

Minutes of the Regular Board of Education Meeting  
March 14, 2016

The Webutuck Board of Education held their March 14, 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  
Bill McGhee  
Judy Moran

Absent:

Also Present:

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

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

President Panzer called the business meeting of March 14, 2016 to order at 7:09 p.m.

Mr. Castellani recognized the Amenia Recreation Arc Cheerleader team for making it to Nationals.

**2. PRESENTATION**

Tetrattech - Bill Wisbauer

Mr. Wisbauer reviewed the Building Condition Survey for Millerton Elementary School. The main concerns for MES are the oil tank, roof and boiler. A decision will have to be made what the plans are for the building, what needs to be done short term versus long-term. Mr. Castellani pointed out concerns at the main campus. Discussion ensued.

Preliminary Budget Discussion

Mr. Castellani presented the preliminary 2016-2017 school budget. He reviewed the program requests included in the budget as well as the savings and efficiencies. The total increase from this year's budget to next year's budget will be \$579,564 which is a 2.71% increase. The proposed budget for 2016-2017 stands at \$21,961,642. This is a preliminary budget and can be adjusted until it is adopted by the Board of Education on April 4, 2016.

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**3. STUDENT REPORTS**

Cassandra Lopane

Ms. Lopane noted that the musical was this past weekend and was a huge success.

Ernesto Sebastian

Mr. Sebastian reviewed the Athletic Awards from the recent Sports' Banquet.

**4. PUBLIC COMMENT**

The following were topics commented on by the public:

- 6 music position-many students will suffer
- Cutting Mr. Stowe
- course Music In Our Lives
- Mr. Stowe
- self-confidence building
- musical performance
- if there is no theater individual won't come back to Webutuck
- music appreciation is world-wide

**5. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT**

5.01. Model U.N. – Students who participated in Model U.N. addressed the Board on their experience.

Mr. Castellani commented about the reduction in staff that is being addressed in the budget is about the position not the person.

**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 and 9.01 Approval of Board Goals for further discussion.

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

Aye 7                      Nay 0                      The motion carried.

**7. DISTRICT CLERK'S REPORT**

**7.01. Approval of Minutes**

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 March 7, 2016 Board meeting as submitted.

Mr. Keller Coffey and Ms. Chinn seconded the motion.

Aye 7                      Nay 0                      The motion carried.

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**7.02. Delegations – Lee Stowe – Response to Proposed Budget Cuts**  
Mr. Stowe addressed the Board about his position being eliminated.

**8. PERSONNEL**

**\*8.01. Extra-Curricular Appointments**

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 2015 - 2016 School Year	STIPEND
John Lamb	Baseball Volunteer	No Stipend
Greg Scott	Baseball Volunteer	No Stipend

Mr. Keller Coffey and Ms. Chinn seconded the motion.

Aye 7                      Nay 0                      The motion carried.

**\*8.02. Substitute Instructional Appointments**

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

NAME	POSITION	EFFECTIVE DATE	SALARY
Michael Brinson	Substitute Teacher	March 15, 2016	\$85/day
Juan Contreras	Substitute Teacher	March 15, 2016	\$85/day
Deborah Farino	Substitute Teacher	March 15, 2016	\$90/day
Amanda Longest	Substitute Teacher	March 15, 2016	\$85/day
Jennifer Morello	Substitute Teacher	March 15, 2016	\$90/day
Jonathan Pol	Substitute Teacher	March 15, 2016	\$90/day
Ariel Wang	Substitute Teacher	March 15, 2016	\$85/day

Mr. Keller Coffey and Ms. Chinn seconded the motion.

Aye 7                      Nay 0                      The motion carried.

**\*8.03. 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 DATE	SALARY
Michael Brinson	Substitute Teacher Assistant	March 15, 2016	\$11.96/hr.
Juan Contreras	Substitute Teacher Assistant	March 15, 2016	\$11.96/hr.
Deborah Farino	Substitute Teacher Assistant	March 15, 2016	\$11.96/hr.
Amanda Longest	Substitute Teacher Assistant	March 15, 2016	\$11.96/hr.
Jennifer Morello	Substitute Teacher Assistant	March 15, 2016	\$11.96/hr.
Jonathan Pol	Substitute Teacher Assistant	March 15, 2016	\$11.96/hr.

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Ariel Wang	Substitute Teacher Assistant	March 15, 2016	\$11.96/hr.
Michael Brinson	Substitute Teacher Aide	March 15, 2016	\$11.96/hr.
Juan Contreras	Substitute Teacher Aide	March 15, 2016	\$11.96/hr.
Deborah Farino	Substitute Teacher Aide	March 15, 2016	\$11.96/hr.
Amanda Longest	Substitute Teacher Aide	March 15, 2016	\$11.96/hr.
Jennifer Morello	Substitute Teacher Aide	March 15, 2016	\$11.96/hr.
Jonathan Pol	Substitute Teacher Aide	March 15, 2016	\$11.96/hr.
Ariel Wang	Substitute Teacher Aide	March 15, 2016	\$11.96/hr.
Ariel Wang	Substitute Clerical Worker	March 15, 2016	\$12.85/hr.

Mr. Keller Coffey and Ms. Chinn seconded the motion.

Aye 7                      Nay 0                      The motion carried.

**9. BOARD OF EDUCATION**

**9.01. Approval of BOE Goals**

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 2015-2016 Board of Education Goals.

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

Ms. Moran read the Board goals aloud.

Aye 7                      Nay 0                      The motion carried.

**Committee Reports**

Facilities Committee – The Committee met to listen to Tetrattech’s report on the Building Condition Survey (BCS).

Board Document: Board members were happy with the content of the Board of Education description that Mrs. Johnson provided to members. Mr. Castellani read the document aloud. Discussion ensued.

Ms. Moran made and Mrs. Johnson seconded motion to adopt the document Board of Education description.

Aye 7                      Nay 0                      The motion carried.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

The following were topics commented on by the public:

- lacrosse transportation
- think proactively – don’t dismantle music program
- we educate our heads and souls
- students are not just numbers
- graduate supports programs happening now
- Music is a door
- chorus is therapy

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- Mr. Stowe & Mrs. Gagne favorite teachers
- Mr. Stowe brought student out of shell
- Music brings us so many places
- reduction of music position is collateral damage
- Music is one word to describe me – Stowe is the reason
- don't have a picture of the full schedule of music

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Mr. Mayville and Mr. Keller Coffey seconded a motion to adjourn to executive session at 9:20 pm for the purpose of discussion with our school attorney on a legal matter.

Aye 7                      Nay 0                      The motion carried.

**RECONVENE PUBLIC SESSION**

Mr. Mayville made and Mr. McGhee seconded a motion to adjourn the executive session and to reconvene the public session at 10:40 p.m.

Aye 7                      Nay 0                      The motion carried.

**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, Ms. Moran made and Mrs. Johnson seconded a motion to adjourn the meeting of March 14, 2016 at 10:41 pm.

Aye 7                      Nay 0                      The motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Therese M. Trotter  
District Clerk