

Webutuck Board of Education held the February 12, 2007 meeting at 7:30 p.m. in the Webutuck High School Library.

The following Board members were present:

Bernadette Coniglio, President

Dale Culver

Joseph Herald

John Perotti

Joanne Boyd (arrived at 8:18 p.m.)

Joseph Matteo (arrived at 8:10 p.m.)

Also Present:

Dr. Richard N. Johns, Superintendent

Kevin Geoghan, School Business Administrator

Tracy Trotter, Superintendent's Secretary

Absent:

Susan Lounsbury

CALL TO ORDER

Ms. Coniglio called the business meeting of February 12, 2007 to order at 7:37 p.m.

PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS

There was no public comment.

DISCUSSION

1. BOARD POLICIES - First Reading

Questions were asked by Board members on several policies. Discussion ensued.

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

Policy #111 Display of
Flags
Policy #201 Students with
Disabilities

Policy #411

Conditional Appointment of Employees

Policy #413

Employee Wellness

Policy #905

Freedom of Information Law

CONSENT AGENDA VOTE

Mr. Perotti made and Mr. Culver seconded a motion to approve the consent agenda as

Lori Milano Bus Driver
Effective: February 2, 2007
(New position driving new IEP required run)

Clarence Barnett

Monitor

Effective: February 2, 2007

(Replaces Lori Milano as monitor)

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

***3. Extra-Curricular Appointment**

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

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

Tabitha Thomas

Choreographer

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

***4. Instructional Leave of Absence Authorization**

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

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

Monica Baker-Bozik

ESL Teacher

Effective: April 16, 2007 – June 22, 2007

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

BUSINESS AND OPERATIONS

***1. Acceptance of Donations from Millerton Fire Department & Wassaic Fire District**

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

BE IT RESOLVED, the Board of Education of Webutuck School hereby accepts the donations in the amount of \$600.00 from the Millerton Fire Department and \$300.00 from the Wassaic Fire District for a total of \$900.00 for the "Fire Prevention" calendars, as recommended by the Superintendent of Schools.

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

***2. Acceptance of Donation from Rosanna Hamm**

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

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of Webutuck School hereby accepts the donation in the amount of \$900.00 from Rosanna Hamm through a grant from The Community Foundation of Dutchess County for the purpose of purchasing math materials, as recommended by the Superintendent of Schools.

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

3. Adoption of Bond Resolution

A Board member questioned the length of time for the purchasing of busses when the voters approved this last May. The School Business Official explained the process. Discussion ensued.

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

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE OF TWO (2) 65-PASSENGER SCHOOL BUSES AND ONE (1) 28-PASSENGER SCHOOL BUS AND ONE (1) FORD F350 PICKUP WITH PLOW AND SALT HOPPER FOR USE BY THE NORTHEAST CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT, DUTCHESS AND COLUMBIA COUNTIES, NEW YORK, AT A MAXIMUM ESTIMATED COST OF \$243,000.00 AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF SERIAL BONDS AND BOND ANTICIPATION NOTES OF SAID SCHOOL DISTRICT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$236,805.20 TO PAY THE COST THEREOF.

WHEREAS, at the annual meeting of the Board of Education of the Northeast Central School District, Dutchess and Columbia Counties, New York, duly called, held and conducted on May 16, 2006, a majority of the duly qualified voters of said School District voting thereat approved a proposition authorizing the purchase of two (2) 65-passenger school bus at a cost not to exceed \$170,000.00 and one (1) 28-passenger school bus at a cost not to exceed \$38,000.00 and one (1) Ford F350 pickup truck with plow and salt hopper at a cost not to exceed \$35,000.00, for an aggregate maximum estimated cost of \$243,000.00; and providing for the levy of a tax therefor to be collected in installments with obligations of said School District to be issued in anticipation thereof; and

WHEREAS, it is now desired to provide for the financing thereof, to set the details and to provide for other matters in connection therewith;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Education of the Northeast Central School District, Dutchess and Columbia Counties, New York, as follows:

Section 1. The purchase of the following vehicles for use by the Northeast Central School District, which are not assessable improvements, is authorized as follows:

Two (2) 65-passenger school bus at a cost of \$168,017.53

And

One (1) 28-passenger school bus at a cost of \$37,256.67

And

One (1) Ford F350 Pickup Truck with plow and salt hopper at a cost of \$31,531.00

Section 2. The specific objects or purposes for which said obligations are to be issued pursuant to this resolution is to finance the cost of the purchase of said passenger vehicles.

