

Minutes of the Regular Board of Education Meeting
September 21, 2015

The Webutuck Board of Education held their September 21, 2015 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

Also Present:

Raymond Castellani, Superintendent

Cynthia Hawthorne, Business Official

Therese Trotter, District Clerk

1. CALL TO ORDER

President Panzer called the business meeting of September 21, 2015 to order at 7:07 p.m.

2. PRESENTATION

2.01. Webutuck Website – Henry Pollinger/Chris Chamuris

Mr. Pollinger updated the Board on the Webutuck website. He had spoken to the new Technology Director Chris Chamuris and Mr. Chamuris suggested a temporary solution would be to freshen up the homepage for a different look. Mr. Pollinger will call Edline to see what is available. In the long term, Mr. Chamuris suggested changing vendors because Blackboard and Edline are not user friendly. President Panzer questioned why they would drop the idea of Weebly for the homepage. Mr. Pollinger explained that Mr. Chamuris had said Weebly does not working well with other programs. Mr. Castellani stated that he and Board members want to continue to move forward with changing the homepage. Discussion ensued.

2.02. Student of the Month

Mr. Castellani reported that the Board would like to see the District recognizing students, staff, and volunteers at Board meetings. Mr. Pollinger and staff began Student of the Month recognition this year. He explained the criteria for choosing Student of the Month. He then announced and introduced EBIS Student of the Month – Reagan Shook, WHS Students of the Month, Thomas Stefanopolous and David Carman (Mr. Carman was not in attendance). The students received a certificate and had their pictures taken by the Millerton News. The Board congratulated the students. President Panzer requested a picture be taken of all three for the District website.

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2.03 Emergency Response Plan

Mrs. Hawthorne explained that Needham Group based on Safe Schools recommendation, changed the format of the binders and made a few changes within the Plan. Mrs. Hawthorne invited the Board members to her office to view the Plan. It is not for public viewing for safety reasons. Discussion ensued.

3. PUBLIC COMMENT

The following are topics commented on by the public:

- residential busing
- vending machines
- transportation
- 8th grade Biology lab

4. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Mr. Castellani explained that the Board needed to choose a voting delegate and an alternate as a representative for Webutuck School District for the NYSSBA Annual Meeting. The designee will vote on proposed resolutions. It was suggested that Vice-President Chris Mayville be the designee. The designee will be chosen at the next Board meeting. Discussion ensued.

4.01. Virtual Learning

Mr. Castellani explained that the high school and intermediate school would like to bring more opportunities to Webutuck students to extend their learning and offer courses they wouldn't necessarily receive in a typical setting. EBIS and WHS have researched and are working with two companies to see what they could offer our students. They are interested in being able to offer students credit recovery courses and to be able to offer courses such as Mandarin Chinese or astronomy through alternate means. Mr. Castellani stated they are looking at working with BOCES as a shared service to offset cost. He mentioned that the new BOCES Superintendent is interesting in being able to offer virtual courses in Dutchess County Schools. Discussion ensued.

Mr. Castellani reported that Mr. Schoonmaker, a past Superintendent at Webutuck had passed away recently.

Mr. Castellani reported that Karen Roberto, the sister of Patricia Ambrose, a lifelong teacher at Webutuck who passed away last year, donated a painting back to the District that was given to Ms. Ambrose upon her retirement.

Ms. Moran made and Mr. Keller Coffey seconded a motion to gratefully accept the donation of a painting from Karen Roberto in memory of Patricia Ambrose.

Aye 7

Nay 0

The motion carried.

Mr. Keller Coffey questioned about the APPR and the hardship waiver that is due October 1. Mr. Castellani updated the Board on the status of APPR meetings. Discussion ensued.

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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 #9.01 Approval of Revised Policy #1230 Public Participation at Board meetings for further discussion.

Mr. Mayville made and Ms. Chinn seconded the motion as amended.

