

Webutuck Board of Education held the April 21, 2008 meeting at 7:30 p.m. in the Webutuck High School Library.

The following Board members were present:

Dale Culver, President

Bernadette Coniglio

Joseph Herald left at 8:15 pm

Andrew Jablonsky

Susan Lounsbury

William McGhee

John Perotti

Also Present:

Dr. Richard N. Johns, Superintendent

Linda Peters, School Business Administrator

Therese Trotter District Clerk

## **CALL TO ORDER**

## **PUBLIC COMMENT**

There was none.

## **DISCUSSION**

### **1. Second Reading**

Policy #414 Temporary and Substitute Support Employees

A Board member asked if the Intelius system was researched in regards to this policy. It is the same system the State Education Department (SED) uses. The question was asked if the District could use Intelius for a quick response and then send it on to SED. The School Business Official will look into it.

### **2. 2008-2009 Proposed Budget**

The Superintendent was asked to provide a brief summary of the budget development process. He stated that he presented the Superintendent's Proposed 2008-2009 Budget at the March 3, 2008 Board meeting. This first iteration of the budget called for 50% of the budget shortfall to be covered by a tax increase (5.05%) and half (\$580,000) in program cuts. In the ensuing weeks the Board of Education worked to lessen the tax impact yet save as much program as possible. In the end the State came through with additional funding which made it possible to reduce the list of cuts to \$440,000, add funding to the energy line, and reduce the tax impact to a 4.7% increase.

### **3. BOCES Board Member Election and Budget Vote for 2008-2009**

A Board member questioned if State Aid changed BOCES's budget. The Superintendent will check but thought it had. The District Clerk will check whether Districts voting for BOCES Board members can only vote for one candidate from a township if multiple are running from that township.

## **CONSENT AGENDA VOTE**

Mr. Herald made and Ms. Coniglio seconded a motion to approve the consent agenda as amended. A typing mistake was noted and will be revised under Personnel #1 strike "Non" in the resolution also a change in wording was offered under Business and Operations #5 change Superintendent's Budget to Proposed Budget.

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

## **CLERK'S REPORT**

\*1 Approval of Minutes as amended for January 28, February 11, March 3, March 10, and March 31, 2008 Board meetings.

Mr. Herald made and Ms. Coniglio seconded a motion to approve the minutes noted as submitted.

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

\*2. Acceptance of 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 #60-70

Mr. Herald made and Ms. Coniglio seconded the motion to approve the Financial Reports as submitted:

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

3. Delegations

There were none.

4. Non-Staff Communications

There were none.

## **PERSONNEL**

**\*1. Instructional Substitute Appointment**

Mr. Herald made and Ms. Coniglio 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:

Victoria Jasmin

Substitute Teacher

Effective: April 8, 2008

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

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

Mr. Herald made and Ms. Coniglio 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:

Howard Brusie, Jr.

Substitute Bus Driver

Effective: April 14, 2008

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

**\*3. Extra-Curricular Appointment for the 2007-2008 School Year**

Mr. Herald made and Ms. Coniglio seconded the following motion:

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education hereby approves the following Extra-Curricular appointment for the 2007-2008 school year, as recommended by the Superintendent of Schools:

Trisha Casler

Head Girls' Varsity Track Coach

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

**\*4. Approval of Tenure Recommendations**

Mr. Herald made and Ms. Coniglio seconded the following motion:

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education does hereby appoint the following teacher to tenure in their respective tenure area, effective August 31, 2008, as recommended by the Superintendent of Schools.

NAME	TENURE AREA	CERTIFICATION	ESTOPPLE DATE
Patrick McKeever	Secondary Science	Biology 7-12	8/31/08

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

**5. Contract for Leave Replacement Teacher**

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

A Board member wanted clarification of who Mr. Merwin is replacing. It is Christine Gillette who is out on maternity leave.

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education hereby approves the contract and waiver of Board Policy #402 for John Merwin for the leave replacement position of Eugene Brooks Middle School 7th Grade Science Teacher, as recommended by the Superintendent of Schools.

