

Minutes of the Regular Board of Education Meeting  
April 23, 2013

The Webutuck Board of Education held their April 23, 2013 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

Robert Trotta arrived at 7:45pm

Also Present:

James Gratto Jr., Superintendent

Therese Trotter, District Clerk

Kayla Kohl

Clair Markonic

Katy McEnroe

Stefanie Hoelderlin

John Eboli

Jon Zenz

Absent:

John Perotti

Judy Westfall

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

President McGhee called the business meeting of April 23, 2013 to order at 7:36 p.m.

**2. PRESENTATION**

Summer School Program – Katy McEnroe

Ms. McEnroe described the four programs that will run this summer for students; Extended School Year (ESY), Summer Writing, Kindergarten Summer Bridge, and the ESL Program. The programs will enhance reading and writing in grades K -3. The transportation costs were noted as well as the total cost of running the summer programs. There is eighteen thousand dollars in the budget for the summer school program. The program will cost \$23,055 to run this year, however Mr. Gratto explained they will apply for STAC funding and receive approximately \$5000 back in the year 2014-2015. Mr. Gratto reported that the upper level grades are receiving additional support as well. There has been additional help after school to prepare students in grades 4 - 8 for State testing as well as review classes for Regents at the high school level. Those teachers are paid to provide the additional support through federal grant money. Discussion ensued.

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**STUDENT REPORT**

Ms. Markonic reported on the week's events at the school highlighting Spirit Week and the Pep Rally for grades 7 – 12. She reported that Allan Shope, a local environmentally conscious architect came to the High School to speak to students in Gr. 7-12. One of things she noted was that he heats his house with sewage. She announced that by May 1<sup>st</sup>, seniors will have to make their final decision on where they want to go to college. Mr. Gratto reminded both student representatives that he would like their recommendations for next year's student representative.

**3. PUBLIC COMMENT**

The following topics were commented on by the public:

-questioned calculating GPAs for third marking period for valedictorian and salutatorian

**4. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT**

**A. Revised Transportation Proposition**

Mr. Gratto commented on the revised transportation proposition. He also stated the Town of Amenia Agreement was ready to sign and invited Board members to view the rooms in the Town Hall any time they would like.

**5. CONSENSUS AGENDA VOTE**

Mr. Trotta made and Mrs. Panzer 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.

Board members congratulated Jessica Bertolini on her tenure.

Ayes 5      Nays 0      The motion carried.

**6. DISTRICT CLERK'S REPORT**

**\*A.** Approval of Minutes for April 15, 2013 Board meetings.

Mr. Trotta made and Mrs. Panzer seconded a motion to accept the minutes as submitted.

Ayes 5      Nays 0      The motion carried.

**B.** Delegations - None

**7. PERSONNEL**

**\*A. Approval of Tenure Recommendations for Teacher**

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

Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education does hereby grant tenure to the following teacher:

| <b>Teacher</b>    | <b>Tenure Area</b> | <b>Effective Date</b> |
|-------------------|--------------------|-----------------------|
| Jessica Bertolini | Special Education  | August 31, 2013       |

Ayes 5      Nays 0      The motion carried.

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**\*B. Substitute Instructional Appointment**

Mr. Trotta 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:

|                           |                    |
|---------------------------|--------------------|
| Sarah Rindsberg           | Substitute Teacher |
| Effective: April 23, 2013 | Salary: \$85/day   |
| Ayes 5                    | Nays 0             |

The motion carried.

**\*C. Substitute Support Staff Appointments**

Mr. Trotta 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 support staff appointments:

|                           |                        |
|---------------------------|------------------------|
| Betty Jean Spaulding      | Substitute Bus Monitor |
| Effective: April 24, 2013 | Salary: \$11.29/hour   |

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| Betty Jean Spaulding      | Substitute Custodial |
| Effective: April 24, 2013 | Salary: \$13.36      |

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| Betty Jean Spaulding      | Substitute Food Service Helper |
| Effective: April 24, 2013 | Salary: \$10.69                |
| Ayes 5                    | Nays 0                         |

The motion carried.

