

Webutuck Board of Education held the December 3, 2007 meeting at 7:30 p.m. in the Webutuck High School Library.

The following Board members were present:

Dale Culver, President

Bernadette Coniglio arrived 8:30 pm

Joseph Herald

Andrew Jablonsky

John Perotti

Also Present:

Dr. Richard N. Johns, Superintendent

Tracy Trotter, Superintendent's Secretary

Absent:

Susan Lounsbury

William McGhee

## **CALL TO ORDER**

Mr. Culver called the business meeting of October 1, 2007 to order at 7:40 p.m.

## **PUBLIC COMMENT**

The following comments were made:

- Commented on a comment from a previous meeting of "We in Webutuck". It was a good time of year to push the "We in Webutuck". It weighed on his mind for the last two weeks, the Board and others should have commented on that statement.

## ***WES/AES GOAL Presentation – Joel Freer***

Joel Freer, AES and WES Principal presented the goals for the elementary buildings. BET members in attendance were Glen White, Sue Campbell and Lynn Buckley. The Committee started off the year discussing how to measure student success. The Committee wanted to go deeper than just looking at the State assessments. The E2's (Essential and Enduring Learnings) have been identified at each grade level and will aid in measuring and strengthening student success. The goal of E2's is to look at where a child is struggling at the present moment, identifying that area and addressing it through AIS, a teacher etc. Mr. Freer stated the goals of where WES would like to be at each grade level in this school year. Discussion ensued. A copy of the goals is attached to these minutes.

## **DISCUSSION**

**1. Personnel recommendations (*Because there is a single Board Meeting in December, closed session review may be requested by any Board member at this time*)**  
Discussion will take place in Executive Session.

## **2. BOARD POLICIES –**

### **First Reading**

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

- Policy #103a Computer Philosophy and Policy
- Policy #502 Student Conduct and Discipline

On Policy #103a #6 was added which states there will be a District Technology Plan and a technology acquisition plan.

There was discussion on additions and deletions, theft, vehicular violations and cheating as it relates to Policy #502. Discussion ensued.

### **Update Last Review Date**

- Policy #101a Alcohol, Drugs, Tobacco and Other Substances
- Policy #103b Use of Computers and Networked Information Resources
- Policy #301 Executive Function
- Policy #408 Personnel Files
- Policy #522 Clubs and Sports

There was discussion as to whether the Committee had reviewed these policies in a meeting setting. There was a policy meeting and those that could make it reviewed the policies. A Committee member wants to review Policy #301 and #522. The Committee member suggested that the Board not waive the three readings as stated in the resolution under Board of Education of this Agenda. Discussion ensued.

## **3. FFA Trip Presentation**

Dave McGhee called the District Clerk during the week and stated with the holidays and missing some Agricultural Advisory members that he requested to move the presentation to January.

## **4. Establish Rate for Impartial Hearing Officer**

The Board needs to establish a rate for an Impartial Hearing Officer due to a pending Hearing. The Superintendent spoke to the school attorneys who directed the Superintendent to use the language “not to exceed \$100 an hour”. Discussion ensued.

## **5. Shared Municipal Services Incentive Grant**

Mike Haggerty followed up with the Board on this Grant that he spoke about at the December 4, 2007 Board meeting. The Grant he is applying for will allow for a feasibility study of shared services (particularly in recreation) between the Town of Amenia and Webutuck School District.

The Board is not committing to any costs at this point by signing the Grant; the Board will be just supporting it.

## **6. Board Goals**

It was decided to wait until the next meeting to discuss Board goals after the student

representative receives feedback from the student body.

### **CONSENT AGENDA VOTE**

The Board President directed the District Clerk to strike the Consent Agenda resolution as there was only one consent item.

### **CLERK'S REPORT**

1. Delegations

There were none.

2. Non-Staff Communications

There were none.