Aye 7

Nay 0

The motion carried.

6. DISTRICT CLERK'S REPORT

***6.01. Approval of Minutes**

Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education approves the minutes from September 8, 2015 Board meeting as submitted.

Mr. Mayville made and Ms. Chinn seconded the motion as amended.

Aye 7

Nay 0

The motion carried.

6.02. Delegations – There were no delegations.

7. PERSONNEL

***7.01. 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
Nancy Vialpando (Replaces Nancy Genoese)	Teacher Aide (3.75hr)	September 22, 2015	Step 2 per CSEA contract

Mr. Mayville made and Ms. Chinn seconded the motion as amended.

Aye 7

Nay 0

The motion carried.

7.02. 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
James Kilmer	Maintenance Worker	October 30,2015

Mr. Keller Coffey and Ms. Moran seconded the motion with regret and best wishes on his retirement.

Aye 7

Nay 0

The motion carried.

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7.03. Support Staff Resignations:

Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education accepts the following Support Staff Resignations:

NAME	POSITION	EFFECTIVE DATE
Isabelle Ferri	Typist (10 Month)	September 25, 2015
Jennifer Sullivan	Typist (12 Month)	October 02, 2015

Mr. Mayville and Mrs. Chinn seconded the motion. Board members wished them well in their future endeavors.

Aye 7 Nay 0 The motion carried.

***7.04. Amendment of Instructional Appointment Resolution**

Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education approves the following amendment to the instructional appointment from the July 07, 2015 agenda to read as follows:

Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education of the Webutuck School District hereby accepts the recommendation of the Superintendent to appoint Craig Wickwire to a four year probationary appointment as a teacher of Visual Arts in the Art tenure area, commencing September 1, 2015 and ending August 31, 2019, contingent upon achievement of effective or highly effective APPR ratings necessary to receive tenure throughout his probationary period, consistent with the requirements of Education Law Section 3012², 3012-c and/or 3012-d. Mr. Wickwire holds a Professional certification as a Visual Arts teacher (certificate # 419017101).

Mr. Mayville made and Ms. Chinn seconded the motion as amended.

Aye 7 Nay 0 The motion carried.

***7.05. Amendment of Instructional Appointment Resolution**

Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education approves the following amendment to the instructional appointment from the August 3, 2015 agenda to read as follows:

Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education of the Webutuck School District hereby accepts the recommendation of the Superintendent to appoint Francine Verdier to a four year probationary appointment as a teacher of French in the Foreign Languages tenure area, commencing September 1, 2015 and ending August 31, 2019, contingent upon achievement of effective or highly effective APPR ratings necessary to receive tenure throughout her probationary period, consistent with the requirements of Education Law Section 3012², 3012-c and/or 3012-d. Ms. Verdier holds a permanent (Professional) certification as a French 7-12 teacher (certificate # 434078921).

Mr. Mayville made and Ms. Chinn seconded the motion as amended.

Aye 7 Nay 0 The motion carried.

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***7.06. Amendment of Instructional Appointment Resolution**

Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education approves the following amendment to the instructional appointment from the August 17, 2015 agenda to read as follows:

Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education of the Webutuck School District hereby accepts the recommendation of the Superintendent to appoint Lauren Boldrin to a four year probationary appointment as a teacher of Childhood Education in the Elementary tenure area, commencing September 1, 2015 and ending August 31, 2019, contingent upon achievement of effective or highly effective APPR ratings necessary to receive tenure throughout her probationary period, consistent with the requirements of Education Law Section 3012², 3012-c and/or 3012-d. Ms. Boldrin holds a professional certification as a Childhood Education 1-6 teacher (certificate # 786250131).

Mr. Mayville made and Ms. Chinn seconded the motion as amended.

Aye 7

Nay 0

The motion carried.

