

Webutuck Board of Education held the October 16, 2006 meeting at 7:30 p.m. in the Webutuck High School Library.

The following Board members were present:

Joanne Boyd
Dale Culver
Susan Lounsbury
John Perotti

Also Present:

Dr. Richard N. Johns, Superintendent
Kevin Geoghan, School Business Administrator
Tracy Trotter, Superintendent's Secretary
Kristi Fisher, Student Representative

Absent:

Bernadette Coniglio
Joseph Matteo
Joseph Herald

CALL TO ORDER

Mrs. Lounsbury called the Business meeting of October 16, 2006 to order at 7:34 p.m.½ The Superintendent acknowledged the Board for Board Recognition Week and thanked them for their volunteer hours.½ He invited audience members for cake to celebrate the occasion and also to try food from the cafeteria that the Food Director had prepared to enlighten the Board as to what foods the students eat during the school year.

PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS

A bus driver also acknowledged the hard work of the Board members and thanked them.½ He stated that he was at the meeting, as well as several other bus drivers, to express the continued desire to reinstate the 3:30 p.m. bus run.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Policy Committee (Mtg. 9/26)

Mrs. Boyd reported the Committee is slowly going through the Policy book.½ The District had received a list of pertinent policies a district must have.½ The Committee will focus on this list for the next several months.

Facility Committee (10/2)

Mrs. Boyd reported Tom Rizenhalter, our architect attended the meeting.½ The main focus was the Long Range Facility Plan and what the next step is.½ Discussion ensued.

Audit/Finance Committee (Mtg. 10/11)

Mrs. Lounsbury reported the meeting scheduled that night had been cancelled.½ The Committee met last week with the Auditors.½ The focus was the internal controls

within the Business Office.

DISCUSSION

1.6½ Policy #507b Admission of Non-Resident Students

A Board member restated he would like to see a nominal cost set for tuition and would like the language in Policy #507b that reads "In the event the Board permits the attendance on a tuition basis of a non-resident student whose parent or guardian owns property in the District and who pays school tax on such property, the Board will deduct the amount of such tax from the tuition fee." taken out of the Policy. Other concerns stated by Board members were many other districts use the State formula when computing tuition and it works well also the Board need to be cognizant of past families that were quoted a higher tuition rate.

2.½ 3:30 p.m. Bus Run

A summary of the 3:30 pm bus run discussion from the last Board meeting was given. The Board had questions: were the busses crowded, will reinstating the run alleviate the pressure to get back to WCSD, and are there problems with the mix of school age students riding together. Discussion ensued. A motion was made by Mr. Perotti and seconded by Joanne Boyd to reinstate the 3:30 pm bus run. Discussion ensued. A motion was made by Mr. Perotti and seconded by Mr. Culver to move the question and discontinue discussion. The four Board members present voted to approve the motion. The motion carried. Mrs. Lounsbury motioned and Mr. Perotti seconded to reinstate the 3:30 pm bus run. The four Board members present voted to approve the motion. The motion carried.

CONSENT AGENDA VOTE

Mr. Culver made and Mr. Perotti seconded a motion to approve the consent agenda as amended. Amendments by Mr. Perotti called for pulling from Consent #1 and #2 under Clerk's Report for individual voting on the minutes and financial reports also #4 Approval of Surplus Vehicle Bids under Business and Operations 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 four Board members present voted to approve the motion. The motion carried.

CLERK'S REPORT

***1 Approval of Minutes for September 11 and September 18, 2006 Board meetings.**

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

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education hereby approves the minutes from September 11 and September 18, 2006, as recommended by the Superintendent of Schools. The four Board members present voted to approve the motion. The motion carried.

*2. Approval of Financial Reports

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

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education hereby accepts the Financial Reports as presented, as recommended by the Superintendent of Schools.

Treasurer's Report for the month ending August.

Comprehensive Budget Status Report ending August.

