Ms. Conway stated that because they didn't have the training until school began it was a slow roll out but it is going well now. Discussion ensued.

Math – R. Hamm

Mrs. Hamm reported that Common Core Standards is in full implementation in grades K-8. It is the first year of the Go Math Program and the Common Core Standards which made it challenging with the many changes. Teachers like that this program is closely aligned with the Common Core Standards, that there are a lot of real world connections, that it addresses all students and that the assessments are challenging and are similar to NYS assessments. Moby Math, an online program, is being used in Grades 4-6. It is aligned with the Common Core and students can access the program at home or at school. Teachers utilize it in center activities and it can be used to help needy students and can be used as enrichment. It also monitors progress of students in the Common Core. Grades 9-12 are getting ready for Common Core implementation next year and a 7th grade accelerated math course is being developed. Mrs. Hamm explained that the Common Core now will have Grades 7 and 8 taking 7, 8, 9 grade math with the Regents being given in Grade 8. She stated that they will have to figure out ways to support the 8th grade math students next year in this new program due to the difficulty of the course. They are looking at possibly doing something in the summer or an afterschool program. The XL Math which is aligned with the Common Core is being used by AIS teachers in the High School. Mrs. Hamm reported that the winter Math Assessment went well. Discussion ensued.

Consultant Engineer on Septic System – Jeff Budrow

Mr. Budrow briefly explained the history of the Septic System site with regards to his involvement prior to the capital project in 2002 and more recently with the problems that have come up. He displayed the old land map before the 2002 addition and pointed out the area in the baseball field that has had trouble. He then displayed a letter he had written before the project began which stated that it would be very difficult to put a conventional waste water system on the site for a number of reasons which were stated in his letter. Also included were a couple of different ideas that could be done as an alternative to a conventional waste water system. He stated he sent all information to the design engineer that had put in the current waste water system. He explained about the fill that was brought in and can be found on the troubled site. He stated that 12 to 14 feet

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of fill can be found where water is standing at the corner of the baseball field. Last year, he visited the site and did a field and system investigation and he noted that system was over built. The system uses approximately 4000 gallons of water daily and it was built for almost 10,000 gallons. This system is heading towards failure after further investigation. Mr. Budrow explained about perc tests when designing a system such as Webutuck's. It helps in determining how much water an area can hold; if it takes more than sixty minutes for the water to fall one inch then it's not a good area for a conventional waste system. When the contractor built this in April 2002, there was perc tests done which were not acceptable and Dutchess County did not accept them. However, two month later perk test were done again at a more shallow depth and Dutchess County accepted them. In 2013, eleven years later the system is ready to fail. After speaking with Mr. Lounsbury temporary fixes include pumping and additional field work could possibly be done. Mr. Budrow stated the system will eventually have to be replaced. Discussion ensued.

5. PUBLIC COMMENT

The following topics were commented on by the public:

- septic problem came up during construction
- second opinions on septic problem

6. STUDENT REPORT

There was no student report.

7. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

A. Update on New York Power Authority Project

Mr. Gratto stated the NYPA is still waiting for the New York State Historical Society to sign off on it. March 11 is target date for updated information.

B. Update on the Amenia Building Agreement

Supervisor Flood called Mr. Gratto to let him know the doors were in place. Mr. Gratto stated the Town of Amenia has been sent the contract with internet and phone service added. Mr. Gratto and Mrs. Panzer decided on a date to visit the site.

C. Mary Grden and Mr. Gratto have been trying to reach Carl Thurnau at NYSED with concerns about the septic system possibly being an emergency project but have only been able to leave a message. They are waiting for a call back.

8. CONSENSUS AGENDA VOTE

Mr. Perotti made and Mrs. Panzer seconded the following motion to approve the Consent Agenda (as amended).

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.

The amendment called for removing 8D from the consent agenda for further discussion.

Ayes 5 Nays 0 The motion carried.

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9. DISTRICT CLERK'S REPORT

***A.** Approval of Minutes for January 22, 29, and February 4, 2013 Board meetings.
Mr. Perotti made and Mrs. Panzer seconded a motion to accept the minutes as submitted.

Ayes 5 Nays 0 The motion carried.

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

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

Treasurers Report for the month ending November and December.
Comprehensive Budget Status Report ending November and December.
Comprehensive Revenue Status Report ending November and December.

Warrants #29-34

Ayes 5 Nays 0 The motion carried.

