

Minutes of the Regular Board of Education Meeting  
May 13, 2013

The Webutuck Board of Education held their May 13, 2013 meeting at 7:00 p.m. in the Webutuck High School Library.

The following Board members were present:

William McGhee, President

Joanne Boyd left meeting at 7:39 pm

Judy Moran

John Perotti

Robert Trotta

Also Present:

James Gratto Jr., Superintendent

Therese Trotter, District Clerk

Nancy Gagne

Susan Harrington

David Shufelt

Jeanne Rebillard

Brad Rebillard

Marty Markonic

Jon Zenz

Suzanne Louey

Absent:

Kristen Panzer

Judy Westfall

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

President McGhee called the business meeting of May 13, 2013 to order at 7:00 p.m.

**2. EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Mr. Perotti made and Mrs. Boyd seconded a motion to adjourn to executive session at 7:00 pm for the purpose of discussing the employment history of a particular person or persons.

Ayes    5            Nays    0            The motion carried.

Mrs. Boyd left the meeting.

**3. RECONVENE PUBLIC SESSION**

Mr. Perotti made and Mr. Trotta seconded a motion to adjourn the executive session and to reconvene the public session at 7:39 pm.

Ayes    4            Nays    0            The motion carried.

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**4. 2013-2014 PUBLIC BUDGET HEARING**

Ms. Moran made and Mr. Trotta seconded a motion to open the Public Budget Hearing.

Ayes 4      Nays 0      The motion carried.

Mr. Gratto reviewed the 2013 – 2014 budget information that had previously been presented during several past Board meetings. Additionally, he reviewed the STEP increase for teachers, teacher and employee retirement costs and employee and retiree health insurance which are additional fixed costs in the budget. He reviewed what has been done to control costs and plans for the school year 2013-2014. He presented his most recent recommendation which would reduce the German position from .8 to .6 and use the \$20,000 saved from the reduction to maintain two part-time (.6) positions allowing the District to offer science electives.

Mrs. Harrington spoke to the Board about her German position being reduced to .6 cautioning that she felt strongly she wouldn't want to give students full credit for the year because they wouldn't have her full attention all year.

Dave Shufelt commented that most taxpayers do not understand teachers' STEP increases. He went on to say while a contract is settled the stated increase in salary is actually more due to the automatic STEP increase. He also spoke about the health benefit costs that continue to increase and the economic pressure of all the mandates on school districts. Audience members spoke about how to get the public out to meetings to understand budget information and the cost of education going forward. Discussion ensued.

Mr. Perotti made and Mr. Trotta seconded the motion to close the Public Budget Hearing.

Ayes 4      Nays 0      The motion carried.

**5. PUBLIC COMMENT**

There were no comments from the public:

**6. STUDENT REPORT**

There was no student report.

**7. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT**

**A. Berkshire Taconic Community Fund Donation of \$4000**

Mr. Gratto reported that the BTCF received an anonymous donation for Webutuck in the amount of \$4000. It was added to the Webutuck Fund for Education Enrichment which brings the total amount in the fund to \$9000.

**B. Date of Determination of Valedictorian and Salutatorian**

Mr. Gratto explained that Mr. Sauer had spoken to Student Council and the Guidance Department for input. Student Council did not have a recommendation to change the date. Mr. Gratto recommended calculating the grade point averages (gpa) for class rank at the third quarter of senior year. Mr. Gratto also recommended developing a regulation which Board members were in agreement on. Discussion ensued.

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Mr. Trotta made and Mr. Perotti seconded the following motion:  
Webutuck School District will calculate the school rankings at the last week of the school year.

Motion defeated

Ms. Moran made and Mr. McGhee seconded the following motion:  
The calculation of the class ranking will occur at the end of 35 weeks.

Mr. Perotti made and Mr. Trotta seconded the amendment to the motion:  
The calculation of the class ranking will occur at the end of 35 weeks and in the following years the calculation will take place the last week of the school year.

Ayes 4      Nays 0      The motion carried.

Mr. Perotti made and Mr. Trotta seconded the following motion:  
The calculation of the class ranking will occur at the end of 35 weeks and in the following years the calculation will take place the last week of the school year.

Ayes 4      Nays 0      The motion carried.

**C. NECC Lease Agreement**

The Agreement is similar to last year in the rent they agree to pay and the mowing of the school grounds.

**D. Series 6000 Fiscal Management**

Ms. Grden is reviewing the Series 6000 and will provide input to the Policy Committee if need be.

**E.** Mr. Gratto reported that 1st and 2nd grade teachers are recommending the District continue the model they have currently, which is four first grades with one targeted group and a full time teaching assistant. Their recommendation is to move these students ahead into second grade with the same full year intensive support they have been receiving.

Mr. Gratto supports the recommendation.

