

Minutes of the Regular Board of Education Meeting
January 19, 2016

The Webutuck Board of Education held their January 19, 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

Also Present:

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

Absent:

Bill McGhee

1. CALL TO ORDER

President Panzer called the business meeting of January 19, 2016 to order at 7:00 p.m.

2. PRESENTATION

2.01. Photography Class Website - C. Wickwire

Mr. Wickwire presented information on updating the Webutuck webpage. Mr. Wickwire explained that there was a desire for the webpage to be more user friendly, more appealing and more about our student population. The plan is for students to be actively involved by taking pictures of the student population and activities, adding and deleting items to keep the homepage fresh with up-to-date information. He noted that it is still a work in progress with an approximate completion date in the Spring. The live website was reviewed by the Board members and audience. Board members addressed their concern about security with students having access to the site. Discussion ensued.

2.02. Senior Trip

Mrs. Tomasetti and students Joan Calderon and Sophia Tomasetti presented information on the senior trip to Board members. They will leave June 4, 2016 and return on June 6, 2016. The itinerary for the trip was reviewed. Cost of the trip and chaperones were discussed. The Board requested an update as the date for the trip nears. It was suggested that they poll students for the reason they are not going and report back to the Superintendent. Discussion ensued.

Ms. Moran made and Mrs. Chin seconded a motion to approve the senior trip for June 4 – 6, 2016, and that the Board of Education receives an update as the trip date nears.

Aye 6 Nay 0 The motion passed.

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2.03 Eagle Scout Project - Mikey Ackerman

Freshman student Mikey Ackerman presented his Eagle Scout Project Blasing a trail @ WES. A trail behind WES that had become overgrown was cleared by Mr. Ackerman and volunteers. It had previously been used for soccer and track. It took three to four weeks to complete. There are still a few things that need to be done for it to be preserved. Board President Kristen Panzer thanked Mr. Ackerman for presenting his project and beautifying the WES campus.

2.04 Students of the Month

Mr. Pollinger presented the certificates to the students of the month for December and January. Superintendent Castellani and Board members congratulated the students and wished them continued success.

Emily Tanner (grade 10)
Samantha Wolfe (grade 9)
Cassandra Lopane (grade 12)
Matthew Intrieri (grade 9)

Mariah Lattrell (grade 4)
Amy Hayes (grade 8)
Katrina D'Antonio (grade 6)
Elizabeth Petkovich (grade 5)
Anthony Thorne (grade 4)

STUDENT OF THE MONTH

Representative Cassandra Whitehead reported that 5th and 6th grade students were chosen for Elementary All County. They will compete on February 27. She noted that rehearsals for the musical are ongoing.

Representative Cassandra Lopane reported that both Varsity basketball boys and girls had games tonight. The 4th and 5th grade Leggo Club has started and the Honor Society students are helping.

2.05. Budget Discussion

Transportation

Mr. Heiser, Head Bus Driver of Webutuck, reviewed the number of employees and the Webutuck fleet of buses and mini vans. He reviewed the transportation goals, department responsibilities, the Commissioner's rules and regulations for bus drivers, and the Webutuck NYS DOT Safety Rating. He reviewed who they serve, routes and the transportation budget. Mr. Heiser recommended the purchase of two large buses at \$110,000 each. He would trade-in a 2007 and 2008 bus which have reached their life span. Discussion ensued.

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Athletics

Mr. Zenz reviewed the interscholastic athletic teams, the athletic programs and the 2015-2016 participation. He pointed out the reductions and additions to the athletic program and reviewed the budget. Mr. Zenz reviewed the overall plan for supplies, equipment and uniforms. He noted that he would like to add a Winter/Indoor Track Team and Modified Assistant to be used if there is an oversized modified team. Discussion ensued.

3. PUBLIC COMMENT

The following are topics commented on by the public:

- enjoy basketball program, school should be proud
- teacher communication has been great for my son.

4. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

4.01. MES Committee will meet with the three local municipalities tomorrow to get to know each other and discuss the Millerton building.

Finance Committee - Meeting is scheduled for February 1, 2016.

Hudson River Housing Project reached out to Mr. Castellani to set up a meeting to discuss the district's vision for MES on January 27th. Ms. Moran had concerns that it should be discussed in public. Mr. Castellani replied that he would have a public meeting if it's necessary after the initial meeting.

Engineers were here recently to complete the building conditions survey. We are waiting for the official report. Mr. Castellani commented that there is work to be done.

Mr. Castellani met with three engineers with the Energy Project. The project has taken so long due to the State issue with an engineer of record that it has to be reevaluated for cost. It has to be submitted through Tetrattech. Mr. Castellani commented that the boilers were not in the original proposal and it is necessary that they are included because they are fifty years old.

Goal Setting with Dr. Hooley – A meeting is scheduled for February 3 at 5:30. The focus is on instructional areas. Mr. Castellani noted after being here one year and sitting with teachers, administrators, and parents the focus areas should be on literacy, developing a vision and philosophy, and a behavior intervention program.

Negotiations Committee – Tentative Meeting February 8 at 6:00 pm.

Building Tours for Board Members - TBD

5. 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 #6.01 Minutes, and #9.01 Language Line Service Agreement, for further discussion.

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

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Aye 6 Nay 0 The motion carried.

6. DISTRICT CLERK'S REPORT

6.01. Approval of Minute

This item was removed from the consent agenda.

Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education approves the minutes from January 4, 2016 Board meeting as submitted.

6.02. Delegations – There were no delegations.

7. PERSONNEL

***7.01. Leave of Absence**

Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education hereby approves the following unpaid Leave of Absence:

NAME	POSITION	EFFECTIVE DATE
Evelyn Brennie	Teacher	February 1, 2016 - June 30, 2016

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

Aye 6 Nay 0 The motion carried.

***7.02. Support Staff Appointment**

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

NAME	POSITION	EFFECTIVE	SALARY
Allison Wurster (Replaces Catherine Christofel)	Nurse	February 04, 2016	Prorated, Per Step 2 of the CSEA contract

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

Aye 6 Nay 0 The motion carried.

***7.03. Substitute Support Staff Appointment**

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

NAME	POSITION	EFFECTIVE	SALARY
Melanie Kay	Substitute Teacher Aide	January 20, 2016	\$11.96/hr.

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

Aye 6 Nay 0 The motion carried.

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9. BUSINESS and OPERATIONS

9.01. Approval of Language Line Service Agreement

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 Language Line Service Agreement under the State of New York Contract #PS6523 through June 30, 2016.

10. BOARD OF EDUCATION

10.01. Committee Reports

Speak about one bell.

Policy Committee scheduled a meeting on January 27, 2016.

PUBLIC COMMENT

There were no comments from the public.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mrs. Johnson and Mrs. Chinn seconded a motion to adjourn to executive session at 8:48 pm for the purpose of negotiations and personnel matters.

Aye 6 Nay 0 The motion carried.

RECONVENE PUBLIC SESSION

Mrs. Johnson made and Mr. Keller Coffey seconded a motion to adjourn the executive session and to reconvene the public session at 10:20 p.m.

Aye 6 Nay 0 The motion carried.

Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education approves and ratifies the MOA by and among the Webutuck Central School District, the Webutuck Administrative Association, and employee #1885.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Mr. Mayville made and Ms. Moran seconded a motion to adjourn the meeting of January 19, 2016 at 10:22 pm.

Aye 6 Nay 0 The motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Therese M. Trotter
District Clerk