

Webutuck Board of Education held the April 24, 2007 meeting at 7:30 p.m. in the Webutuck High School Library.

The following Board members were present:

Bernadette Coniglio, President

Joanne Boyd

Dale Culver

Susan Lounsbury

Joseph Matteo

John Perotti

Also Present:

Dr. Richard N. Johns, Superintendent

Kevin Geoghan, School Business Administrator

Tracy Trotter, Superintendent's Secretary

Absent:

Joseph Herald

## **CALL TO ORDER**

Ms. Coniglio called the Business meeting of April 24, 2007 to order at 7:30 p.m.

## **PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS**

No comment.

### **1. BOCES BOARD MEMBER ELECTION FOR 2007-2008**

Mrs. Boyd made and Mr. Matteo seconded the following motion.

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education hereby nominates two candidates for two vacancies on the Dutchess County BOCES Board.

The candidates are listed in alphabetical order:

Christopher Como

Jim Milano

The six candidates present voted. The motion carried unanimously.

### **2. BOCES BUDGET VOTE FOR 2007-2008**

Mrs. Boyd made and Mrs. Lounsbury seconded the following motion:

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education hereby approves the Dutchess County BOCES Administrative Budget in the amount of \$3,320,427.00 as presented.

The six Board members present voted. The motion carried unanimously.

## **DISCUSSION**

### **1. BOARD POLICIES –**

Mrs. Boyd stated Policy #007 was remanded back to the Policy Committee and after

further discussion no changes were made to it. Policy #005 had wording changed due to legality.

### **Second Reading**

The Board will review the following policies as a second reading:

Policy #005	Membership
Policy #006	Meeting Times
Policy #007	Reorganization Meeting
Policy #412	Family Medical Leave Act

### **CONSENT AGENDA VOTE**

Mrs. Boyd made and Mrs. Lounsbury seconded a motion to approve the consent agenda as amended. The amendment offered by Mr. Perotti called for removing item #8 under Personnel and Mrs. Lounsbury called for removing #1 under Board of Education for further discussion.

The following asterisked items can be consent agenda items. 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 six Board members present voted. The motion carried unanimously.

### **CLERK'S REPORT**

#### **\*1 Approval of Minutes as amended for March 5, 12, 19, and 26, 2007 Board meetings.**

Mrs. Boyd made and Mrs. Lounsbury seconded a motion to approve the minutes as amended. The six Board members present voted. The motion carried unanimously.

#### **\*2. Acceptance of Financial Reports as Submitted**

Mrs. Boyd made and Mrs. Lounsbury seconded a motion to accept the Financial Reports as Submitted.

Treasurer's Report for the month ending February and March.

Comprehensive Budget Status Report ending February and March.

Comprehensive Revenue Status Report ending February and March.

Warrants #63-70

The six Board members present voted. The motion carried unanimously.

### **3. Delegations**

There were none.

### **4. Non-Staff Communications**

There were none.

### **5. Other**

The District Clerk announced the five candidates running for the two Board Seats. They are Joseph Matteo, Andrew Jablonsky, Robert Trotta, and Joanne Boyd.

## **PERSONNEL**

### **\*1. Non-Instructional Substitute Appointments**

Mrs. Boyd made and Mrs. Lounsbury seconded the following motion:

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education hereby approves the following Substitute Appointments, as recommended by the Superintendent of Schools:

Tara Morey                      Substitute Teacher Aide  
Effective: April 19, 2007

Chris Fillhart                  Substitute Teacher Aide  
Effective: March 14, 2007

Chad Breyette                 Seasonal Ground Keeper  
Effective: April 5, 2007

Stephen Lounsbury          Seasonal Ground Keeper  
Effective: April 5, 2007

The six Board members present voted. The motion carried unanimously.

### **\*2. Non-Instructional Resignations**

Mrs. Boyd made and Mrs. Lounsbury seconded the following motion:

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education hereby accepts the following resignations, as recommended by the Superintendent of Schools:

Mary Breyette                                      Food Service Helper  
Effective: March 6, 2007

Trisha Casler                                      Teaching Assistant  
Effective: February 7, 2007

The six Board members present voted. The motion carried unanimously.

### **\*3. Non-Instructional Appointments**

Mrs. Boyd made and Mrs. Lounsbury seconded the following motion:

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education hereby approves the following appointments, as recommended by the Superintendent of Schools:

Trisha Casler                  Typist  
Effective: February 8, 2007  
(Replaces Deborah Giordano)

Lori Milano                      Food Service Helper  
Effective: April 19, 2007  
(replaces Mary Breyette)

The six Board members present voted. The motion carried unanimously.