Section 3. The maximum estimated cost of the aforesaid items is \$243,000.00 and the plan for financing thereof is by the issuance of serial bonds of said School District in the amount of \$236,805.20, hereby authorized to be issued pursuant to the Local Finance Law and this resolution. An annual appropriation shall be made in each year sufficient to pay the principal of and interest on such obligations becoming due and payable in such

year. Such obligations shall be payable from amounts which shall annually be levied on all the taxable real property in said School District, and the faith and credit of said Northeast Central School District are hereby pledged for the payment of said obligations and the interest thereon.

Section 4. It is hereby determined that the period of probable usefulness applicable to the aforesaid specific classes of objects or purposes is five (5) years, pursuant to subdivision 29 of paragraph (a) of Section 11.00 of the Local Finance Law. The proposed maturity of the obligations authorized by this resolution will not be in excess of five (5) years.

Section 5. Subject to the provisions of the Local Finance Law, the power to authorize the issuance of and to sell bond anticipation notes in anticipation of the issuance and sale of the serial bonds herein authorized, including renewals of said notes, is hereby delegated to the President of the Board of Education, the Chief Fiscal Officer, or to the Vice-President of the Board of Education in the President's absence. Such bond anticipation note and any renewals thereof shall bear interest and be of such terms, form and contents, and shall be sold in such manner as may be prescribed by said President of the Board of Education, consistent with the provisions of the Local Finance Law. There are presently no outstanding obligations which have been issued in anticipation of the sale of such obligations.

Section 6. All other matters, except as provided herein, relating to such bonds shall be determined by the President of the Board of Education, including the power to designate such bonds as "qualified tax exempt obligations" pursuant to Section 265(b)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, if at the time of such designation, such officer is able to certify that: (i) the School District is, and was as of October 23, 1985, a political subdivision of the State of New York; (ii) it is reasonably anticipated that (a) the amount of "qualified tax-exempt obligations", within the meaning of Section 265(b)(3) of the Code which will be issued by the School District during this calendar year shall not exceed \$10,000,000.00 and (b) the bonds do not constitute part of an issue, and are not part of a series of issues issued for a common purpose, exceeding \$3,000,000.00 in the aggregate; and (iii) the sum of principal amount of the bonds and the principal amount of any other obligations heretofore designated by the School District during the current fiscal year does not exceed \$10,000,000.00. Such bonds shall contain substantially the recital of validity clause provided for in Section 52.00 of the Local Finance Law and shall otherwise be in such form and contain such recitals, in addition to those required by Section 51.00 of the Local Finance Law, as the President of the Board of Education shall determine.

Section 7. The validity of such obligations may be contested only if:

- (a) Such obligations are authorized for an object or purpose for which such School District is not authorized to expend money; or
- (b) The provisions of law which should be complied with as of the date of publication of this resolution or summary thereof are not substantially

complied with and an action, suit or proceeding contesting such validity is commenced within twenty (20) days after the date of such publication; or

- (c) Such obligations are authorized in violation of the provisions of the Constitution.

Section 8. This resolution shall take effect immediately.
The four Board members present voted to approve the motion. The motion carried.

CURRICULUM AND INSTRUCTION

***1. Approval of Tenure Recommendations for Teaching Assistants**

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

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education does hereby appoint the following teaching assistants to tenure, effective August 31, 2007, as recommended by the Superintendent of Schools.

NAME	CERTIFICATION	EFFECTIVE DATE
Victoria Barros	Continuing	8/31/07
Denise Clapper	Continuing	8/31/07
Denise Flint	Continuing	8/31/07
Ann Kain	Continuing	8/31/07
Cheryl Katan	Continuing	8/31/07
Donna Merritt	Continuing	8/31/07
Marilyn Midwood	Continuing	8/31/07
Sheelagh Rosa	Continuing	8/31/07
Patricia Steen	Continuing	8/31/07

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

BOARD OF EDUCATION

***1. Adoption of Board Policies**

A Board member discussed adding to Policy #304 - Internal Auditor to the list of business service providers named at the annual Organization Meeting. Discussion ensued and it was agreed upon.

