

Webutuck Board of Education held the March 19, 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

Joseph Herald

Susan Lounsbury

Joseph Matteo

John Perotti

Also Present:

Dr. Richard N. Johns, Superintendent

Kevin Geoghan, School Business Administrator

Tracy Trotter, Superintendent's Secretary

CALL TO ORDER

Ms. Coniglio called the Special Business meeting of March 27, 2007 to order at 7:34 p.m.

PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS

An audience member spoke regarding the purchase of a new truck in the Proposed Budget. He felt it was unnecessary and questioned whether it was legal to sell it while still paying on the bond. He would like to see Reserves used for tax relief.

DISCUSSION

1. Superintendent's Preliminary Budget 2007-2008

The Board of Education discussed the Superintendent's Proposed Budget, Debt Service, the Contingent Budget and Proposed Cuts. There was continued talk on reducing budget parameters. Discussion ensued.

PERSONNEL

1. Non-Instructional Appointment

A Board member asked if the Board was going into Executive Session to discuss the personnel recommendations. The President stated there wasn't one scheduled on the agenda.

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

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

Landon Johns

Head Maintenance Worker

Effective: March 13, 2007

(new position)

The seven Board members voted. The motion carried.

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

2. Approval of Tenure Recommendations for Principals

A Board member questioned if there was going to be one vote for both Principals' tenure. Mrs. Lounsbury made and Mr. Culver seconded the following motion:

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

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

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

A Board member requested to go into Executive Session to discuss the recommendation. It was noted that the motion on the floor had to be acted on before adjourning to Executive Session. A Board member asked if after the last meeting the Board was 100% sure there was no further discussion on this matter. Discussion ensued.

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education does hereby appoint the following Principal to tenure in his 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
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The seven Board members voted. The motion carried.

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

3. Instructional Resignation

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

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education hereby accepts the following resignation (and terms as provided) for the purpose of retirement, as recommended by the Superintendent of Schools:

Kathleen Gonzalez
Effective: June 30, 2007

Secondary English Teacher

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

PUBLIC COMMENT

An audience member asked about two retirees having salaries over six figures each and if the District hires two at a lower cost what the breakage would be. Discussion ensued.

BOARD MEMBER QUESTIONS

A Board member questioned when the Board decided not to have any further discussion on the tenure of one of the Principals. At the last meeting it seemed there was further discussion to be had. A Board member asked if it was an Executive order to change the agenda. Discussion ensued.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Mrs. Boyd adjourned the meeting of March 19, 2007 at 9:37 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Tracy Trotter
District Clerk