**8. BUSINESS and OPERATIONS**

**\*A. Approval of the Revised Town of Amenia Agreement**

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

Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education hereby approves the revised agreement effective April 24, 2013 between The Town of Amenia and Webutuck Central School District

Ayes 5      Nays 0      The motion carried.

**9. CURRICULUM and INSTRUCTION**

**\*A. Approval of Summer School Programs**

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

Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education hereby approves the 2013 Summer School Programs as presented, pending New York State Education Department approval of Webutuck's 2013 Extended School Year application.

Ayes 5      Nays 0      The motion carried.

**10. BOARD OF EDUCATION**

**\*A. Authorization of REVISED Transportation Proposition to be placed on the ballot at the Annual Meeting of the qualified voters on May 21, 2013.**

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

Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education authorizes the following transportation proposition to be placed on the ballot at the Annual Meeting of qualified voters on May 21, 2013:

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**REVISED 2013-2014 Transportation Vehicle Proposition**

Shall the Board of Education of the Webutuck Central School District be authorized to:  
(a) acquire one (1) 71 passenger bus, one (1) 65 passenger bus and one (1) 28 passenger bus at a maximum aggregate cost of \$206,300; (b) expend such sums for such purpose; (c) expend from the Bus Purchase Reserve Fund an amount not to exceed \$40,000 for such purpose; (d) levy the necessary tax therefore, to be levied and collected in such amounts as may be determined by the Board of Education taking into account state aid received and amounts disbursed from the reserve fund; and (e) in anticipation of the collection of such tax, to issue bonds and notes of the District at one time or from time to time in the principal amount not to exceed \$206,300, and to levy a tax to pay the interest on such obligations when due?

Ayes 5      Nays 0      The motion carried.

**B. BOCES Board Member Election for 2013-2014**

Ms. Moran made and Mrs. Panzer seconded the following motion

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education hereby nominates two candidates for two vacancies on the Dutchess County Board of Cooperative Educational Services (BOCES).

The candidates are listed in alphabetical order:

Ralph Chiumento

John Lumia

Jim Milano

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education hereby nominates Ralph Chiumento and John Lumina for the two vacancies on the Dutchess County Board of Cooperative Educational Services (BOCES).

Ms. Moran provided some information on candidates that she had looked up during the meeting. Discussion ensued.

Ayes 5      Nays 0      The motion carried.

**\*C. BOCES BUDGET VOTE FOR 2013-2014**

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

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education hereby approves the Dutchess County BOCES Administrative Budget in the amount of \$4,139,645 as presented.

Ayes 5      Nays 0      The motion carried.

**D.** Mr. Trotta commented that he would like a report on the corrections taken since the November 27<sup>th</sup> notes on the lockdown drills. He also would like additional information on security. Ms. Panzer stated there was an additional monitor/greeter added to the budget for the afterschool time period. Mr. Gratto stated Mr. Sauer has been directed to form a plan to monitor how is staying after school and where the students are from the time school is let out to the time sports begin. Currently, high school students can stay after school, leave to get something to eat and come back. Liability and policy was discussed. Mrs. Boyd asked for an update on use of fields. Mr. Zenz updated Board members. Discussion ensued.

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**11. PUBLIC COMMENT**

The following topics were commented on by the public:

-no difference between after school and 8 a.m. – 2 p.m., kids need supervision.

**12. EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Ms. Moran made and Mrs. Boyd seconded a motion to adjourn to executive session at 8:49 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**

Ms. Moran made and Mrs. Boyd seconded a motion to adjourn the executive session and to reconvene the public session at 9:50 pm.

Ayes 5      Nays 0      The motion carried.

**14. ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, Mrs. Panzer made and Mrs. Boyd seconded a motion to adjourn the meeting of April 23, 2013 at 9:52 pm.

Ayes 5      Nays 0      The motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Therese M. Trotter  
District Clerk