

Minutes of the Regular Board of Education Meeting
April 15, 2013

The Webutuck Board of Education held their April 15, 2013 meeting at 7:00 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

Also Present:

James Gratto Jr., Superintendent

Therese Trotter, District Clerk

B. Eichinger

C. Renna

M. D'Antonio

Faculty & Staff

Students

Community

Absent:

Judy Westfall

1. CALL TO ORDER

President McGhee called the business meeting of April 15, 2013 to order at 7:01 p.m.

2. EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mrs. Panzer made and Mrs. Boyd seconded a motion to adjourn to executive session at 7:02 pm for the purpose of discussing the employment history of a particular person or persons.

Ayes 6 Nays 0 The motion carried.

3. RECONVENE PUBLIC SESSION

Mr. Perotti made and Mrs. Boyd seconded a motion to adjourn the executive session and to reconvene the public session at 7:40 pm.

Ayes 6 Nays 0 The motion carried.

4. PRESENTATION

Decentralized Advisors re: Septic Issues, B. Eichinger, C. Renna, M. D'Antonio

Mr. Eichinger introduced himself and the other representatives that were with him from SEBI Environmental Services (Decentralized Advisors) from Amenia. He has a small business that focuses on innovative water and waste water systems. They look to provide excellent treatment performance while meeting regulations requirements, provide environmentally friendly solutions and keep short and long term plans cost effective. He recapped the wastewater problem that the District was dealing with, how the current

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system was set up to work, and described the secondary treatment system his company would install to rectify the problem. He stated that if hired his company would initially do more research on the wastewater system including monitoring the ground water and examining the existing fill soil samples and conduct perc tests. He noted he had an appointment with the Department of Health to look at the information on the current wastewater system and on the fill when it was first installed. Board members questioned if they had any experience with SED, how long the current system should have lasted and the fill. Discussion ensued.

Rosanna Hamm and Christine Mathers – Math Textbook Purchase

Mrs. Mathers explained the process of choosing the math textbook and the reasons the math department choose the selected textbook. Board members had a chance to briefly look over the textbook. Discussion ensued.

5. STUDENT REPORT

There was no student report.

6. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

A. 2013-2014 School Budget Recommendation

Mr. Gratto summarized where the Board was with the Budget. He stated the music position increased from .4 to .6 and we are maintaining the social worker position. He went over the additions in the budget as well as the reductions. Discussion ensued.

B. Lease Agreement with the Town of Amenia

This item was pulled from the consent agenda and will be added to the April 23 agenda.

C. FFA Vending Machine

Mr. Lounsbury stated that it would cost more to repair than it is worth. John Perotti stated that the machine belongs to the Dutchess Dairy Committee and should be asked what they want to do with it. Mr. Gratto will reach out to them.

7. PUBLIC COMMENT

The following topics were commented on by the public”

- with BOCES cut, I need a maintenance person.
- economy is very strong in Germany so why cut German?
- concerned about grouping different levels in one classroom for German.
- I am in a combined class in French and it is hard, we are behind.
- classes are going to get bigger in other languages if we phase out German and that will be a problem.
- taking DCC English and professor said take German you will stick out for college.
- during college interviews I stuck out because I took German.
- several audience members had concerns about German.

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8. CONSENSUS AGENDA VOTE

Mr. Perotti made and Mrs. Boyd 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 9A & 9B under Business and Operations and 11C from the consent agenda for further discussion.

Mrs. Boyd spoke about the give back formula on district calendar (11C). An audience member questioned who develops the district calendar. 11C was not removed.

Discussion ensued.

Ayes 6 Nays 0 The motion carried.

9. DISTRICT CLERK'S REPORT

***A.** Approval of Minutes for April 8, 2013 Board meeting.

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

Ayes 6 Nays 0 The motion carried.

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

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

Extra Classroom Quarterly Report ending December 2012 and March 2013.

Treasurers Report for the month ending February and March.

Comprehensive Budget Status Report ending February and March.

Comprehensive Revenue Status Report ending February and March.

Claims Auditor Report Warrants #45-52

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Ayes 6 Nays 0 The motion carried.

C. Delegations - None

10. PERSONNEL

***A. Substitute 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 substitute instructional appointment:

Philip DeHuff

Substitute Teacher

Effective: April 16, 2013

Salary: \$90/day

Ayes 6 Nays 0 The motion carried.

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***B. Substitute 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 substitute support staff appointment:

Robert Ball	Substitute Mechanic Helper
Effective: April 16, 2013	Salary: \$12.00/hour

Ayes 6 Nays 0 The motion carried.

***C. Approval of Lead Evaluators**

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 of the Webutuck Central School District hereby approves the following individuals as Lead Evaluators for the District for the 2012-2013 school year:

Kenneth Sauer
Katy McEnroe
Ophelia Richards
James Gratto, Jr.

Ayes 6 Nays 0 The motion carried.

11. 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 March 2013, prepared by the Webutuck Central School District Committee on Pre-School Education and by the Webutuck Central School District Committee Special Education.

Ayes 6 Nays 0 The motion carried.

***B. Approval of Textbook – Secondary Math Curriculum**

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 textbook for the Math Curriculum – “Prentice Hall Algebra 1”, Pearson Publication 2014.

Ayes 6 Nays 0 The motion carried.

***C. Approval of 2013-2014 Webutuck School District Calendar (as presented)**

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

Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education hereby approves the 2013-2014 Webutuck School District Calendar (as presented).

Ayes 6 Nays 0 The motion carried.

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***D. Appointment of Officials and Election Inspectors for the May 15, 2012 School Budget Vote for the 2013-2014 School Year**

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

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education hereby approves the appointment of the following persons for the May 21, 2013 School Budget Vote,

PERMANENT CHAIRPERSON & CHIEF ELECTION INSPECTOR:

Richard G. Howard

INSPECTORS OF ELECTION

Pat Boice

Pat Ambrose

Dorothy Newvine

Jane Rossman

Jean DeWitt

Rudy Eschbach

Frieda Thompson

Arlene Iuliano

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board of Education requires the Chairperson and each Election Inspector to sign a statement certifying receipt of the “Responsibilities and the Rules of Conduct for School Board Elections”,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Board of Education authorizes the District Clerk to appoint additional officials and inspectors if necessary.

Ayes 6 Nays 0 The motion carried.

9. BUSINESS and OPERATIONS

A. Approval of the Revised Town of Amenia Agreement

This item was removed from the consent agenda.

Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education hereby approves the revised agreement between The Town of Amenia and Webutuck Central School District

B. Declare FFA Vending Machine Surplus

This item was removed from the consent agenda.

Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education hereby declares the FFA Vending Machine surplus and authorize disposal according to Board policy.

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12. BOARD OF EDUCATION

A. Approval of 2013-2014 School Budget

Mr. Perotti made and Ms. Moran seconded the following motion:

Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education hereby approves the 2013-14 Budget in the amount of \$20,493,269 with anticipated revenue exclusive of taxes in the amount of \$7,923,893 and the amount to be raised through taxes of \$12,569,376.

Student expressed his reasons why he almost left Webutuck but stayed because of the art and music program. Discussion ensued.

Ayes 6 Nays 0 The motion carried.

14. PUBLIC COMMENT

There were no comments from the public.

15. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Mr. Perotti made and Ms. Moran seconded a motion to adjourn the meeting of April 15, 2013 at 10:15 pm.

Ayes 6 Nays 0 The motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Therese M. Trotter
District Clerk