

Minutes of the Regular Board of Education Meeting
March 4, 2013

The Webutuck Board of Education held their March 4, 2013 meeting at 7:30 p.m. in the Webutuck High School Library.

The following Board members were present:

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

Also Present:

James Gratto Jr., Superintendent
Therese Trotter, District Clerk
Kayla Kohl
Jon Zenz
Chris Lounsbury
Barbara Riley
Glen White
Pat Carmody
Sam Fitzgerald
Carol Gribble
Tammy Nethercott
Community members

Absent:

Judy Moran
Robert Trotta

1. CALL TO ORDER

President McGhee called the business meeting of March 4, 2013 to order at 7:33 p.m.

2. PRESENTATION

Football – Chris Lounsbury and John Zenz

Mr. Zenz spoke on the information Board members read in their packet about merging with Dover football. He went to a recent meeting at Dover School where they informed him they are very interested in merging with Webutuck. Dover estimated that it could cost \$40,000 for their football program. He felt that estimate was on the high side. There were other expenses such as equipment and transportation to estimate as well. Mr. Zenz commented that there isn't a specific date for a decision however the sooner the better. Mr. Lounsbury commented that there are a significant number of young men that are not playing fall sports that use to play football growing up. His interest is in seeing the kids at Webutuck have an opportunity to play football and he also related how it had helped him during his youth. He pointed out another cost for reconditioning helmets as a yearly event. Dover does have fifteen sets of equipment ready to be used due to declining enrollment on their team. Mr. Gratto spoke to the Dover Superintendent and he explained that Webutuck would only be charged if the cost went over the football budget

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and only that coverage. Board members had questions about which district would be responsible for insurance. Mr. Gratto will research that with our insurance company. It was agreed that Mr. Zenz would survey the parents to get specific numbers on students who would be interested in football. It was decided that all information should be submitted to the Superintendent for Board review and action at the first meeting in April. Discussion ensued.

3. PUBLIC COMMENT

There were no comments from the public.

4. STUDENT REPORT

Kayla Kohl

Reported the High School play Crazy for You went well. The audience was packed for all three performances. National Honor Society will be running a blood drive April 12 in the High School. National Honor Society is also sponsoring a fundraiser by collecting electronics, metal and ink cartridges. She noted seniors are hearing back about college acceptance.

5. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

A. NECC Summer Lease

Mr. Gratto stated the summer lease is on hold until NECC has specific dates. They would like to run the summer lunch program again. The terms of the lease should be similar to last year.

B. Dutchess BOCES Board Nomination

Board members can nominate an individual from another district, but not ours, because we have a representative for our district already.

C. Septic System

Mr. Gratto received a letter from the engineer late today but had not had a chance to go over it. He will forward it on to Board members as soon as he does. A Facilities Committee meeting is scheduled next week.

6. CONSENSUS AGENDA VOTE

Mr. Perotti made and Mrs. Westfall 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 10C from the consent agenda for further discussion.

Ayes 5 Nays 0 The motion carried.

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7. DISTRICT CLERK'S REPORT

***A. Approval of Minutes for February 19, 2013 Board meeting.**

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

Ayes 5 Nays 0 The motion carried.

***B. Delegations – None**

8. PERSONNEL

***A. 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, that the Board of Education hereby approves the following 2012-2013 extra-curricular appointments:

John Lamb	All Levels Baseball Volunteer
Corey McEnroe	All Levels Baseball Volunteer
Greg Scott	All Levels Baseball Volunteer
Ayes 5 Nays 0	The motion carried.

9. CURRICULUM AND INSTRUCTION

A. Other - None

10. BUSINESS and OPERATIONS

***A. Approval of Budget Transfer**

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 approves the attached budget transfer schedule #7 over five thousand dollars (\$5,000).

Ayes 5 Nays 0 The motion carried.

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

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 June 30, 2012 Federal Single Audit.

Ayes 5 Nays 0 The motion carried.

C. Authorization for Tax Adjustments and Refund

This item was removed from the consent agenda for further discussion.

WHEREAS, by Order of Honorable James V. Brands, Supreme Court of the State of New York, County of Dutchess, dated January 31, 2013, in the matter of Application for Refund of Taxes for the 2012-2013 assessment years were adjusted in favor of petitioner, Haymarket Bancorp III, LLC., for property owned in the Town of Northeast, in the Webutuck Central School District, Tax Parcel No. 1333889-7171- 00-142683-0000, said reductions in assessment.

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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that pursuant to the terms of the above referenced Order, the School Tax Collector is hereby authorized to issue a refund for the 2012-2013 school year, said taxes for the 2012-13 school year should be based on assessed value of \$400,000 instead of \$569,800. The taxes levied were \$6,775.38 and should be \$4,756.32.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Business Administrator is hereby authorized to correct the 2012-2013 assessment to reflect such valuation reductions, with a notation in the margin, opposite said entries that the corrections are by authorization of the above-referenced Order; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that pursuant to the terms of the above referenced Order, the School Treasurer is hereby authorized to refund any overpayments of school taxes for the above school year, said refund in the amount of \$ 2,019.06 plus interest of \$20.99 to Downey, Habb, & Murphy as stated in the agreement and reduce the tax certiorari reserve by said amount.

Mr. Perotti pointed out that the Board of Education has no input in the decisions made by the judge on the adjustments in certiorari refunds above. It is a result of the reevaluation and tax levied by the assessors which they have to fight in court. Discussion ensued.

Mr. Perotti made and Mrs. Boyd seconded the above motion.

Ayes 5 Nays 0 The motion carried.

11. BOARD OF EDUCATION

A. Approval of Civil Service Employee Association (CSEA) Agreement

Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education hereby approves the Memorandum of Agreement which was ratified by the CSEA on February 21, 2013 for the successor contract between CSEA, Inc., Local 1000 AFSCME AFL-CIO and the North East Central School District for the period July 2010 – June 2016.

It was noted that the dates of the contract period needed to be revised to read June 2010- June 2016 and the date of ratification language was added.

Mr. Perotti moved and Mrs. Boyd seconded the revised resolution above.

Ayes 5 Nays 0 The motion carried.

***B. Second Reading and Adoption of Policy #0400 Excellence in Tenure**

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

Upon the recommendation of Superintendent of Schools, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education approves the #0400 Excellence in Tenure as presented for its second reading and adoption.

Ayes 5 Nays 0 The motion carried.

C. Committee Reports

1. Policy

Mr. Gratto commented that he was in receipt of Series 6000 from NYSSBA with their recommendations.

2. Facilities

Mr. Gratto noted a meeting needs to be scheduled for next Monday.

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3. Finance

Mr. Gratto noted the Committee met tonight to review budget numbers.

4. Safety

The next District Safety meeting is Friday, March 8.

D. Mrs. Boyd attended the PTA meeting where safety was still a subject. She encouraged people to give their input to the Superintendent. Discussion ensued.

PUBLIC COMMENT

The following topics were commented on by the public:

-audience member visiting meeting may run for Board seat in another district

12. EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mrs. Panzer made and Mr. Perotti seconded a motion to adjourn to executive session at 8:31 pm for the purpose of discussing the employment history of a particular person or persons.

Ayes 5 Nays 0 The motion carried.

13. RECONVENE PUBLIC SESSION

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

Ayes 5 Nays 0 The motion carried.

14. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Mr. Perotti made and Mrs. Westfall seconded a motion to adjourn the meeting of March 4, 2013 at 9:45 pm.

Ayes 5 Nays 0 The motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Therese M. Trotter
District Clerk