### **PERSONNEL**

#### **1. Authorization to Execute Memorandum of Agreement**

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

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education authorizes the Superintendent of Schools to execute the Postgraduate Credits Memorandum of Agreement between the W.T.A. and the District which shall not constitute a precedent for any other future or past case, as recommended by the Superintendent of Schools.

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

#### **2. Non-Instructional Appointment**

Ms. Coniglio made and Mr. Perotti seconded the following motion: A Board member asked for background on this individual. It was decided to discuss it in Executive Session. Mr. Jablonsky made a motion to table this motion until after Executive Session.

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

Dennis Walsh

Seasonal Worker

The five Board members present voted to table the motion. The motion carried.

Dale Culver                      Yes

Andrew Jablonsky              Yes

Bernadette Coniglio          No

John Perotti                      Yes

Joseph Herald                  Yes

#### **3. Extra-Curricular Appointments**

Mr. Perotti made a motion to table this motion until after Executive Session.

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

Henry Pollinger

JV Boys Basketball Coach

Evelyn Peters

Head Varsity Girls Softball Coach

Shawn Hosier

Modified Track Coach

Gary Murphy	Head Varsity Boys Baseball Coach
Mike Riddle	Assistant Varsity Boys Baseball Coach
Pat Argentina	Volunteer Modified Boys Baseball Coach
Doug Winslow	Head Varsity Track Coach
Kathleen Kelly	Assistant Varsity Girls Softball Coach
Denice Clapper	Modified Girls Softball Coach

Paul Wladarczyk	Science Department Head
Susan Campbell	ELA Department Head
Margaret Brizzie	Social Studies Department Head
Rosanna Hamm	Math Department Head
Susan Harrington	Special Areas Department Head
Linda Miller	Special Education Department Head

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

## 5. Instructional Appointment

A Board member questioned if the Board has to have her resign first. The President stated we appoint an individual first and then they resign from their previous position. There were questions about when she is to take her Teaching Assistant test. Discussion ensued. A Board member added language to the resolution regarding completing her teaching assistant exam.

Ms. Coniglio made and Mr. Jablonsky seconded the following motion: A Board member continued to feel that the Board was putting the cart before the horse because she has not taken the Teaching Assistant test. The Board should wait to take action until after she has taken the exam. Mr. Herald made and Mr. Perotti seconded a motion to table the motion until after Executive Session.

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education approves the following Instructional Appointment upon completion of examination of Teaching Assistant, as recommended by the Superintendent of Schools:

Jennifer Brandt (from Teacher Aide)	Teaching Assistant
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The five Board members present voted to table the motion. The motion carried.

Dale Culver	Yes	Andrew Jablonsky	Yes
Bernadette Coniglio	No	John Perotti	Yes
Joseph Herald	Yes		

## BUSINESS AND OPERATIONS

### 1. Authorization for Issuance of Tax Refund

Ms. Perotti made and Ms. Coniglio seconded the following motion:

The President asked the School Business Administrator how this matches up with the District's tax certori account. She responded it is already accounted for.

WHEREAS, by Order of John T. Meaney, Supreme Court Justice, State of New York, County of Dutchess dated October 26, 2007, reductions in assessment and tax refunds for

the 2007 assessment year were adjusted in favor of petitioner, Peter Kuhlmann for property owned in the Town of Washington, in the Webutuck Central School District, Tax Parcel No. 135889-6965-00-917415-0000, said reductions in assessment as follows:

<u>Assessment Roll</u> <u>School Tax Year</u>	<u>From</u>	<u>To</u>
2007/08	1,648,500	1,500,000

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 2007-08 school year, said refund in the amount of \$1,604.17 and reduce the tax certiorari reserve by said amount.

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

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

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

A Board member questioned how is this public bid publicized? He wanted to make sure it is not a select few that know about it. It is published twice in the local papers in addition to the Poughkeepsie Journal. Discussion ensued.

