

Minutes of the Regular Board of Education Meeting
July 21, 2014

The Webutuck Board of Education held their July 21, 2014 meeting at 6:30 p.m. in the Webutuck High School Library.

The following Board members were present:

William McGhee, President

Erin Bailey

Christopher Mayville

Judy Moran

Kristen Panzer

John Perotti

Judy Westfall

Also Present:

James Gratto Jr., Superintendent

Therese Trotter, District Clerk

Jane Watson

Dale Culver

CALL TO ORDER

President McGhee called the business meeting of July 21, 2014 to order at 6:30 p.m.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mrs. Westfall made and Mrs. Panzer seconded a motion to adjourn to executive session at 6:31 pm for the purpose of discussing the employment history of a particular person or persons and litigation.

Ayes 7 Nays 0 The motion carried.

RECONVENE PUBLIC SESSION

Mrs. Panzer made and Mrs. Moran seconded a motion to adjourn the executive session and to reconvene the public session at 7:37 pm.

Ayes 7 Nays 0 The motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT

There were no comments from the public.

CONSENSUS AGENDA VOTE

Mr. Perotti made and Mrs. Panzer 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. The amendment called for removing #6C and 8A for further discussion.

Ayes 7 Nays 0 The motion carried.

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DISTRICT CLERK'S REPORT

***A.** Approval of Minutes for July 7, 2014 Reorganizational and July 7, 2014 Business meetings.

Mr. Perotti made and Mrs. Panzer seconded a motion to accept the minutes as submitted.

B. Delegations – Green Peas Project – Jane Watson

Ms. Watson is a film maker and has been involved working with farmers and chefs for the last four years bringing community outreach projects to different areas. She has created fundraising opportunities for organizations that bring together chefs and farmers using local produce for dinner events and they have met with great success. She now is focusing on our food source in an educational setting by bringing farmers and chefs to the classroom. She would like to connect the Webutuck schools with schools in Harlem, Bedford Stuyvesant, Berkshires, and Boston to teach students the relationship between their food in their bodies, the food in their environment, and the role of the farmer and chef in the food system. Teachers are very interested in this project and there are grants for funding. She would like to connect kids in the inner city and kids at Webutuck. There are different components to this project which she discussed such as short videos that would be aides for teachers to begin the food discussion with students; there would be visits from the farmer and chef's team into the classroom, and lastly there would be skyping for students with other students in different areas. Skyping in the classroom would connect our kids with eight other classrooms in the state and possibly the world where they would be learning about food and their food source. She would like Webutuck to be first school on this type of project to be an example for the rest of the State. The Board members liked the idea of the program and offered Ms. Watson support in her endeavor. Discussion ensued.

Mrs. Moran invited Dale Culver to discuss the possibility of Dutchess BOCES providing virtual AP courses. Ms. Moran had read an article in the Millbrook Independent about BOCES Ulster offering virtual AP courses. Mr. Culver will look into it and report back to the Board. Discussion ensued.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

A. Weight Room Relocation

Mr. Gratto referenced the architect's recommendation for the weight room. Mr. Gratto agreed with the recommendation moving forward with the \$2000 renovation and he suggested putting the two math teachers back in the high school instead of sharing classrooms. After discussing the recommendation with Mrs. Chason, she reminded Mr. Gratto that the reason this was discussed was to get the middle school students out of the high school. The Board asked to see information on the usage of the weight room. Mr. Gratto will add it to the next Board packet. Discussion ensued.

B. NYSSBA Recommended Policy Updates

Mr. Gratto stated that Mrs. Trotter and he went back three years and pulled the policy updates from NYSSBA for review. The Policy Committee scheduled a meeting for Monday, August 11, 2014 at 6:00 pm.

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C. Mr. Gratto reported that the Millerton building cleaning is ongoing and things have been discarded. The downstairs is getting organized.

BoardDocs will be up and running for the Board meeting August 11. Mr. Gratto reported that the Golf coach position has been reposted but there has been no interest at this point.

PERSONNEL

***A. Support Staff Resignation**

Mr. Perotti made and Mrs. Panzer 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 the appointment to the F.T.E. Teacher Aide position.

Kelly Rowe	Teacher Aide
Effective: July 22, 2014	
Ayes 7	Nays 0 The motion carried.

***B. Support Staff Appointment**

Mr. Perotti made and Mrs. Panzer 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 appointment for the 2014-2015 School Year:

Jessica Wolfe	Teacher Aide
Effective: September 1 –June 30, 2015	Step 3 per the CSEA contract
Kelly Rowe	Teacher Aide
Effective: September 1-June 30, 2015	Step 2 per the CSEA contract
Ayes 7	Nays 0 The motion carried.

C. Extra-Curricular Appointments for the 2014-2015 School Year

This item was removed from the consent agenda.

Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education hereby approves the following extra-curricular appointments for the 2014-2015 school year:

		<u>Stipend</u>
Barbara Riley	Data Warehouse Coordinator	\$1,500
Christine Mathers	Babysitter Club	(9hrs @ \$35.91/hr.)
Nancy Gagne	Play Choreographer	\$1,846
Nancy Gagne	Play Director	\$3,384
James Gagne	Play Set Construction	\$2,461
Kaitlyn Bonk	JV Volleyball	\$3,071
William Braislin	Co-Advisor Class of 2020	\$ 123
Christine Gillette	Co-Advisor Class of 2020	\$ 123
Lisa Cope	Co-Advisor Class of 2015	\$ 123
Chrissy Ford	Co-Advisor Class of 2015	\$ 123
Susan Pomeisl	Co-Advisor Class of 2017	\$ 123

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Mari-Ann Hoke

Co-Advisor Class of 2017

\$ 123

***D. Substitute Support Staff Appointment**

Mr. Perotti made and Mrs. Panzer seconded the following motion:

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

Eric Eyring	Substitute Custodial Worker
Effective: July 22, 2014	Salary: \$13.36 per hour
Ayes 7 Nays 0	The motion carried.

***E. Appointment of Impartial Hearing Officer**

Mr. Perotti made and Mrs. Panzer seconded the following motion:

Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, BE IT RESOLVED that the Webutuck (North East) Board of Education approves the appointment of Paul Bumbalo as the Impartial Hearing Officer, at a rate of pay not to exceed \$100.00 per hour plus hearing-related and reasonable travel expenses, pursuant to the District's Policy, Part 200 of New York State Commissioner Regulations and the State's Division of Budget.

Ayes 7 Nays 0 The motion carried.

BUSINESS and OPERATIONS

***A. Acceptance of Donation**

Mr. Perotti made and Mrs. Panzer seconded the following motion:

Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, BE IT RESOLVED that the Webutuck (North East) Board of Education hereby accepts with gratitude the thirty dollar (\$30.00) donation from Marcia Brandt to be used towards the Back Pack Program for the 2014-2015 school year.

Ayes 7 Nays 0 The motion carried.

***B. Acceptance of Scholarship Donation**

Mr. Perotti made and Mrs. Panzer seconded the following motion:

Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education accepts with gratitude the following donation for the Class of 2015 Scholarships:

DATE	VENDOR	AMOUNT
6/18	Elizabeth's Fine Jewelry	\$25.00
6/25	Robert Trotta	\$25.00
6/25	Herrington Inc.	\$350.00
7/15	Durst Organization	\$1000.00**

** To be used for 2014-2015 Senior Scholarship awards.

Ayes 7 Nays 0 The motion carried.

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***C. Approval of Position of Legal Advisor**

Mr. Perotti made and Mrs. Panzer seconded the following motion:

Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of School, BE IT RESOLVED, that for the school year 2014-2015, the following individual shall be appointed to serve in the following position:

School Attorney

Girvin & Ferlazzo, LLC

Ayes 7

Nays 0

The motion carried.

BOARD OF EDUCATION

A. Approval of 2014-2015 Board of Education Goals

This item was removed for further discussion.

Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, BE IT RESOLVED that the Webutuck (North East) Board of Education approves the 2014-2015 Board of Education goals.

Mrs. Panzer brought up working towards better communication with taxpayers through our website, Warrior newsletter, the Key Communicator, and email.

It was decided to add a communication goal to the 2014-2015 Board Goals with the following wording: Improve and increase communication between the Board of Education and the community. Discussion ensued.

Mr. Perotti made and Mr. Mayville seconded the above motion (as amended) to include the Communication Goal.

Ayes 7

Nays 0

The motion carried.

B. Chris Mayville discussed the CAPE presentation scheduled for September.

Mrs. Panzer questioned about the other extracurricular positions not listed on the agenda and whether they would be filled. Mr. Gratto stated that not everyone applies in a timely manner.

Mr. Perotti was appreciative of the FFA information and he stated he could find a recent graduate from Pine Plains that could speak at a Board meeting about her FFA experience and what she is doing now.

Ms. Moran asked if it's possible to try to partner with someone in Connecticut to provide Agriculture courses to our students. Mr. Gratto will look into it. Discussion ensued.

PUBLIC COMMENT

There were no comments from the public.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mrs. Panzer made and Mrs. Westfall seconded a motion to adjourn to executive session at 8:38 pm for the purpose of discussing the employment history of a particular person or persons.

Ayes 7

Nays 0

The motion carried.

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RECONVENE PUBLIC SESSION

Mr. Mayville made and Mrs. Westfall seconded a motion to adjourn the executive session and to reconvene the public session at 9:54 pm.

Ayes 7 Nays 0 The motion carried.

Mrs. Moran made and Mrs. Bailey seconded the following motion:

Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education rejects the settlement proposal set forth in the matter of student #900000567.

Ayes 6 Nays 1 The motion carried.

Mrs. Panzer was the lone dissenter.

Mrs. Panzer made and Mrs. Westfall seconded the following motion:

Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education authorizes its attorneys, Girvin & Ferlazzo, to make a proposal to resolve Matter of student #900000567 based on terms and conditions discussed in Executive Session.

Ayes 7 Nays 0 The motion carried.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

President McGhee made and Mrs. Moran seconded a motion to adjourn to executive session at 10:04 pm for the purpose of discussing the employment history of a particular person or persons.

Ayes 7 Nays 0 The motion carried.

RECONVENE PUBLIC SESSION

Mrs. Panzer made and Mrs. Moran seconded a motion to adjourn the executive session and to reconvene the public session at 10:11 pm.

Ayes 7 Nays 0 The motion carried.

14. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Mrs. Panzer made and Mrs. Bailey seconded a motion to adjourn the meeting of July 21, 2014 at 10:12 pm.

Ayes 7 Nays 0 The motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Therese M. Trotter
District Clerk