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

## **6. Non-Instructional Substitute Appointment**

Mr. Herald made and Ms. Coniglio 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:

Vicky Cougler

Substitute Bus Monitor

Effective: April 22, 2008

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

## **BUSINESS AND OPERATIONS**

### **\*1. Acceptance of Donations**

Mr. Herald made and Ms. Coniglio seconded the following motion:

BE IT RESOLVED, the Board of Education of Webutuck School hereby accepts the donation of one refrigerator from Regina McCoy and one IBM Network 12 printer from Linda Peters, as recommended by the Superintendent of Schools.

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

### **\*2 Approve Physical Therapy and Speech Services Consultants as Required**

Mr. Herald made and Ms. Coniglio seconded the following motion:

BE IT RESOLVED, the Board of Education of the Webutuck Central School District agrees to employ the following consultants to service resident special education students attending private schools as required, recommended by the Superintendent of Schools:

Sensori Connection – Suzanne Ward	Physical Therapy	\$55.00 per hour
Judy A. Stewart	Speech Services	\$43.00 per half hour

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

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

Ms. Coniglio made and Mrs. Lounsbury seconded the following motion:

WHEREAS, by Order of John T. Meaney, Esq, Hearing Officer, State of New York, County of Dutchess, dated March 11, 2008, reductions in assessment and tax refunds for the 2007 assessment year were adjusted in favor of petitioners, Dennis and Denise Palmer, for property owned in the Town of Amenia, in the Webutuck Central School District, Tax Parcel No. 132000-7264-00-166246-0000, said reductions in assessment as follows:

<u>Assessment Roll</u> <u>School Tax Year</u>	<u>From</u>	<u>To</u>
2007/08- 2007	\$450,000	\$325,000

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Business Administrator is hereby authorized to correct the 2007 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 2007-2008 school year, said refund in the amount of \$1350.31 and reduce the tax certiorari reserve by said amount.

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

#### **4. Approval of Purchasing Cameras**

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

A Board member questioned if the surplus buses were subtracted from the number of cameras stated. The School Business Administration said yes but she would recheck and let the Board know.

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education hereby approves the purchase of twenty-three video cameras for buses owned by Webutuck Central School District from bullet money previously received from Senator Leibell, as recommended by the Superintendent of Schools.

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

#### **5. Adoption of the 2008-2009 Superintendent's Budget**

Mr. Herald made and Ms. Coniglio seconded the following motion:

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education hereby adopts the 2008-2009 Superintendent's Budget in the amount of \$20,119,602, as recommended by the Superintendent of Schools.

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

Dale Culver	Yes	Susan Lounsbury	Yes
Bernadette Coniglio	Yes	William McGhee	No
Joseph Herald	Yes	John Perotti	Yes
Andrew Jablonsky	No		

### **CURRICULUM AND INSTRUCTION**

#### **\*1. Committee on Special Education Monthly Reports**

Mr. Herald made and Ms. Coniglio seconded the following motion:

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Webutuck Board of Education hereby accepts the Committee on Special Education report for March 2008, 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 seven Board members present voted to approve the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

**\*2. Approval of 2008-2009 Webutuck School District Calendar (as presented)**

Mr. Herald made and Ms. Coniglio seconded the following motion:

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education hereby approves the 2008-2009 Webutuck School District Calendar (as presented), as recommended by the Superintendent of Schools.

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

**\*3. Approval of Textbooks – Social Studies Curriculum**

Mr. Herald made and Ms. Coniglio seconded the following motion:

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education hereby approves the following textbook series for Social Studies Grades 3-4 Curriculum – “Our Communities and World Communities”, Harcourt Publishing 2008, as recommended by the Superintendent of Schools.

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

**\*4. Approval of Rhinebeck Architectural Contract**

Mr. Herald made and Ms. Coniglio seconded the following motion:

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education hereby approves the contract with Rhinebeck Architecture and Planning PC and the Webutuck School District for the EXCEL project;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board of Education vacates its earlier resolution (July 9, 2007) naming Collins and Scoville Architecture the Architect of Record and replaces them with Rhinebeck Architecture and Planning PC, as recommended by the Superintendent of Schools.