Comprehensive Revenue Status Report ending August.

Warrants # 16-25

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

3. Delegations

Mr. Clair from Amenia Recreation Committee came to speak about the Inter-Municipal Recreation Commission. Discussion ensued. It was determined that the Inter-Municipal Recreation Commission would be discontinued at this time.

4. Non-Staff Communications

There were none.

5. Other

PERSONNEL

1. Non-Instructional Resignations

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

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

Reed Benton

Substitute Bus Driver

Effective: October 4, 2006

Denise Hilton

Bus Driver

Effective: October 19, 2006

Liza Bates

Senior Typist

Effective: November 6, 2006

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

***2. Non-Instructional Substitute Appointment**

Mr. Culver 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:

Lori Milano

Substitute Bus Driver

Effective: September 25, 2006

Dawn Klinger

Substitute Bus Driver

Effective: October 3, 2006

Tina Breen

Substitute Cafeteria Worker

Effective: September 25, 2006

Marilynn Farr

Substitute Nurse

Effective: October 3, 2006

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

3. Non-Instructional Appointment

Mr. Perotti recused himself from the vote. There was not a quorum to vote therefore, this item will be moved to the November 6 agenda.

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

Stephen Perotti

Teaching Assistant

Effective: October 17, 2006

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

Mr. Culver 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:

Cindy Dietter-Smith

Yearbook Advisor

Bonnie Finkle

FFA Co-Assistant Advisor

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

***5. Instructional Substitute Appointment**

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

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

Elizabeth Braaten

Substitute Teacher

Effective: September 29, 2006

Claudia Stevens

Substitute Teacher

Effective: October 3, 2006

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

6. Instructional Appointment

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

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

Wendy Conti

Tutor

Effective: October 6, 2006

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

7. Other

BUSINESS AND OPERATIONS

***1. Ratification of the Terms and Conditions with Sharon Hospital for Speech Pathologist Services**

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

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education hereby ratifies the terms and conditions as outlined in the Agreement between the District and Sharon Hospital for Speech Pathologist Services, and authorizes the expenditure of those monies necessary to fund the Agreement with Sharon Hospital, as recommended by the Superintendent of Schools. The four Board members present voted to approve the motion. The motion carried.

***2. Corrected Tax Roll Authorization**

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

WHEREAS, the Tax Collector has certified that duplicate tax payments have been made on the 2006-2007 school taxes regarding the following taxpayers and property and that refunds for overpayment of such taxes be issued:

<u>Taxpayer</u>	<u>Grid No</u>	<u>Amount of Refund</u>	<u>Refund To</u>
Paul Johnson	133801-7271-18-336075-0000	\$2915.01	Citi Mortgage
William H. Rice	133889-727100577601-0000	\$1019.95	Bank of America
Joel D. Ernst	13200-7167-00-490340-0000	\$3034.98	Wells Fargo

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

***3. Authorization for Tax Adjustments**

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

WHEREAS, the District has received an Application for Corrected Tax Roll for the Year 2006 for property located within the Webutuck Central School District, as follows:

Blake N. and Erica M. Mahaffey - regarding property owned on 480 Old Route 22, in the Town of Amenia, described as Grid No. 132000-7166-02-219483-0000, on the basis that a clerical error was made, the structure did not exist on taxable status date or was present on another parcel. The taxes should be based on assessed value of \$195,900.00 instead of \$260,100. The taxes levied were \$5507.94 and should be \$4148.42; and

WHEREAS, the Director and Investigator of Dutchess County Real Property Tax Service have determined, that a clerical error was made and the assessed value should be changed, as described above, and has recommended that the Applications for Corrected Tax Roll should be approved; and

WHEREAS, we have examined such application and the County Director's recommendations and determine that a clerical error pursuant to Section 550(2)(b) of the Real Property Tax Law as made;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Application for Corrected Tax Roll for the Year 2006 be approved, that the tax rolls be corrected to reflect the correct assessment, as set forth above, and that notice of approval of such application and a corrected tax bill be issued to the applicant reflecting the change in assessment and taxes to be paid.

