

Minutes of the Regular Board of Education Meeting
February 29, 2016

The Webutuck Board of Education held their February 29, 2016 meeting at 7:00 p.m. in the Webutuck High School Library.

The following Board members were present:

Kristen Panzer, President
Cory Chinn
Christopher Mayville
Nikki Johnson
Richard Keller-Coffey
Judy Moran

Absent:

Bill McGhee

Also Present:

Raymond Castellani, Superintendent
Cynthia Hawthorne, Business Official
Therese Trotter, District Clerk
Cassandra Whitehead
Cassandra Lopane
Ernesto Sebastian

1. CALL TO ORDER

President Panzer called the business meeting of February 29, 2016 to order at 7:00 p.m.

2. PRESENTATION

High School Budget-J. Chason

Ms. Chason reviewed the budget. She requested 1.0 F.T.E. Science/Health Teacher, Science lab upgrades, increase field trip opportunities and to join Model U.N for the 2016-2017 school year. Discussion ensued.

Eugene Brooks Intermediate School Budget - E. Lynch

Mr. Lynch reviewed his budget. He requested a 1.0 elementary teacher, introduction of the DARE program, Author Day grades 4-6, Camp Invention Program, Mentor Program/Student Leadership, College and Career Day, increase field trip opportunities. Discussions ensued.

Webutuck Elementary School - K. Sauer

Mr. Sauer reviewed his budget. He requested approval of the use of Maplebrook pool, transportation to and from, and a certified water safety instructor. He would like to continue summer school, and the One Book One School program. Discussion ensued.

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3. STUDENT REPORTS

Representative Cassandra Waite

Representative Waite reported the school musical “42nd Street” will begin next weekend. Please refer to the school website. She also commented that the music students have seen success with college acceptance. Discussion ensued.

Representative Cassandra Lopane

Representative Lopane announced that the senior trip has been cancelled. There were not enough students. She reported on the success of Mock Trial and the Leggo Club. She commented that the Leggo Club was successful and a good service requirement.

Representative Ernesto Sebastian

Representative Sebastian reported that basketball season ended last week. Both teams had great success. Girls’ basketball had a winning season and made it to sectionals as well as boys. March 4th is the athletic banquet.

4. PUBLIC COMMENT

There were no comments from the public.

5. SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT

Mr. Castellani reported on the shelter in place that took place at school today. Discussion ensued.

Lacrosse Transportation – Mr. Castellani spoke about the request to provide transportation for lacrosse students by the District to Millbrook CSD. Discussion ensued.

Mr. Castellani reported on the community service program initiative beginning in 2016-2017 which would be become a mandate for graduation. Discussion ensued.

Mr. Castellani spoke about the Literacy Audit that has begun. The Board will receive a report when completed. Discussion ensued.

PBIS -Behavior Intervention Strategy is a program that will be implemented in grades K-12l. All students would understand the expectations of behavior the District has and behavior guidelines will carry through grade to grade. Discussion ensued.

A Safety Audit was performed from Needham Group recently. The architects will review it and present a plan of action using monies from the Smart School Bonds.

The Facilities Committee reviewed and discussed the Building Conditions Survey (BCS). Discussion ensued.

Mr. Castellani reported the Board Goals need to be finalized. They will be discussed at the next Board meeting. Discussion ensued.

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Transportation Advisory Services -Mr. Castellani reported that the Board requested an audit to review the Transportation Department. Mr. Castellani stated there is discussion about a major change to the bus runs with schools going to a one bell system. Discussion ensued.

Hudson River Housing

The Hudson River Housing would cost \$900 to develop ideas for use of the Millerton building. Mrs. Johnson and Ms. Moran felt there was a conflict of interest with Hudson River Housing. Discussion ensued.

Mr. Mayville made and Ms. Moran seconded a motion to table the discussion.

Aye 6 Nay 0 The motion carried.

Land Waiver of Deed Restriction Request

Mr. Castellani commented that we have a request to entertain a land waiver of a deed restriction. Discussion ensued.

6. CONSENSUS AGENDA VOTE

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 #7.01 Approval of Minutes, 8.06 Extra-Curricular Appointments, 9.01 Approval of Ashley Mechanical Agreement for further discussion.

Mr. Mayville made and Mr. Keller Coffey seconded the motion.

Aye 6 Nay 0 The motion carried.

7. DISTRICT CLERK'S REPORT

7.01. Approval of Minutes

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

Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education approves the minutes from February 1 and February 3, 2016 Board meeting as submitted.

Mr. Keller Coffey noted a name missing on February 3, 2016.

Ms. Chinn made and Ms. Johnson seconded the motion as amended.

Aye 6 Nay 0 The motion carried.

7.03 Delegations – There were no delegations.

8. PERSONNEL

8.01. Instructional Resignation

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

NAME	POSITION	EFFECTIVE DATE
Francine Verdier	French Teacher	February 24, 2016

Mrs. Johnson made and Mrs. Chinn seconded the motion. The Board of Education wished her the best in the future.

Aye 6 Nay 0 The motion carried.