**\*4. Extra-Curricular Appointments for the 2006-2007 School Year**

Mrs. Boyd made and Mrs. Lounsbury seconded the following motion:

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education hereby approves the following Extra-Curricular appointments for the 2006-2007 school year, as recommended by the Superintendent of Schools:

Sean Hosier	Modified Track and Field
Christine Gillette	EBMS School Yearbook
Scott Richards	Modified Baseball Coach
Aaron Howard	Assistant Coach V Softball
Ken Pomeisl	Co-Coach JV Baseball Coach
Pat Argentina	Co-Coach JV (volunteer) Baseball Coach (100% Stipend will go to Mr. Pomeisl)

The six Board members present voted. The motion carried unanimously.

**\*5. Amendment of Instructional Appointment**

Mrs. Boyd made and Mrs. Lounsbury seconded the following motion:

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education hereby approves the change in status for the following Instructional Appointment from .74 FTE to .8 FTE effective September 1, 2007, as recommended by the Superintendent of Schools:

Nancy Bayersdorfer	School Social Worker
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The six Board members present voted. The motion carried unanimously.

**\*6. Instructional Resignation**

Mrs. Boyd made and Mrs. Lounsbury seconded the following motion:

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education accepts the following Instructional resignation for the purpose of retirement, as recommended by the Superintendent of Schools:

Rosanna Hamm	Sixth Grade Teacher
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Effective: June 30, 2007

The six Board members present voted. The motion carried unanimously.

**\*7. Principal Resignation**

Mrs. Boyd made and Mrs. Lounsbury seconded the following motion:

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education accepts the following Principal resignation, for the purpose of retirement, as recommended by the Superintendent of Schools:

Michael O'Neil	AES/WES Principal
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Effective: August 1, 2007

The six Board members present voted. The motion carried unanimously.

**8. Approval of Tenure Recommendations**

Mr. Perotti stated tenure votes are important and all Board members should be present to vote. Discussion ensued.

Mrs. Boyd made and Mr. Matteo seconded the following motion:

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education does hereby appoint the following School Business Administrator to tenure in the listed tenure area, effective April 24, 2007, as recommended by the Superintendent of Schools:

Kevin Geoghan                      Tenure Area: Business Administrator  
The six Board members present voted. The motion carried unanimously.

**\*9. Approval of Juul Agreement**

Mrs. Boyd made and Mrs. Lounsbury seconded the following motion:

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education does hereby approve the Juul Agreement with Dawn Murtaugh extending her probationary term through August 31, 2008, as recommended by the Superintendent of Schools:

The six Board members present voted. The motion carried unanimously.

**BUSINESS AND OPERATIONS**

**\*1. Cooperative Bidding Authorization**

Mrs. Boyd made and Mrs. Lounsbury seconded the following motion:

WHEREAS, the Dover Union Free School District (hereinafter "Dover") has offered municipalities, including the Webutuck Central School District (hereinafter "School District"), the opportunity to participate in cooperative bids regarding the purchase of certain commodities and services utilized by Dover, in an effort to obtain better prices from bidders for all participants; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Education believes that it would be in the best interest of the School District to participate in such cooperative bidding for the particular commodities and services; and

WHEREAS, such municipal cooperative activities are authorized by Article 5-G of the General Municipal Law;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Webutuck Central School District hereby authorizes the School District's participation in such cooperative bidding to the following conditions: (1) the School District agrees to purchase the specific commodities and services being put out to bid and purchased by Dover and (2) agrees not to submit separate bids or requests for proposals or quotations for the same or similar commodities or services; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the School Business Administrator of the Dover Union Free School District is hereby authorized to communicate the District's interest in participating in such cooperative bidding to Dover, and to review the list of commodities and services to be put out to bid and purchased by Dover in order to determine if it would be in the School District's best interest to purchase any such commodities and services on a cooperative basis; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Business Administrator shall report back to the Board of Education periodically regarding the efficacy of such participation. The six Board members present voted. The motion carried unanimously.

**\*2. Acceptance of Donation of Piano**

Mrs. Boyd made and Mrs. Lounsbury seconded the following motion:  
BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education hereby accepts the following donation to the Webutuck Central School District, as recommended by the Superintendent of Schools:

One Piano

The six Board members present voted. The motion carried unanimously.