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

***4. Approval of Surplus Vehicle Bids**

A Board member thought the bid on Truck #35 was too low and does not want to accept the bid. Discussion ensued. The Board voted on the three remaining vehicles and to table the vote on Truck #35. Mr. Perotti made and Mrs. Boyd seconded a motion to table the vote on Truck #35. The five Board members voted to approve the motion. The motion carried.

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

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education hereby awards the acceptable highest bid for surplus vehicles presented (excluding Truck #35), as recommended by the Superintendent of Schools.

BUS 77 –	Rolando Suazo	Bid Offer: \$4,500
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BUS 84 –	Rolando Suazo	Bid Offer: \$6,510
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Truck #35	NST Transportation, Inc.	Bid Offer: \$ 100
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Truck #35A	Cheryl and Sons	Bid Offer: \$1,500
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The four Board members present voted to approve the motion. The motion carried.

5. Other

CURRICULUM AND INSTRUCTION

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

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

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Webutuck Board of Education hereby accepts the Committee on Special Education report for September 2006, 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 four Board members present voted to approve the motion. The motion carried.

***2. Approval of BET Building Goals for WHS, EBMS, and AES/WES**

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

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education approves the Building Excellence Team Building Goals for the 2006-2007 school year, as recommended by the Superintendent of Schools.

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

***3. Ski Club**

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

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education hereby approves the creation of the following Extra-curricular club. The student cost for the Ski Club will be \$30.00 per student and the District will pay the remaining transportation costs as recommended by the Superintendent of Schools.

Ski Club

Effective: October 17, 2006

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

***4. Approval of Textbook – Economics**

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

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education hereby approves the following textbook for the Social Studies curriculum, Economics Principals in Action; 2007 Pearson Education, as recommended by the Superintendent of Schools.

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

***5. Approval of FFA Trip to Indianapolis**

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

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education hereby approves the FFA Trip scheduled for October 23 – 30th, 2006 as a school field trip, as recommended by the Superintendent of Schools.

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

6. Other

BOARD OF EDUCATION

***1. Board Policies – Update Last Review Date**

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

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education hereby revises the last review date on the following policies as presented and waives the three reading requirement. The Policies were reviewed by the Policy Committee and no changes are recommended, as recommended by the Superintendent of Schools.

#202 Pupil Evaluation

#205 Independent Study

#210 Title I Programs & Services

#211 Dissemination of IEP Information

**#212 Textbook/Library Book Selection & Review
Process**

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

2. Other

PUBLIC COMMENT

An audience member spoke about a Board member being able to vote on an item no matter what because he is serving the people and community.

The President of the CSEA spoke about an employee who resigned.

BOARD MEMBER QUESTIONS

A Board member would like to look at the Long Range Facility Plan sometime at a future meeting. Several Board members spoke on serving the District as Board members and how rewarding it is.

PROPOSED EXECUTIVE SESSION, subject to the approval of the Board.

Mrs. Boyd made and Mr. Perotti seconded a motion to adjourn to executive session for the purpose of discussing a personnel issue. The Superintendent spoke about language missing from his contract in relation to his NYSCOS fees. Having discussed the item in public session, there was no need to enter into executive session. Mrs. Boyd rescinded the earlier motion made to go into Executive Session.

Mr. Perotti made and Mr. Culver seconded a motion to add language to the Superintendent's contract stating the Board agrees to pay the annual membership dues of the Superintendent to belong to the New York Council of School Superintendents. The four Board members present voted to approve the motion. The motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Mr. Perotti made and Mrs. Boyd seconded a motion to adjourn the meeting of October 16, 2006 at 9:08 p.m. The four Board members present voted to approve the motion. The motion was carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Tracy Trotter
District Clerk