

Webutuck Board of Education held the February 9, 2009 meeting at 7:30 p.m. in the Webutuck High School Library.

The following Board members were present:

Dale Culver, President

Joseph Matteo

Joseph Herald

Andrew Jablonsky

William McGhee

John Perotti

Also Present:

Dr. Richard N. Johns, Superintendent

Linda Peters, School Business Administrator

Therese Trotter District Clerk

Absent:

Susan Lounsbury

CALL TO ORDER

President Culver called the business meeting of February 9, 2009 to order at 7:37 p.m.

PUBLIC COMMENT

The following comments were made by audience members:

-I understand we have to pay lawyer fees and other fees for the truck that was bought and not approved by the Board. Bids for the old truck were not accepted because they were too low. Discussion took place about the sale of the surplus truck offsetting the purchase of the new truck.

-Pizza oven's value was 10,000 or 12,000 and it was thrown out? It currently would cost that amount to buy; it was not the value at the time it was thrown out.

Audience member went over the resolution that rejected the bid for the surplus truck at a Board meeting last year– went over the paper work for the purchase of the truck.

We hired six kids for summer work and never posted the position. He spoke about Stephen Lounsbury being denied by the Board for hire but the School still hired him.

Does the superintendent hire personnel after the Board has denied the hire?

-What is the District doing about the budget for next year – everyone has to cut back – we are facing a double digit tax increase.

-Is there a potential that at some point next year we could not meet payroll? No

-The District is getting smaller but we still have to have a quality education? Is this being talked about regionally to share service etc.

-Did Mr. Perotti get the inventory report on the missing paintings?

-Did a truck go to an outside mechanic to get fixed? Yes, the mechanic was out for several days and that is why the truck went to an outside mechanic?

-How close are we to cleaning up the oil spill to the thirty day mandatory clean up.

-Did the non-teaching coaches begin their certification? Yes

-How many board members do we have? Seven

-May I have five minutes with the Board in Executive Session? Yes

Presentation:

Susanna O'Neil – The Marathon Project

Ms. O'Neil represents the Council on Addiction Prevention Counseling. It is the premier prevention agency in Dutchess County. This program began last year at Webutuck. It is a distance running program for thirty-three weeks. Students who are ages 12 thru 18 may participate. They train several times a week and run in local races and their final race is the Philadelphia marathon next November. They get 100 hours of training and 75 hours getting mentoring from adults. This program is free through the Dyson Foundation. This program would not exist without the strong support from the Northeast Community Center. Discussion ensued.

DISCUSSION

1. F.S. Supervision from W.H.S. building budget

Mr. Pophney would like to hire monitors for the High School cafeteria. He is requesting two monitors for two hours a day at \$10.91 /hr. The Superintendent will provide a job description if the board desires. Board member would like to see what those teachers would be doing if they are not in the cafeteria. The job description will be put in the Board packet.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mr. Jablonsky made and Mr. Perotti seconded a motion to adjourn to executive session at 8:41 pm for the purpose of discussing student safety. The six Board members present voted. The motion carried unanimously.

RECONVENE PUBLIC SESSION

Mr. Herald made and Mr. Jablonsky seconded a motion to adjourn the executive session and reconvene the public session at 8:48 pm. The six Board members present voted. The motion passed unanimously.

CONSENT AGENDA VOTE

Mr. Matteo made and Mr. Herald seconded the following motion to approve the consent agenda as presented. A Board member questioned if the coaches are enrolled in the certification process? Yes. A Board member asked if Mr. Jablonsky received all the answers on the Financial Reports. Yes.

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 six Board members voted to approve the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

CLERK'S REPORT

*1. Acceptance of Financial Reports as Submitted

Mr. Matteo made and Mr. Herald seconded a motion to accept the Financial Reports as submitted:

Treasurer's Report for the month ending November.
Comprehensive Budget Status Report ending November.
Comprehensive Revenue Status Report ending November.
Warrants #35-41

The six Board members voted to approve the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

2. Delegations -None

3. Non-Staff Communications -None

PERSONNEL

***1. Instructional Appointment**

Mr. Matteo made and Mr. Herald 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:

Lee Allen Stowe	Vocal Teacher
Effective: February 2, 2009	Estoppel: January 2012
Tenure Area: Music	Replaces: Amy Schultz

The six Board members voted to approve the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

***2. Instructional Substitute Appointment**

Mr. Matteo made and Mr. Herald 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:

Linda Katuah	Substitute Teacher
Effective: February 10, 2008	

The six Board members voted to approve the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

3. Non-Instructional Substitute Appointment

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

A Board member questioned if these job openings properly posted. Yes.