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

**BOARD OF EDUCATION**

**\*1. Approval of FFA Trip to the State Convention**

Mr. Herald made and Ms. Coniglio seconded the following motion:

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education hereby approves the FFA Trip to the State Convention in Canton, NY scheduled for April 30 – May 3, 2008 as a school field trip, as recommended by the Superintendent of Schools.

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

**\*2. Acceptance of Vote Results**

Mr. Herald made and Ms. Coniglio seconded the following motion:

BE IT RESOLVED, the Webutuck Board of Education accepts the following vote results from the May 15, 2007 Board Member Vote, June 19, 2007 School Budget Vote and November 13, 2007 EXCEL Project and Transportation Vote as follows:

**VOTE RESULTS FOR TWO BOARD OF EDUCATION MEMBER SEATS  
MAY 15, 2007**

## BOARD CANDIDATES

	Total Votes
Joseph Matteo	166
Andrew Jablonsky	312
Robert Trotta	262
Joanne Boyd	216
William McGhee	402

William McGhee and Andrew Jablonsky each won a Board seat.

### **June 19, 2007 Vote 2007-08 SCHOOL BUDGET**

"Shall the Board of Education of the Webutuck Central School District be authorized to expend the sum of \$19,171,904.00 for School District purposes for the 2007-08 school year (the Budget) and to levy the necessary tax therefor?"

YES	342	
NO	112	
TOTAL VOTES	454	Proposition Passed

### **November 13, 2007 Vote PROPOSITION I: EXCEL Project**

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Webutuck Central School District is hereby authorized to (1) renovate and reconstruct portions of the District's school buildings and replace the roof at the Millerton Elementary School, including site work thereat; and acquire original furnishings, equipment, machinery or apparatus required for the purpose for which such renovated and reconstructed buildings are to be used, at a maximum cost of \$705,000; (2) expend such sum for such purpose, (3) levy the necessary tax therefore taking into account state aid and Excel grants received, to be levied and collected in annual installments in such years and in such amounts as may be determined by the Board of Education as provided by Section 416 of the Education Law, and (4) in anticipation of the collection of such tax, issue bonds and notes of the District at one time or from time to time in the principal amount not to exceed \$705,000, and levy a tax to pay the interest on said obligations when due.

YES	135	
NO	53	
TOTAL VOTES	188	Proposition Passed

### **November 19, 2007 Vote PROPOSITION II: TRANSPORTATION**

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Webutuck Central School District be authorized to purchase (1) one 65-passenger school bus at a maximum estimated cost of \$85,000, (1) one 18 passenger school bus equipped for wheelchair transportation at a maximum estimated cost of \$52,000, (1) one 28 passenger van at a maximum estimated cost of \$39,000 and (2) two cars at a maximum estimated cost of \$37,000 (\$18,500 each) for an aggregate maximum estimated cost of \$213,000, (2) expend such sum for such purposes, (3) levy the tax necessary therefore, to be levied and collected in annual installments in such years in such amounts as may be determined by the Board of

Education, taking into account state aid received, and (4) in anticipation of the collection of such tax, to issue bonds and notes of the District at one time or from time to time in the principal amount not to exceed \$213,000, and levy a tax to pay the interest on said obligations when due.

YES	128
NO	61
TOTAL VOTE	189

Proposition Passed

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

### **PUBLIC COMMENT**

The following comments were made by audience members:

What is the anticipated tax increase this year? 4.7%. I have a problem with the budget not being unanimously approved. Everyone worked hard on this and wanted it below 5% and it is. You need to get the P.R. out on this budget and stand behind it. Discussion ensued.

### **BOARD MEMBER QUESTIONS**

There were no questions.

### **PROPOSED EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Mrs. Lounsbury made and Ms. Coniglio seconded a motion to adjourn to executive session for the purpose of discussing a personnel evaluation at 8:25 pm. The seven Board members present voted to approve the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

### **ADJOURNMENT OF EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Mr. McGhee made and Mr. Jablonsky seconded a motion to adjourn the executive session and reconvene the public session at 10:05 pm. The six Board members present voted. The motion passed unanimously.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, Mr. Perotti made a motion to adjourn the meeting of April 21, 2008 at 10:06 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Therese M. Trotter  
District Clerk