Mr. Gratto questioned if the Board decided to go with German .6 and .6 Science. The Board is in agreement, the German position will be reduced to .6 and we will have two .6 science positions.

President McGhee asked Mr. Markonic about the Millerton building and the energy audit. Mr. Markonic just received the audit back and will be discussing the options. President McGhee asked Mr. Markonic to keep him informed of any developments.

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**8. CONSENSUS AGENDA VOTE**

Mr. Perotti made and Mr. Trotta 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.

Mr. Gratto noted the minutes on the agenda should read April not May.

Ayes 4      Nays 0      The motion carried.

**9. DISTRICT CLERK'S REPORT**

**\*A.** Approval of Minutes for April 23 and April 29, 2013 Board meetings.

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

Ayes 4      Nays 0      The motion carried.

**B.** Delegations - None

**10. PERSONNEL**

**\*A. Substitute Instructional Appointments**

Mr. Perotti made and Mr. Trotta 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:

Jeffrey Breitman	Substitute Teacher
Effective: May 14, 2013	Salary: \$90/day

Kimberly Stegner	Substitute Teacher
Effective: May 14, 2013	Salary: \$85/day

Ayes 4      Nays 0      The motion carried.

**\*B. Instructional Resignation**

Mr. Perotti made and Mr. Trotta seconded the following motion:

Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education hereby accepts the following instructional resignation:

Andrea Saylor	Special Education Teacher
Effective: August 31, 2013	

Ayes 4      Nays 0      The motion carried.

**\*C. Extra-Curricular Resignation**

Mr. Perotti made and Mr. Trotta seconded the following motion:

Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education hereby accepts the following extra-curricular resignation:

Jacquelyn Woodruff	Class of 2014 Co-Advisor
Effective: April 14, 2013	

Ayes 4      Nays 0      The motion carried.

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**\*D. Substitute Support Staff Appointments**

Mr. Perotti made and Mr. Trotta 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:

Megan Carr	Substitute Bus Monitor
Effective: May 14, 2013	Salary: \$11.29/hour
Megan Carr	Substitute Teacher Aide/Assistant
Effective: May 14, 2013	Salary: \$11.96/hour
Megan Carr	Substitute Food Service Helper
Effective: May 14, 2013	Salary: \$10.69/hour
Ayes 4      Nays 0	The motion carried.

**E. Approval to Deny Tenure**

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

Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education hereby approves the recommendation that probationary teacher Kristen Gil be denied tenure.

Ayes 4      Nays 0      The motion carried.

**11. BUSINESS and OPERATIONS**

**\*A. Approval of NECC Lease**

Mr. Perotti made and Mr. Trotta seconded the following motion:

Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education hereby approves the NECC Lease between Northeast (Webutuck) Central School District and Northeast Community Center for the 2013 – 2014 school year at a rate of one thousand dollars (\$1000) per month and directs the Board President to sign the approved lease.

Ayes 4      Nays 0      The motion carried.

**\*B. Approval of Payroll Calendar for 2013-2014**

Mr. Perotti made and Mr. Trotta seconded the following motion:

Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education hereby approves the payroll calendar for 2012-2013 school year.

Ayes 4      Nays 0      The motion carried.

**\*C. Approval of Donation**

Mr. Perotti made and Mr. Trotta seconded the following motion:

Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education hereby accepts the Earth Day Grant that was awarded to John Roccanova for his “Fuel Cell Model Cars: Educational and Fun!” project by the Eastern NY Chapter of the Air & Waste Management Association in the amount of \$539.96.

Ayes 4      Nays 0      The motion carried.

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**12. BOARD OF EDUCATION**

**\*A. First Reading of 6000 Series Fiscal Management**

**B. Committee Reports**

**Facilities**

Mr. Gratto reported the Facilities Committee has requested Weston and Associates to provide a second estimate for the research into the cause of the septic problem and how it started.

**Policy**

Scheduling conflicts have made it difficult to meet, however the Series 6000 is included in the packet for review.

**Negotiations**

Mr. Gratto reported the District is waiting for a response from WTA to their latest proposal. The WTA has submitted that proposal to NYSUT for their review which is promising.

**13. PUBLIC COMMENT**

There were no comments from the public the public.

**14. EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Mr. Perotti made and Ms. Moran seconded a motion to adjourn to executive session at 9:32 pm for the purpose of discussing the employment history of a particular person or persons.

Ayes 4      Nays 0      The motion carried.

**15. RECONVENE PUBLIC SESSION**

Mr. Perotti made and Mr. Trotta seconded a motion to adjourn the executive session and to reconvene the public session at 10:10 pm.

Ayes 4      Nays 0      The motion carried.

**16. ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, Mr. Perotti made and Mr. McGhee seconded a motion to adjourn the meeting of May 13, 2013 at 10:10 pm.

Ayes 4      Nays 0      The motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Therese M. Trotter  
District Clerk