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

Lisa Mongelli	Substitute Food Service Worker
Effective: February 10, 2009	

Michelle Pastre	Substitute Food Service Worker
Effective: February 10, 2009	

The six Board members voted to approve the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

***4. Approval of Amendment of Extra-Curricular Resolution from January 12, 2009**

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

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education approves the amendment of the Extra-Curricular resolution approved on January 12, 2009 to read as follows, as recommended by the Superintendent of Schools:

Landon Johns	JV Boys' Basketball Coach
Nick Peters	Modified Boys' Basketball Coach
Nick Baker	Modified Boys' Basketball Coach

The six Board members voted to approve the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

***5. Approval of Tenure Recommendations for Teaching Assistants**

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

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education does hereby appoint the following teaching assistants to tenure, effective February 10, 2009, as recommended by the Superintendent of Schools.

NAME	CERTIFICATION	EFFECTIVE DATE
Susan Pomeisl	Level III	February 10, 2009
Laurie Werner	Level III	February 10, 2009
Mari-Ann Hoke	Level III	February 10, 2009

The six Board members voted to approve the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

6. Extra-Curricular Appointment for the 2008-2009 School Year

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

A Board member questioned if they are enrolled in the coaches certification process?

Yes.

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education hereby approves the following Extra-Curricular appointment for the 2008-2009 school year, as recommended by the Superintendent of Schools:

Gary Murphy	Varsity Baseball Coach
Ken Pomeisl	Volunteer Varsity Baseball Coach
Nick Peters	JV Baseball Coach
T. Craig Morton	Modified Baseball

The six Board members voted to approve the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

BUSINESS AND OPERATIONS

1. Declare Obsolete Books

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

A Board member asked about the 2001 reading books and did we get a new series? Yes

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education hereby declares the listed items obsolete, as recommended by the Superintendent of Schools:

Title	Publisher	Copyright Date	Qty
Science	Macmillan/McGraw-Hill	1995	2
Sense	Scott Foresman	1977	20
MATH	Addison-Wesley	1998	5
Mathematics	Addison Wesley	1977	1
Reading Tactics A	Scott Foresman	1977	19

Everyday English	Globe Book Co	1981	19
Vocabulary Workshop Level B	Oxford	1994	28
The United States	Janus Books	1988	5
Reading	McGraw Hill	2001	78

The six Board members voted to approve the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

A Board member questioned if all the quotes are in for the oil spill? He asked if the Board can have them in the Board packet this week.

BOARD OF EDUCATION

***1. Approval of SASI System Replacement**

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

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education approves SCHOOL TOOLS as the replacement system for SASI, as recommended by the Superintendent of Schools.

The six Board members voted to approve the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENT

The following comments were made by audience members:

-Do we know what the format will look like in either Forum? No

-Will the village or the Town be present at the Millerton Forum? Yes, John Scutieri will be attending.

-Will all members attend the Amenia Forum? Will there be one representative speaking from the Board? The President will most likely be the representative to speak?

BOARD MEMBER QUESTIONS

-Have a concern with the plow truck that went out to get fixed because our mechanic was out from work? I think it was something that could have waited?

-Did we decide if we are going to recoup the \$1100.00 that was expended due to sending the truck back.

-The WPA paintings may have been donated but I don't remember the Board donating them?

Can we have an update on the transportation study? The School Business Administration explained what TAS will be doing and who they will be talking with. A Board member asked if the drivers that asked to be a part of it will they involved? Yes.

Are the minutes on the web page? Yes.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mr. Herald made and Mr. Matteo seconded a motion to adjourn to executive session at 9:06 pm for the purpose of discussing appointment of a hearing officer, personnel issue and CSEA grievance. The six Board members present voted. The motion carried unanimously.

RECONVENE PUBLIC SESSION

Mr. Perotti made a motion to adjourn the executive session and reconvene the public session at 10:12 pm. The six Board members present voted. The motion passed unanimously.

CSEA GRIEVANCE RESOLUTION

Mr. Herald made the following motion:

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Webutuck School Board of Education does hereby accept the resolution authorizing Superintendent Richard Johns to execute the terms of the arbitrator's decision in the Eastman/Kilmer Grievance award.

The five Board members voted to approve the motion. The motion carried unanimously. Mr. Matteo abstained from the vote.

APPOINT HEARING OFFICER

Mr. Herald made the following motion:

BE IT RESOLVED, that Matthew Turner, Esq. is appointed by the Board of Education to preside as hearing officer concerning a pending civil service hearing pursuant to Civil Service Law Section 75.

The six Board members present voted. The motion passed unanimously.

APPOINT SPOKESPERSON FOR FORUM

Mr. Matteo made the following motion:

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education appoints President Dale Culver as the District spokesperson for the Amenia forum on February 11, 2009.

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

Mr. Culver abstained from the vote.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Mr. Perotti made a motion to adjourn the meeting of February 9, 2009 at 10:15 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Therese M. Trotter
District Clerk