

Webutuck Board of Education held the September 18, 2006 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

Joseph Herald

Joseph Matteo

John Perotti

Also Present:

Dr. Richard N. Johns, Superintendent

Kevin Geoghan, School Business Administrator

Kenneth Sauer, WHS Principal

Tracy Trotter, Superintendent's Secretary

Absent:

Susan Lounsbury, Vice President

### **CALL TO ORDER**

Ms. Coniglio called the business meeting of September 18, 2006 to order at 7:34 p.m.

### **PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS**

There was no public comment.

### **BET PRESENTATION MR. KENNETH SAUER**

Mr. Sauer provided a detailed presentation of the Webutuck 2005-2006 Action Plan results. This is the second year of a three year plan on two goals. **Goal #1** Increase the graduation rate 1.5% over five years. **Goal #2** Increase the percent of students receiving Mastery on Regents exams by 5%. There were positive results and both goals were achieved; Mr. Sauer explained strategies that worked and those that did not work in attaining the goals. Discussion ensued.

### **CONSENT AGENDA VOTE**

Mr. Herald made and Mr. Perotti seconded a motion to approve the consent agenda as amended. Amendments called for removal of #5 Extra-Curricular Appointments, #12 Authorization to Execute Memorandum of Agreement under Personnel; and #13 Extra-Curricular Appointments under Personnel.

The six Board members present voted to approve the motion. The motion carried.

### **CLERK'S REPORT**

**\*1. Approval of Minutes for August 7 and August 14, 2006 Board meetings.**

Mr. Herald made and Mr. Perotti seconded a motion to approve the minutes. The six

Board members present voted to approve the motion. The motion carried.

## **\*2. Approval of Financial Reports**

Mr. Herald made and Mr. Perotti seconded a motion to approve the financial reports.

Treasurer's Report for the month ending June and July.

Comprehensive Budget Status Report ending June and July.

Comprehensive Revenue Status Report ending June and July.

Warrants # 1-15

The six Board members present voted to approve the motion. The motion carried.

## **3. Delegations**

An audience member, a non-resident who owns property in the Webutuck District, spoke with regards to non-resident students attending our school and gave suggestions on how the District could calculate tuition rates. Discussion ensued

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

There were none.

## **PERSONNEL**

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

Mr. Herald made and Mr. Perotti seconded the following motion:

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

Harold Horton

Substitute Bus Driver

Effective: September 1, 2006

The six Board members present voted to approve the motion. The motion carried.

### **\*2. Non-Instructional Leave of Absence**

Mr. Herald made and Mr. Perotti seconded the following motion:

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education accepts the following Non-Instructional Leave of Absence (without pay), as recommended by the Superintendent of Schools for the 2006 – 2007 school year:

Tamara Scafidi

Teacher Assistant

The six Board members present voted to approve the motion. The motion carried.

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

Mr. Herald made and Mr. Perotti seconded the following motion:

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

Mary Breyette  
Effective: September 1, 2006  
(replaces Joanne Holbrook)

Food Service Helper

Jackie Woodruff  
Effective: September 1, 2006  
(for Tamara Scafidi)

Long Term Substitute Teaching Assistant

The six Board members present voted to approve the motion. The motion carried.

**\*4. Non-Instructional Resignation**

Mr. Herald made and Mr. Perotti seconded the following motion:

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education hereby accepts the following Non-Instructional resignation, as recommended by the Superintendent of Schools.

Valerie Hammarath  
Effective: September 1, 2006

Teacher Assistant

The six Board members present voted to approve the motion. The motion carried.

**\*5. Extra-Curricular Appointments for the 2006-2007 School Year**

Mrs. Boyd made and Mr. Matteo 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:

**MENTORS**

John Roccanova  
Nancy Gagne  
John Merwin

Jo-Ann Herald  
Christine Mathers  
Vincent Merendino  
John Roccanova  
Richard Grossi  
Jean Roccanova

Patrick McKeever  
Morgan Massa  
Kathleen Kelly  
Kathleen Kelly  
Trisha Casler  
Vinny Merendino  
Denise Clapper  
Ken Sauer  
Doug Winslow

**MENTEES**

Miriam Strauss  
Amy Schultz  
Kathleen Kelly

Advisor for Class of 2010  
Advisor for 7th Grade Class  
Co-Advisor National Junior Honor Society  
Co-Advisor National Junior Honor Society  
Assistant Advisor FFA  
Advisor Scholastic Bowl

Head Varsity Boys Golf Coach  
Modified Girls Soccer Coach  
Head Varsity Softball Coach  
Head Varsity Girls Basketball Coach  
JV Girls Basketball Coach  
Modified Girls Basketball Coach  
Modified Softball Coach  
JV Volleyball Coach  
Track Coach

The five Board members present voted to approve the motion. Mr. Herald abstained

from the vote. The motion carried.