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:

<b>Vehicle #</b>	<b>ID#</b>	<b>Mileage</b>
1996 Ford Van	1FDJE37FTHA20586	156,262
1996 Bluebird Bus	1BAAJCSA0TF067220	146,091
1996 Bluebird Bus	1BAADCSA3TF067221	128,172
1999 GMC Van w/Wheelchair Lift	1GDHG31F9X1128319	148,746

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

## **CURRICULUM AND INSTRUCTION**

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

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

A Board member questioned the Committee Chair of the Special Education Committee as to if he was meeting with the Special Education Chairperson. He responded not yet but they had spoken on the phone.

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Webutuck Board of Education hereby accepts the Committee on Special Education report for November 2007, 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 five Board members present voted to approve the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

## **BOARD OF EDUCATION**

### **1. Approval of Broadway Trip in New York City**

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

A Board member thought there were still unanswered questions that the music teacher was going to present to the Board such as if the time frame was going to change because of Regents and AP exams etc. Also, are other students going to be included? The High School Principal will speak with the music teacher and she will get back to the Board in January.

Mr. Perotti made a motion to table this motion until the January meeting.

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education hereby approves the Broadway Trip in New York City scheduled for May 19-21, 2008 as a school field trip, as recommended by the Superintendent of Schools.

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

### **2. Board Policies – Update Last Review Date**

A Board member had previously discussed needing to review these policies in a Policy Committee meeting, and also to go through the three readings and not waive the three reading requirement. The Policy Committee Chair questioned if all the policies were going back to Committee. A Committee member said he had questions on #301 and #522.

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.

Policy #101a	Alcohol, Drugs, Tobacco and Other Substances
Policy #103b	Use of Computers and Networked Information Resources
Policy #301	Executive Function
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### **3. Establish a Rate for Impartial Hearing Officer**

This will be discussed in Executive Session.

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education hereby establishes a rate for an Impartial Hearing Officer not to exceed one hundred dollars (\$100.00) per hour plus expenses, as recommended by the Superintendent of Schools.

#### **4. Resolution supporting the Town of Amenia's application for a NYS Shared Municipal Services Incentive Grant for a joint capital improvement plan for the town and the Webutuck School District**

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

A Board member stated it is a good opportunity to see if we have shared services and can go forward from there.

Whereas, the Town of Amenia is seeking a grant to help pay for the completion of a joint capital improvement plan for the Town of Amenia and for the Webutuck School District; and

Whereas, the Webutuck Central School District recognizes the value of sharing services and working in conjunction with neighboring municipalities and with other governmental entities in order to achieve economies of scale and cost savings; and

Whereas, the Shared Municipal Services Incentive Grant Program, offered by the NYS Department of State, provides grants for two or more municipalities to work together on projects designed to save money over a five-year period; and

Whereas, the Town of Amenia has agreed to act as the lead applicant and is actively seeking the support of the Webutuck School District; and

Whereas, the Town Supervisor is hereby authorized to submit an application in an amount not to exceed \$100,000, with a local share cost of no more than \$10,000; and

Now, therefore, be it resolved, that the Webutuck School District supports the application for a joint capital improvement plan and feasibility study for the sharing of services, as recommended by the Superintendent of Schools.

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

#### **PUBLIC COMMENT**

Audience members had the following comments:

-Please do not forget about those students who are already achieving those goals set by BETS.

#### **BOARD MEMBER QUESTIONS**

There were none.

#### **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Mr. Jablonsky made and Mr. Herald seconded a motion to adjourn to executive session at 9:05 pm for the purpose of discussing personnel issues. The five Board members present voted. The motion carried unanimously.

## **ADJOURNMENT OF EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Mr. Perotti made and Mr. Jablonsky seconded a motion to adjourn the executive session and reconvene the public session at 11:45 pm. The five Board members present voted. The motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Herald left at 11:45 pm.

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

**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, Mr. Perotti made a motion to adjourn the meeting of December 3, 2007 at 11:55 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Tracy Trotter  
District Clerk