

Webutuck Board of Education held the August 25, 2008 meeting at 7:30 p.m. in the Webutuck High School Library.

The following Board members were present:

Dale Culver, President

Joseph Herald

Andrew Jablonsky

William McGhee

Joseph Matteo

John Perotti

Also Present:

Dr. Richard N. Johns, Superintendent

Linda Peters, School Business Official

Absent:

Susan Lounsbury

CALL TO ORDER

President Culver called the business meeting of August 25, 2008 to order at 7:35 p.m.

PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no comment.

DISCUSSION

1. Number of First Grade Sections

The Superintendent did an analysis per the Board's request. The Board established parameters for moving three sections to four. It was reported that there are sixty-six students at this time for first grade. It was suggested that a teaching assistant could be added if there were three sections. The number of special education students and their needs were discussed. It was decided that a fourth section was not needed at this time and an assessment of the first grade would be submitted to the Board in October.

2. Management Model for Food Service Department

The Board has been looking at two different models for the Food Service Department. One way is how it has always been done by the District through civil service appointment of Dutchess County Personnel. The second model is to hire a person as a cook manager with oversight provided by someone other than the cook manager who can only cook and manage by that job description. BOCES would be willing to do a COSER with us if we could find someone to do administrative duties. However, the District would need another school to share that position with Webutuck. A Board member asked how many hours would be involved in those administrative duties. It would fluctuate during the year. The person that was contacted to see if she would work with Webutuck on a part-time basis along with her other job in another District was not really interested in doing so. It was also suggested the School Business Official take on the administrative duties of food service. Discussion ensued.

PERSONNEL

1. Instructional Appointments

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

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

Nicole Harrison

Special Education Teacher

Effective: September 1, 2008

Tenure Area: Special Education

Estoppel Date: August 31, 2011

Replaces: Dawn Murtaugh

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

PUBLIC COMMENT

The following comments were made by audience members:

-The BET meeting questioned sports starting later so that students can have study time.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mr. Matteo made and Mr. Jablonsky seconded a motion to adjourn to executive session at 9:12 pm for the purpose of discussing particular personnel issues. The six Board members present voted. The motion carried unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT OF EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mr. Perotti made a motion to adjourn the executive session and reconvene the public session at 9:10 pm. The six Board members present voted. The motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Herald made and Mr. McGhee seconded a motion to amend the August 18, 2008 motion that appointed Stephanie Bechard to the Vocational Agriculture position to state the position is an eleven month contract.

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

Mr. Herald made and Mr. McGhee seconded a motion to approve Dr. Richard Johns as Principal of Millerton elementary School.

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

Mr. Matteo made and Mr. McGhee seconded a motion to approve Jeanne Farese as Cook Manager of Webutuck School District effective August 25, 2008.

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

Mr. Matteo made and Mr. McGhee seconded a motion to approve Jo-Ann Herald as Cook of Webutuck School District effective August 25, 2008.

The five Board members present voted to approve the motion. The motion carried unanimously. Mr. Herald abstained from voting.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Mr. Matteo made a motion to adjourn the meeting of August 25, 2008 at 9:13 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Tracy Trotter
District Clerk