**\*6. Instructional Resignation**

Mr. Herald made and Mr. Perotti seconded the following motion:

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

Christine (Snyder) McNeil	Agriculture Teacher
Effective: August 31, 2006	

The six Board members present voted to approve the motion. The motion carried.

**\*7. Instructional Appointments**

Mr. Herald made and Mr. Perotti seconded the following motion:

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

Amy Schultz	Secondary Vocal Teacher
Effective: September 1, 2006	Estoppel Date: August 31, 2009
Tenure Area: Music	
Replacement for John Hahn	

Miriam Strauss	Vocational Agriculture Teacher
Effective: September 1, 2006	Estoppel Date: August 31, 2009
Tenure Area: Vocational Agriculture & Science	
Replacement for Chris Snyder O'Neil	

The six Board members present voted to approve the motion. The motion carried.

**\*8. Ratification of the Contract for Services with Karen Finnerty, O.T., P.C.**

Mr. Herald made and Mr. Perotti seconded the following motion:

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education hereby ratifies the terms and conditions of the 2006-2007 Contract for Services between the District and Karen Finnerty, O.T., P.C. and authorizes the expenditure of those monies necessary to fund the 2006-2007 Contract of Services with Karen Finnerty, O.T., P.C., as recommended by the Superintendent of Schools.

The six Board members present voted to approve the motion. The motion carried.

**\*9. Ratification of the Contract for Services with Margaret Runge, Inc.**

Mr. Herald made and Mr. Perotti seconded the following motion:

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education hereby ratifies the terms and conditions of the 2006-2007 Contract for Services between the District and Margaret Runge Inc. and authorizes the expenditure of those monies necessary to fund the 2006-2007 Contract of Services with Margaret Runge, Inc., as recommended by the Superintendent of Schools.

The six Board members present voted to approve the motion. The motion carried.

**\*10. Ratification of the Consultant Agreement for Jean Roccanova**

Mr. Herald made and Mr. Perotti seconded the following motion:

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education hereby ratifies the terms and conditions of the 2006-2007 Consultant Agreement between the District and Jean Rocanova and authorizes the expenditure of those monies necessary to fund the 2006-2007 Consultant Agreement with Jean Rocanova as recommended by the Superintendent of Schools. The six Board members present voted to approve the motion. The motion carried.

**\*11. Ratification of the Consultant Agreement for JBIO Consultant Services**

Mr. Herald made and Mr. Perotti seconded the following motion:

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education hereby ratifies the terms and conditions of the 2006-2007 Consultant Agreement between the District and JBIO Consultant Services and authorizes the expenditure of those monies necessary to fund the 2006-2007 Consultant Agreement with JBIO Consultant Services as recommended by the Superintendent of Schools.

The six Board members present voted to approve the motion. The motion carried.

**\*12. Authorization to Execute Memorandum of Agreement**

A Board member cannot understand how we are being fiscally responsible with this agreement when there was only one person doing it before now there are two and the salary is a significant increase.

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

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education authorizes the Superintendent of Schools to execute the Memorandum of Agreement between the W.T.A. and the District, Dated September 15, 2006, Number 0010:2003-2007.

The six Board members present voted to approve the motion. The motion was carried four to two.

Bernadette Coniglio	Yes	Joseph Herald	No
Joanne Boyd	Yes	John Perotti	No
Joseph Matteo	Yes		
Dale Culver	Yes		

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

Mr. Perotti requested this motion to be pulled from the Consent Agenda for further discussion in Executive Session.

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:

Anthony Trocino	Modified Boys Soccer Coach
Kristen Gargano	Advisor Ski Club
Miriam Straus	Head Advisor FFA

**BUSINESS AND OPERATIONS**

Mr. Herald made and Mr. Perotti seconded the following motion:

**\*1. Approval of a Long-Term Substitute Teacher's Exemption from Board Policy #402 Substitute Compensation Benefit Provision**

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education approves Kathleen Kelly's exemption from Board Policy #402 Substitute Compensation on a non-precedent setting basis in order to provide first day coverage of medical insurance, as recommended by the Superintendent of Schools.

The six Board members present voted to approve the motion. The motion carried.

**\*2. Authorization to Declare Surplus Vehicles**

Mr. Herald made and Mr. Perotti seconded the following motion:

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education hereby authorizes that the following vehicles be declared surplus and authorizes their sale through public bid, as recommended by the Superintendent of Schools:

VEHICLE	I.D.	MILEAGE
Bus 77	VIN#1BAAJCSA2TF067218	192,033
Bus 84	VIN#BAAJC5ALWF077761	142,990

The six Board members present voted to approve the motion. The motion carried.

**\*3. Authorization to increase the 2006-2007 Budget**

Mr. Herald made and Mr. Perotti seconded the following motion:

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education hereby increases the 2006-2007 Budget in the amount of \$10,000, in Budget Code A1621.200 00 00 21 as a result of a grant from Assemblyman Patrick Manning for Pre-K Playground Equipment, to be recorded in Revenue Account A3289, with such funds to be expended from A1621.200 00 00 21.