**\*3. Authorization for Issuance of Tax Refund**

Mrs. Boyd made and Mrs. Lounsbury seconded the following motion:  
WHEREAS, by Order of John R. Lacava, Supreme Court Justice, State of New York, County of Dutchess, dated March 1, 2007, reductions in assessment and tax refunds for the 2006 assessment year were adjusted in favor of petitioner, Verizon New York, Inc., for property owned in the Town of Stanford, in the Webutuck Central School District, Tax Parcel No. 135200-6768-03-230241-0005, said reductions in assessment as follows:

<u>Assessment Roll</u> <u>School Tax Year</u>	<u>From</u>	<u>To</u>
2006/07	\$150,027	\$114,267

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Business Administrator is hereby authorized to correct the 2006 assessment to reflect such valuation reductions, with a notation in the margin, opposite said entries that the corrections are by authorization of the above-referenced Order; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that pursuant to the terms of the above referenced Order, the School Treasurer is hereby authorized to refund any overpayments of school taxes for the 2006-2007 school year, said refund in the amount of \$826.90  
The six Board members present voted. The motion carried unanimously.

**CURRICULUM AND INSTRUCTION**

**\*1. Committee on Special Education Monthly Report**

Mrs. Boyd made and Mrs. Lounsbury seconded the following motion:  
BE IT RESOLVED, that the Webutuck Board of Education hereby accepts the Committee on Special Education report for March 2007, prepared by the Webutuck Central School District Committee on Pre-School Education and by the Webutuck Central School District Committee on Special Education, as recommended by the Superintendent of Schools.

The six Board members present voted. The motion carried unanimously.

**\*2. Approval of 2007-2008 Webutuck School District Calendar (as presented)**

Mrs. Boyd made and Mrs. Lounsbury seconded the following motion:

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education hereby approves the 2007-2008 Webutuck School District Calendar (as presented), as recommended by the Superintendent of Schools.

The six Board members present voted. The motion carried unanimously.

**\*3. Acceptance of Obsolete Books**

Mrs. Boyd made and Mrs. Lounsbury seconded the following motion:

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education hereby declares the following listed items obsolete, as recommended by the Superintendent of Schools:

World of Language 1996; Promises to Keep 1989, Mathematics Applications and Connections 2001, Awake to Worlds Unfolding 1977.

The six Board members present voted. The motion carried unanimously.

**BOARD OF EDUCATION**

**\*1. Appointment of Officials and Election Inspectors for the May 15, 2007 School Budget Vote for the 2007-2008 School Year**

Mrs. Lounsbury stated the District should be aware of the people it chooses to be election inspectors and whether they are related to candidates running for board seats. Also, it was stated election inspectors should be fully trained. Discussion ensued.

Mrs. Lounsbury made and Mrs. Boyd seconded the following motion:

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education hereby approves the appointment of the following persons for the May 15, 2007 School Budget Vote, whereas,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board of Education requires the Chairperson and each Election Inspector to sign a statement certifying receipt of the "Responsibilities and the Rules of Conduct for School Board Elections", and whereas,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Board of Education authorizes the District Clerk to appoint additional officials and inspectors if necessary:

**PERMANENT CHAIRPERSON & CHIEF ELECTION INSPECTOR:**

Richard G. Howard

**INSPECTORS OF ELECTION**

Patricia Boice

Joan Murphy

J.C. Webb

Gloryann Webb

Althea Meade

Diane Price  
Dorothy Newvine  
Jane Rossman

Helen Cook  
Robert Cook  
Jean DeWitt  
Barbara VandeBogart

Peg Coon  
Arlene Iuliano  
Freida Thompson  
Jan Lounsbury

Nan McClune  
Valerie Corcoran  
Rosemary Lloyd

The six Board members present voted. The motion carried unanimously.

#### **PUBLIC COMMENT**

An audience member questioned Board members whether anyone attended the BOCES budget meeting because they just approved the BOCES budget without questions or discussion. Discussion ensued.

#### **BOARD MEMBER QUESTIONS**

A Board member congratulated Mr. Geoghan on his tenure appointment.

#### **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Mrs. Boyd made and Mrs. Lounsbury seconded a motion to adjourn to executive session at 8:00 pm for the purpose of discussing land acquisition.

#### **ADJOURNMENT OF EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Mrs. Boyd made the following motion to adjourn the executive session and reconvene the public session at 8:57 pm. The six Board members voted to approve the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, Mrs. Boyd motioned to adjourn the meeting of April 24, 2007 at 9:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Tracy Trotter  
District Clerk