

Webutuck Board of Education held the October 1, 2007 Worksession meeting at 7:30 p.m. in the Webutuck High School Library.

The following Board members were present:

Dale Culver

Joseph Herald arrived at 8:15 pm.

Susan Lounsbury

William McGhee

John Perotti

Absent:

Bernadette Coniglio

Andrew Jablonsky

Also Present:

Dr. Richard Johns

Therese Trotter

CALL TO ORDER

President Culver called the Work Session meeting of October 1, 2007 to order at 7:36 p.m.

PUBLIC COMMENT

The Board President requested a moment of silence for Mrs. Riehl, the District's 6th grade ELA teacher who passed away over the weekend. She will be missed by staff and students alike. The Superintendent spoke about Mrs. Riehl being a wonderful teacher. She came from BOCES to our District three years ago. Grief Counselors were on hand to help any students who were having difficulty.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

The Superintendent reported on the process of selecting the EBMS principal. Interviews are scheduled for October 11 from 6 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. It is his desire to have a finalist selected by October 15th and a recommendation to the Board in November. He stated the Building Goals presentation will happen at a later date. He would like the principals to learn and understand the whole process of creating goals before deciding upon them for each of their buildings.

DISCUSSION

1. Personnel

There was no discussion.

2. 8th Grade Washington D.C. Trip

The Superintendent endorses the Washington D.C. field trip. Board members felt it is a wonderful opportunity for our students especially those that do not get to travel a lot. A

Board member has a sister that is willing to guide our staff and class advisors through the organization of the trip, as she has put together the trip for the past several years in a neighboring school district. Discussion ensued.

3. Concession Stand

The Superintendent spoke with the District's legal counsel, they stated it would not be a big process to get plans approved by SED depending on the amount of detail in the plans. The District's legal council requested the plans for review. Discussion ensued.

4. Athletic Director Job Description

President Culver asked Board members to have all questions on this topic ready for discussion at the next Board meeting.

5. Assistant to the Athletic Director Job Description

The Superintendent looked at how the District could manage the Athletic Department better. An Assistant was a viable option. An employee, who had applied for the A.D. position, would be a good candidate to support the A.D. and learn about the position at the same time. Discussion ensued.

6. Create Special Education Department Head under Curriculum Council

The Superintendent explained the evolution of the Curriculum Council. There will be five head of departments in the four core areas. There was Special Areas which was covered by Mrs. Miller. The Superintendent is recommending a fifth area for Special Education Department Head which Linda Miller would move to and Mrs. Harrington, the High School German Teacher, will head Special Areas. Discussion ensued.

BOARD MEMBER QUESTIONS

There were none.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Audience members had the following comments:

- Would like the Wellness Committee would be up and running soon.
- Will Booster parents be able to look at the A.D. job description. Copies will be provided at the next meeting.
- Booster Club van is not running. The Health Department said it has to have hot water available.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mr. Perotti made and Mr. McGhee seconded a motion to adjourn to executive session at 8:15 pm for the purpose of discussing particular personnel matters. The four Board members present voted. The motion carried unanimously.

RECONVENE PUBLIC SESSION

Mr. Herald made a motion to adjourn the executive session and reconvene the public session at 9:11 pm. The four Board members present voted. The motion passed unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Mr. Herald made a motion to adjourn the meeting of October 1, 2007 at 9:11 pm.