

Minutes of the Regular Board of Education Meeting  
June 17, 2013

The Webutuck Board of Education held their June 17, 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

John Perotti

Robert Trotta arrived at 6:52 p.m.

Judy Westfall

Also Present:

James Gratto Jr., Superintendent

Therese Trotter, District Clerk

Jon Zenz

Kenneth Sauer

Lynn Buckley

Peter McCaffrey

Michelle Smith

Ray Jurkowski

Janice McSpiritt

Christopher DeSario

Matthew Eyler

Tara Camo-Hart

Christopher Mayville

Paul Christofel

Andrew Coon

Kayla Kohl

Claire Markonic

Absent:

Kristen Panzer

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

President McGhee called the business meeting of June 17, 2013 to order at 6:15 p.m.

Mr. Gratto introduced the three new teachers being approved on tonight's agenda; Christopher DeSario, Tara Hart, and Matthew Ehyler. Each teacher briefly told their past teaching history.

Mr. Sauer introduced next year's student representatives; Paul Christofel and Andrew Coon.

President McGhee thanked Joanne Boyd for her years of service during her term and presented her with a plant and gift certificate to Oblong.

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**2. PRESENTATION**

6:00 p.m. Jeff Budrow: Weston and Sampson

Mr. Gratto stated Mr. Budrow withdrew from process earlier today.

6:20 p.m. Marco D'Antonio: SEBI Environmental Services

Mr. Gratto stated Mr. D'Antonio could not make it tonight because of an emergency.

6:40 p.m. Ray Jurkowski: Morris Associates Engineering Consultants

Mr. Jurkowski reported that he had just walked the septic site and had reviewed documentation relating to the construction of the site. He stated that the septic is seeping from the leach field to the surface and that it is a problem that needs to be dealt with quickly. He noted the historical facts of the septic system; the system was constructed in 2002, constructed for 11,000 gallons a day but currently only using 4000 gallons a day which is about one third of its design capacity. He commented that the District shouldn't have issues particularly because the system has been underutilized. He spoke about the fill system and that it is his thought that the problem could relate to the soils used or perhaps they over compacted the area which reduces permeability. He stated that his company is multi-disciplined and has worked with private clients, institutional clients and municipalities. He also briefly outlined who his company has worked with; Dover CSD, Red Hook CSD, Bard College exclusively doing their civil work, Town of Stanford, Town of North East, Town of Pine Plains and Pawling. If he was hired he explained that he would like to do more testing and then look at the original drawings and specifications to confirm that the original design was met and soils were properly installed. He would then do compaction tests. He spoke about and clarified the fees. Discussion ensued.

**3. PUBLIC COMMENT**

The following were comments made by the public:

-NYS ELA modules

**5. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT**

**A. Recommendation of Instructional Position: Part-time Technology Leader**

Mr. Gratto reviewed his recommendation of a part-time Technology Leader. Ms. Moran questioned what the part-time would be. It would be teacher three periods and three periods of technology. Ms. Moran emphasized she did not want a staff member pulled away from teaching. She suggested finding someone from the outside to come in. Mr. Gratto stated we can look at scheduling and be able to have someone on staff be able to do the job. He commented that then we have that person in house who can be helpful. Board members agreed to post the position. Discussion ensued.

**B. Extending Principal Search**

Mr. Gratto stated there has been discussion about extending the principal search for two more weeks. It will be posted Statewide. We have had twelve applicants apply, the previous search done this past winter we had thirty-six. Ms. Moran would like to see the applications first and also interview applicants first. Mr. Gratto will follow up on the extension of the posting. Discussion ensued.

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**C. Board meetings beginning at 7:00 pm**

Mr. Gratto spoke about changing Board meeting times next year to begin at 7:00 pm. The Board members will take it into consideration and speak about it at a later Board meeting.

**6. CONSENSUS AGENDA VOTE**

Mr. Trotta made and Mr. Boyd seconded the following motion (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.

Mr. Gratto noted the Head Bus Driver information resolution needs to be amended to read 1.0 FTE.

Ayes 6      Nays 0      The motion carried.

**7. DISTRICT CLERK'S REPORT**

**\*A.** Approval of Minutes for May 28 and June 3, 2013 Board meetings.

Mr. Trotta 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. Trotta made and Mrs. Boyd seconded a motion to accept the Financial Reports as submitted.

Treasurers Report for the month ending May.

Comprehensive Budget Status Report ending May.

Comprehensive Revenue Status Report ending May.

Claims Auditor Report Warrants #59-66

Warrants #59-66

Ayes 6      Nays 0      The motion carried.

**C. Delegations - none**

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**8. PERSONNEL**

**\*A. Instructional Appointments**

Mr. Trotta 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 instructional appointments:

Matthew Eyer	Special Education Teacher
Effective: September 1, 2013	Tenure Area: Special Education
Probationary Period: September 1, 2013 – August 31, 2016	
Annual Salary = \$52,291 Step 1 plus MA	Replaces: Jennifer Hengen-Chason

Christopher DeSario	Special Education Teacher
Effective: September 1, 2013	Tenure Area: Special Education
Probationary Period: September 1, 2013 – August 31, 2016	
Annual Salary = \$52,225 Step 1 plus MA	Replaces: Andrea Saylor

Bonnie Parmelee	.6 FTE Earth Science Teacher
Effective: September 1, 2013	Recall (part-time)
Annual Salary = \$34,569 Step 5, prorated, plus applicable graduate hours	

Tara Camo-Hart	School Social Worker
Effective: September 1, 2013	Tenure Area: Social Work
Probationary Period: September 1, 2013 – August 31, 2015 (previously tenured)	
Annual Salary = \$54,020 Step 2, plus MA	Replaces: Nancy Bayersdorfer
Ayes 7	Nays 0      The motion carried.