The six Board members present voted to approve the motion. The motion carried.

**CURRICULUM AND INSTRUCTION**

Mr. Herald made and Mr. Perotti seconded the following motion:

**\*1. Creation of Sixth Grade Enrichment Classes**

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education creates the following sixth grade enrichment classes, as recommended by the Superintendent of Schools:

Writing, Health, and Global Issues

The six Board members present voted to approve the motion. The motion carried.

**\*2. Creation of AP Chemistry Course and Purchase AP Chemistry Textbook**

Mr. Herald made and Mr. Perotti seconded the following motion:

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education approves the creation of an AP Chemistry Course and approves the following textbook for AP Chemistry – 10th Edition Chemistry Central Science - 2006, as recommended by the Superintendent of Schools:

The six Board members present voted to approve the motion. The motion carried.

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

Mr. Herald made and Mr. Perotti 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:

Math Books 1993; Disposal of World Atlas 1982;  
Encyclopedia Britannica 1971 and World of Languages 1983; Promises to Keep  
1989; Awaken to Worlds Unfolding 1977  
The six Board members present voted to approve the motion. The motion carried.

**\*4. Adoption of Regents Passing Grade for the 2006-2007 School Year**

Mr. Herald made and Mr. Perotti seconded the following motion:  
BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education approves the passing grade of 55% for  
Regents exams required for graduation in order to qualify for a local diploma, for the  
2006-2007 year only, as recommended by the Superintendent of Schools.  
The six Board members present voted to approve the motion. The motion carried.

**BOARD OF EDUCATION**

**1. Waive Policy #004 Legislative and Review Functions**

Mr. Culver made and Mrs. Boyd seconded the following motion:  
BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education hereby waives Policy #004 Legislative  
and Review Functions for the purpose of adopting Policy #507b Admission of Non-  
Resident Students, as recommended by the Superintendent of Schools.  
The six Board members present voted to approve the motion. The motion carried.

**2. Adoption of Board Policy**

Mr. Culver made and Mrs. Boyd seconded the following motion:  
BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education hereby adopts the following policy as  
presented, as recommended by the Superintendent of Schools.

#507b Admission of Non-Resident Students  
The six Board members present voted to approve the motion. The motion carried.

**3. Tuition Rate for Non-Resident Students**

Mrs. Boyd made and Mr. Matteo seconded the following motion: After much discussion,  
a motion was made to table this motion until the October 2, 2006 Board meeting.  
BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education hereby establishes the tuition rate for K  
through 6th at \$6,760 and 7th through 12th at \$7, 299 for the 2006-2007 school year, as  
recommended by the Superintendent of Schools.  
The six Board members voted to approve tabling the motion. The motion was carried 5  
to 1.

Bernadette Coniglio	No	Joseph Matteo	Yes
Joanne Boyd	Yes	John Perotti	Yes
Dale Culver	Yes		
Joseph Herald	Yes		

**4. Acceptance of Non-Resident Student**

Mr. Perotti made and Mr. Culver seconded the following motion:  
BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education hereby accepts Elouise Schmidt as a  
non-resident student. Tuition will be at the rate established by the Board (less the amount  
of school property tax paid by the parents), as recommended by the Superintendent.

The six Board members present voted to approve the motion. The motion carried.

## **5. Other**

Mr. Matteo asked to be able to report on the Finance Committee the night of the meeting so the news isn't old. The Committee discussed setting up a Budget Forum beginning in October and continuing monthly through January. The Committee also talked about the Internal Audit Selection process, which is mandated to take effect in January.

## **PUBLIC COMMENT**

An audience member stated that he could not hear any of the meeting and people should speak up or buy an audio system. An audience member asked if Webutuck is underutilized. Also, the same audience member asked if there is a job description on the Athletic Director position. Discussion ensued.

## **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Mr. Herald made and Mr. Perotti seconded a motion to adjourn to executive session at 10:34 pm for the purpose of discussing personnel matters.

The six Board members present voted to approve the motion. The motion carried.

## **ADJOURNMENT OF EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Mr. Herald made and Mr. Perotti seconded a motion to adjourn the executive session and reconvene the public session at 10:30 p.m. The six Board members present voted to approve the motion. The motion carried.

## **Extra-Curricular Appointments for the 2006-2007 School Year**

Mr. Herald made and Mr. Perotti 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:

Anthony Trocino  
Kristen Gargano  
Miriam Straus

Modified Boys Soccer Coach  
Advisor Ski Club  
Head Advisor FFA

The six Board members present voted to approve the motion. The motion carried.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, Mr. Herald made and Mr. Perotti seconded a motion to adjourn the meeting of September 18, 2006 at 10:34 p.m.

The six Board members present voted to approve the motion. The motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Tracy Trotter  
District Clerk