Mr. Perotti made and Mr. Culver seconded the following motion as amended:

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education hereby adopts the following policy as presented, as recommended by the Superintendent of Schools.

Policy #303 Shared Decision Making Plan
Policy #304 Board Business Support Services

2. BOCES Board of Education Nomination

A Board member questioned the nomination and the Board President stated the history of the individual.

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

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education hereby *nominates* Christopher Como for one of two vacancies on the BOCES Board of Education.

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

PUBLIC COMMENT

There was none.

BOARD MEMBER QUESTIONS

There was none.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mr. Culver made and Mr. Perotti seconded a motion to adjourn to executive session at 8:01 p.m. for the purpose of discussing land purchase, tenure, employee contract and a personnel matter. The four Board members present voted to approve the motion. The motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT OF EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mr. Perotti made a motion to adjourn the executive session and reconvene the public session at 10:54 p.m. The six Board members voted to approve the motion. The motion carried.

1. Approval of Tenure Recommendations for Principals

There was no action on this resolution.

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education does hereby appoint the following principals to tenure in their tenure area effective August 31, 2007, as recommended by the Superintendent of Schools.

Kenneth Sauer	High School Principal	Permanent School District Administrator Permanent Math 7-12 Permanent Biology, General Science 7-12
Scott Richards	Middle School Principal	Prov. School Administrator/Supervisor effective 9/03 thru 8/08 Prov. Pre-K, K, Gr. 1-6 effective 9/03 thru 8/08

2. Approval of Tenure Recommendations

There was no action on this resolution.

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education does hereby appoint the following teachers to tenure in their respective tenure areas, effective August 31, 2007, as recommended by the Superintendent of Schools.

NAME	TENURE AREA	CERTIFICATION	ESTOPPLE DATE
Nancy Bayersdorfer	Social Worker	Perm. Social Worker	8/31/07
Denise Conway	Childhood Education Gr. 1-6	Perm.-Pre-K, K & Gr. 1-6	8/31/07
Heather Farr-Killmer	Childhood Education Gr. 1-6	Perm. Issued Receipt Pending	8/31/07
Patricia Forbes	Childhood Education Gr. 1-6	Prov. Pre-K, K., & Gr. 1-6 thru 8/08	8/31/07
William Havranek	Social Studies (7-12)	Prov. SS 7-12 thru 1/09	8/31/07
Julia Heenan	Social Studies (7-12)	Perm. SS 7-12	8/31/07
Shawn Hosier	Mathematics (7-12)	Prov. Math 7-12 thru 8/08	8/31/07
Maxine Ifafore	Students w/ Disabilities (7-12)	Perm. Special Ed.	8/31/07
Janice McSpirtt	Social Worker	Perm. Social Worker	8/31/07
Vincent Merendino	Guidance Counselor	Perm. School Couns.	8/31/07
Dawn Murtaugh	Students w/ Disabilities K-12	Perm. Issued Receipt Pending Special Ed. K-12	8/31/07
Stephen Pollak	English Language Art (7-12)	Perm. English 7-12	8/31/07
Robert Reid	Mathematics (7-12)	Initial Math 7-12 thru 8/09	8/31/07
Peter Stefonowich	Generalist in Middle School Education (Gr.1-6)	Prov. Pre-K, K, & Gr. 1-6 thru 8/07 Must obtain Middle Childhood Ed. Gr. 5-9 by 9/07	8/31/07
Mary Tauber	Language other than English (Spanish)	Prov. Pre-K, K. & Gr. 1-6 thru 1/09 Must obtain Spanish Gr. 7-12 by 9/07	8/31/07

3. Approval Webutuck Administrative Association Contract

Mr. Perotti made the following motion:

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education hereby approves the tentative agreement for the successor contract for the Webutuck Administrative Association effective 2007 – 2010, as recommended by the Superintendent of Schools

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

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Mr. Perotti motioned to adjourn the meeting of February 12, 2007 at 10:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Tracy Trotter
District Clerk