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8.02 Support Staff Resignation For The Purpose Of Retirement

Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of schools, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education hereby accepts the following support staff resignation for the purpose of retirement:

NAME	POSITION	EFFECTIVE DATE
Denise Flint	Teaching Assistant	June 30, 2016

Mr. Keller Coffey made and Mrs. Johnson seconded the motion with appreciation and regret from the Board of Education.

Aye 6 Nay 0 The motion carried.

***8.03 Support Staff Appointments**

Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education hereby approves the following support staff appointments:

NAME	POSITION	EFFECTIVE DATE	SALARY
Charlotte Voigt (Replaces Melissa Hood)	Teacher Aide	February 23, 2016	Step 1 per CSEA contract (pro-rated)

Mr. Mayville made and Mr. Keller Coffey seconded the motion.

Aye 6 Nay 0 The motion carried.

***8.04 Substitute Instructional Appointment**

Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education approves the following substitute instructional appointment:

NAME	POSITION	EFFECTIVE DATE	SALARY
Gail Virtuoso	Substitute Teacher	February 23, 2016	\$90/day

Mr. Mayville made and Mr. Keller Coffey seconded the motion.

Aye 6 Nay 0 The motion carried.

***8.05 Substitute Support Staff Appointments**

Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education hereby approves the following substitute support staff appointments:

NAME	POSITION	EFFECTIVE	SALARY
Cari Howard	Substitute Teacher Assistant	February 23, 2016	\$11.96/hr.
Cari Howard	Substitute Teacher Aide	February 23, 2016	\$11.96/hr.
Gail Virtuoso	Substitute Teacher Aide	February 23, 2016	\$11.96/hr.
Gail Virtuoso	Substitute Teacher Assistant	February 23, 2016	\$11.96/hr.
Charlotte Voigt	Substitute Teacher Aide	February 23, 2016	\$11.96/hr.
Charlotte Voigt	Substitute School Monitor	February 23, 2016	\$11.29/hr.
Charlotte Voigt	Substitute Clerical Worker	February 23, 2016	\$12.85/hr.

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Mr. Mayville made and Mr. Keller Coffey seconded the motion.
Aye 6 Nay 0 The motion carried.

8.06 Extra-Curricular Appointments

This item was removed from the consent agenda for further discussion.
Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education approves the following Extra-Curricular Appointments for the 2015-2016 school year:

NAME	POSITION for 2015-2016 School Year	STIPEND
Shawn Hosier	Varsity Boys Track Coach	\$4,494
Kathleen Howard	JV/Modified Track Coach	\$2,208
James Jackson	JV Baseball	\$3,117
Ryan Killmer	Modified Baseball Coach	\$2,208
Justin Zuluaga	JV/Modified Track Coach	\$2,208

Ms. Moran made and Mrs. Chinn seconded the motion.
Ms. Johnson made and Ms. Moran seconded a motion to table the resolution.
Aye 5 Nay 1 The motion carried.
Ms. Panzer was the lone dissenter.

9. BUSINESS and OPERATIONS

9.01. Approval of Ashley Mechanical (AMI) Agreement

This item was removed the consent agenda for further discussion.
Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education approves the AMI Agreement for the proposed Boiler cleaning not to exceed \$8,640 and for Burner Services not to exceed \$2,420 in both the Millerton Elementary building and Webutuck High School building.
Mrs. Chinn made and Mrs. Johnson seconded the motion.
Mr. Keller Coffey had a question if the Facilities Committee had recommended this.
Aye 5 Nay 0 The motion carried.
Mr. Keller Coffey abstained from the vote.

***9.02 Approval of Transportation Advisory Service (TAS)**

Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education approves the proposal put forth by Transportation Advisory Service to perform an efficiency study at a cost not to exceed \$9175.
Mr. Mayville made and Mr. Keller Coffey seconded the motion.
Aye 6 Nay 0 The motion carried.

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11. BOARD OF EDUCATION

11.01. Committee Reports

Facilities Committee – There will be a presentation on the Building Condition survey at the March 14 Board meeting.

The Finance Committee meeting was canceled and rescheduled for next Monday, March 7.

PUBLIC COMMENT

The following were topics commented on by the public:

-AIS

-Northeast on agenda confusing

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mrs. Chinn and Mr. Johnson seconded a motion to adjourn to executive session at 9:12 pm for the purpose of contractual obligations and personnel.

Aye 6 Nay 0 The motion carried.

RECONVENE PUBLIC SESSION

Mrs. Johnson made and Mrs. Chinn seconded a motion to adjourn the executive session and to reconvene the public session at 11:00 p.m.

Aye 6 Nay 0 The motion carried.

Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education approves the appointment of Anthony D’Amato as Director of Facilities II for the Webutuck Central School District effective March 14, 2016 through June 30, 2016 at a salary of \$55,000 (pro-rated), probationary period: March 14, 2016-September 14, 2016.

Ms. Moran made and Mr. Mayville seconded the motion.

Aye 6 Nay 0 The motion carried.

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Aye 6 Nay 0 The motion carried.

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ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Mrs. Chinn made and Ms. Moran seconded a motion to adjourn the meeting of February 29, 2016 at 11:01 pm.

Aye 6 Nay 0 The motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Therese M. Trotter
District Clerk