10. PERSONNEL

***A. Substitute Instructional Appointments**

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 appointments:

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| Len Lavallo | Substitute Teacher |
| Effective: February 20, 2013 | Salary: \$85.00 |

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| Allen Tompkins | Substitute Teacher |
| Effective: February 20, 2013 | Salary: \$85.00 |

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| Jason Weiss | Substitute Teacher |
| Effective: February 20, 2013 | Salary: \$90.00 |

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| Jennifer Anderson | Substitute Teacher |
| Effective: February 20, 2013 | Salary: \$90.00 |

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| Janel Hamilton Licis | Substitute Teacher |
| Effective: February 20, 2013 | Salary: \$90.00 |

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| Christopher Sneed | Substitute Teacher |
| Effective: February 20, 2013 | Salary: \$90.00 |

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| Lynell Moran | Substitute Teacher |
| Effective: February 20, 2013 | Salary: \$85.00 |

Ayes 5 Nays 0 The motion carried.

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

Mr. Perotti made and Mrs. Panzer 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:

| | | Stipend |
|-----------------------|-------------------------|---------------------|
| Timothy McEnroe | Boys' Varsity Baseball | \$4325 |
| Kevin Kleespies | Boys' JV Baseball | \$3000 |
| Christopher Lounsbury | Boys' Modified Baseball | \$2125 |
| Stephanie Bonk | Girls' JV Softball | \$3000 |
| Hannah Peters | Modified Softball | \$2125 |
| Patrick Ivain | Varsity Track | \$4325 |
| Shawn Hosier | JV/Modified Track | \$2125 |
| Brendan Sheehan | JV/Modified Track | \$2125 |
| Ayes 5 | Nays 0 | The motion carried. |

11. CURRICULUM AND INSTRUCTION

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

Mr. Perotti made and Mrs. Panzer 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 January 2013, prepared by the Webutuck Central School District Committee on Pre-School Education and by the Webutuck Central School District Committee Special Education.

Ayes 5 Nays 0 The motion carried.

12. BUSINESS and OPERATIONS

***A. Cooperative Bidding Authorization for 2013-2014**

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

WHEREAS, the Dover Union Free School District (hereinafter "Dover") has offered municipalities, including Webutuck (North East) Central School District (hereinafter "School District"), the opportunity to participate in cooperative bids regarding the purchase of certain commodities and services utilized by Dover, in an effort to obtain better prices from bidders for all participants; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Education believes that it would be in the best interest of the School District to participate in such cooperative bidding for the particular commodities and services; and

WHEREAS, such municipal cooperative activities are authorized by Article 5-G of the General Municipal Law;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of Webutuck (North East) Central School District hereby authorizes the School District's participation in such cooperative bidding to the following conditions: (1) the School District agrees to purchase the specific commodities and services being put out to bid and purchased by Dover, and (2) agrees not to submit separate bids or requests for proposals or quotations for the same or similar commodities or services separately; and

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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the School Business Administrator of the Dover Union Free School District is hereby authorized to communicate the District's interest in participating in such cooperative bidding to Dover and to review the list of commodities and services to be put out to bid and purchased by Dover in order to determine if it would be in the School District's best interest to purchase any such commodities and services on a cooperative basis; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Business Official shall report back to the Board of Education periodically regarding the efficacy of such participation.

Ayes 5 Nays 0 The motion carried.

13. BOARD OF EDUCATION

***A. First Reading of Policy #0400 Excellence in Tenure**

Mr. Perotti made and Mrs. Panzer seconded a motion to accept the first reading of Policy #0400 Excellence in Tenure.

B. Committee Reports

1. Policy Committee: Completed the 6000s and will begin on the 7000s.
2. Finance Committee: Met on February 4 and will meet every Monday in March to develop the budget.
3. Negotiations Committee: CSEA ratification vote will take place on February 21.
4. Facilities Committee will need to meet on the septic system.
5. Safety Committee: The next meeting is on March 8. Faculty and staff are being asked for input and costs are being researched to reinstating a SRO.

C. Mrs. Boyd went to a recent DCSBA meeting. David Shaw, an attorney was there to speak about negotiated contracts and what other districts were asking. Discussion ensued.

14. PUBLIC COMMENT

There were no comments from the public.

15. EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mr. Perotti made and Mrs. Panzer 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 6 Nays 0 The motion carried.

16. RECONVENE PUBLIC SESSION

Mr. Perotti made and Mrs. Panzer seconded a motion to adjourn the executive session and to reconvene the public session at 9:30 pm.

Ayes 6 Nays 0 The motion carried.

14. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Ms. Moran made and Mr. Perotti seconded a motion to adjourn the meeting of February 19, 2013 at 9:40 pm.

Ayes 6 Nays 0 The motion carried.

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Respectfully submitted,

Therese M. Trotter
District Clerk