**\*B. Temporary Support Staff Appointments**

Mr. Trotta 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 temporary support staff appointments:

Owen Lynch	Seasonal Worker
Effective: June 24, 2013 – Aug. 30, 2013	Salary: \$10.08/hour

Shayne Robert	Seasonal Worker
Effective: June 20, 2013 – Aug. 30, 2013	Salary: \$10.08 /hour

Shane Corcoran	Seasonal Worker
Effective: June 20, 2013 – Aug. 30, 2013	Salary: \$10.08/hour

Liam Nethercott	Seasonal Worker
Effective: June 24, 2013 – Aug. 30, 2013	Salary: \$10.08/hour
Ayes 6	Nays 0      The motion carried.

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**\*C. Support Staff Resignation**

Mr. Trotta 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 accepts the following support staff resignation contingent upon his appointment to the 1.0 (full time) Custodial Worker position:

Trini Stevens	.5 FTE Custodial Worker
Effective: June 30, 2013	(position abolished)

Ayes 6      Nays 0      The motion carried.

**\*D. Support Staff Appointments**

Mr. Trotta 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 support staff appointments:

Trini Stevens	1.0 FTE Custodial Worker
Effective: July 1, 2013	Salary: \$14.04/hr., Step 2 per CSEA (new position)

Jerry Heiser	1.0 FTE Head Bus Driver
Effective: July 1, 2013	Salary: \$26.92/hr., Step 5 per CSEA

Ayes 6      Nays 0      The motion carried.

**\*E. Support Staff Appointments**

Mr. Trotta 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 support staff appointments for the 2013-2014 Summer School Programs:

Patricia Steen	Teaching Assistant
Effective: July 1, 2013-Aug. 9, 2013	Salary: \$15.49/hour
Not to exceed 30 days	

Laurie Werner	Teaching Assistant
Effective: July 1, 2013-Aug. 9, 2013	Salary: \$15.49/hour
Not to exceed 30 days	

Ayes 6      Nays 0      The motion carried.

**9. BUSINESS and OPERATIONS**

**\*A. Approval of renewal of MVP Healthcare Plan**

Mr. Trotta 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 renewal of the MVP Health Care Plan effective July 1, 2013.

Ayes 6      Nays 0      The motion carried.

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**\*B. Approval of Summer Day Camp Transportation**

Mr. Trotta 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 Amenia Recreation Summer Program Transportation and Millerton Recreation Summer Recreation Program Transportation.

Ayes 6      Nays 0      The motion carried.

**\*C. Approval of RFP Request for Proposal Occupational Therapy (OT) and Physical Therapy (PT)**

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

Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education approves Complete Therapy Services, PLLC., (Complete OT/PT/SLP PLLC) for the school years July 1, 2013 – June 30, 2016.

Ayes 6      Nays 0      The motion carried.

**10. BOARD OF EDUCATION**

**A. Technology discussion**

Ms. Moran felt strongly that if we are going to do update the computer systems we need an assessment done and need someone to lead us. She would like the company that she has been researching, Reverse Polarity, to come out and assess the District's needs. She noted it would cost \$3000 to \$5000 for an assessment to be done. Mr. McCaffrey suggested having a wider review of the system performed and not just Wifi. Ms. Moran agreed. There was discussion about if this company would be independent from a company we end up buying a new system from. Ms. Moran stated they would be independent. Discussion ensued.

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

Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board approves acquiring the services of Reverse Polaris, to review Webutuck facilities for an assessment of the complete computer system with the assessment's total cost not to exceed \$6000 and to authorize the Superintendent to negotiate on behalf of the District.

Ayes 6      Nays 0      The motion carried.

**STUDENT REPORT AND RECOGNITION**

Kayla Kohl

Claire Markonic

Ms. Kohl updated the Board on graduation and awards dates. Mr. Trotta asked the representatives how the food has been since last year. Kayla stated she didn't think it was different from last year. Mr. Gratto thanked the Kayla and Claire for their service to the Board this past year and presented them with a gift certificate to Oblong Books and certificate of appreciation. Discussion ensued.

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**B.** Mr. Gratto asked the Board what they would like to do with the septic? The Board agreed to hire Morris Associates Engineering Consultants.

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

Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board accepts the proposal from Morris Associates Engineering Consultants dated June 12, 2013 for an evaluation and inspection of our troubled septic.

Ayes 6      Nays 0      The motion carried.

**11. PUBLIC COMMENT**

The following topics were commented on by the public:

Septic system

**12. EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Mrs. Westfall made and Ms. Moran seconded a motion to adjourn to executive session at 7:45 pm for the purpose of discussing the employment history of a particular person or persons.

Ayes 6      Nays 0      The motion carried.

**13. RECONVENE PUBLIC SESSION**

Mr. Perotti made and Mr. Trotta seconded a motion to adjourn the executive session and to reconvene the public session at 8:58 pm.

Ayes 6      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 June 17, 2013 at 8:59 pm.

Ayes 6      Nays 0      The motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Therese M. Trotter  
District Clerk