***7.07. Amendment of Substitute Instructional Appointment**

Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education approves the following amendment to the substitute instructional appointment on September 8, 2015:

NAME	POSITION	EFFECTIVE DATE	SALARY
Veronica Smith (was listed incorrectly as Victoria)	Substitute Teacher	September 09, 2105	\$90/day

Mr. Mayville made and Ms. Chinn seconded the motion as amended.

Aye 7

Nay 0

The motion carried.

***7.08. Leave of Absence**

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

NAME	POSITION	EFFECTIVE DATE
Evelyn Brennie	Teacher	Approx. October 15, 2015 - February 1, 2016

Mr. Mayville made and Ms. Chinn seconded the motion as amended.

Aye 7

Nay 0

The motion carried.

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***7.09. 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 for 2015-2016 School Year	STIPEND
Jennifer Ippolito	Junior Honor Society Advisor	\$250
Jay Bradley	Play Co-Instrumental Director	\$936.50
Eric Wiener	Play Co-Instrumental Director	\$936.50
Jenna Garofalo	High School Student Council Advisor	\$250
Anastasia Demetros	Honor Society Co-Advisor	\$125
Erik Harvey	Honor Society Co-Advisor	\$125
Francine Verdier	French Club Advisor	\$250

Mr. Mayville made and Ms. Chinn seconded the motion as amended.

Aye 7

Nay 0

The motion carried.

8. BUSINESS and OPERATIONS

8.01. Approval of the 2015- 2016 NECC Lease Agreement

Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education hereby approves the 2015-2016 NECC Lease Agreement between North East (Webutuck) Central School District and North East Community Center (NECC) from July 1, 2015 through June 30, 2016 directs the Board President or Vice-President to sign the approved lease.

President Panzer recused herself from discussion and voting of the NECC lease.

Ms. Moran made and Mrs. Johnson seconded the motion.

Mr. Castellani added an amendment to the lease. Ms. Moran noted that the revised amendment was uploaded to BoardDocs.

Aye 5

Nay 1

The motion carried.

Mr. McGhee was the lone dissent.

***8.02. Approval of Budget Transfer**

Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education approves the Budget Transfer #2 over five thousand dollars (\$5,000).

Mr. Mayville made and Ms. Chinn seconded the motion as amended.

Aye 7

Nay 0

The motion carried.

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9. BOARD OF EDUCATION

9.01. Approval of Revised Policy #1230 Public Participation at Board Meetings

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 revised Policy #1230 Public Participation at Board Meetings.

Ms. Moran made and Mrs. Johnson seconded the motion.

Ms. Moran suggested a change in the language of the policy. The Board members were in agreement with the revision. Discussion ensued.

Ms. Moran made and Mr. Keller Coffey seconded the amendment.

Aye 7 Nay 0 The motion carried.

Approval of the 2015-2016 Emergency Response Plan

WHEREAS, Section 155.17 of the Regulations of the Commissioner of Education requires a Board of Education to adopt building-level emergency response plans developed in a format provided by the Commissioner of Education, the New York State Police, and other appropriate agencies;

WHEREAS, the Board recognizes the appropriateness and necessity of school emergency response plans that will facilitate the protection of staff and students during times of emergency;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Webutuck (North East) Central School District Board of Education adopts the building-level emergency response plans as developed by The Needham Group, Safety and Health Designee.

Mrs. Chinn made and Mrs. Johnson seconded the motion.

Aye 7 Nay 0 The motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT

There were no comments from the public.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mrs. Johnson and Mr. Keller Coffey seconded a motion to adjourn to executive session at 8:15 pm for the purpose of discussing of Board Development and contract negotiations.

Aye 7 Nay 0 The motion carried.

RECONVENE PUBLIC SESSION

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

Aye 7 Nay 0 The motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Mr. McGhee made and Mrs. Chinn seconded a motion to adjourn the meeting of September 21, 2015 at 10:30 pm.

Aye 6 Nay 0 The motion carried.

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Respectfully submitted, Therese M. Trotter, District Clerk