

Webutuck Board of Education held the June 1, 2009 meeting at 8:30 p.m. in the Webutuck High School Library.

The following Board members were present:

Dale Culver, President

Joseph Herald

Joseph Matteo

Andrew Jablonsky

Susan Lounsbury arrived at 7:49

William McGhee

Also Present:

Dr. Richard N. Johns, Superintendent

Therese Trotter District Clerk

Linda Peters, School Business Administrator

Absent:

John Perotti

CALL TO ORDER

President Culver called the business meeting of May 1, 2009 to order at 7:40 p.m.

PUBLIC COMMENT

The following comments were made by audience members:

-Mrs. Lounsbury did you receive certification on coaches that you requested? Yes

-What is the Board doing about the certification of coaches? Why are tax payer dollars going towards salaries of non-certified coaches?

DISCUSSION

1. Personnel

A question was asked about why the District is creating a position for the District office? Is that a new position? Yes. Discussion ensued.

2. Obsolete Ikon Savin 9115 Copier

No questions

3. Budget Vote Results

The District Clerk read the vote results. There was a question about categorizing the votes by areas or towns. Discussion ensued.

4. Alert System

This system will be able to notify all students of school closings or any important information that the District will need caregivers to know.

5. Mercy College Courses

We have been offering DCC Courses after school as dual enrollment. DCC cut those

courses due to budgetary restraints. Mercy College is able to provide these courses to our students with Webutuck providing teachers for the courses. Discussion ensued.

6. Surplus Old Bus Video Cameras

These are the old VCRs that were in the buses, the District can sell them back to the company for approximately \$20.00 which the School Business Administrator recommends the Board do. These are no longer usable. There are approximately 37 VCRs. Discussion ensued.

BOARD OF EDUCATION

1. Acceptance of Vote Results

Mr. Herald made and Mrs. Lounsbury seconded the following motion:

BE IT RESOLVED, the Webutuck Board of Education accepts the following vote results from the May 19, 2009 vote: 2009-2010 School Budget Vote, Donation of Amenia Elementary School Vote and Board Member Vote as follows:

2009-2010 SCHOOL BUDGET

Shall the Board of Education of the Webutuck Central School District be authorized to expend the sum of \$20,480,000.00 for School District purposes for the 2009-2010 school year (the Budget) and to levy the necessary tax therefor?

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| Yes | 298 |
| No | 103 |
| Total Votes | 401 |

Donation of Amenia Elementary School

Shall the Board of Education of the Webutuck Central School District be authorized to donate the real property commonly known as the Amenia Elementary School located on 4988 Route 22 in Amenia, New York to the Town of Amenia, for public use?

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| Yes | 275 |
| No | 118 |
| Total Votes | 393 |

**VOTE RESULTS FOR TWO BOARD OF EDUCATION MEMBER SEATS
MAY 19, 2009**

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| Dale Culver | 284 |
| John Perotti | 297 |

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

Surplus of Bus Video Cameras

Mr. Herald made and Mrs. Lounsbury made the following motion:

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Webutuck School Board approves the surplus of the 12 bus

video cameras as provided in the Board packet and sell them back to the original company that sold them to Webutuck, as recommended by the Superintendent. The seven Board members present voted to approve the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENT

The following comments were made by audience members:

- Spoke about the baseball program, the A.D. and the problems that have occurred recently.
- the tone is harsh here. We are talking about stickers on books like it is a conspiracy. We need to lighten up.
- People have to be certified to do their jobs. People with educations are supposed to be teaching our children the right things.
- People do make mistakes but there are rules written down to follow.
- When will these certifications be available to look at? Why are we hiring with tax dollars people who are not certified to coach? The coaches are in the process of certification. The Athletic Director needs to be certified and he is not.
- How many coaches have coached for three years and are not certified?
- What did those coaches that were hired have to hire them? Historically, they have not had the two courses. A new regulation states that they have to have CPR and Philosophy and Practice in Coaching Class before being hired.
- The Wellness Committee dropped off some papers – did you receive it? Yes, but it was some members that dropped it off, not the Committee. Many interested parties have not been privy to the document.
- Have you considered the Greystone Consortium when looking to expand the curriculum?
- In these hard economic times we have just passed the budget. Sports are important.
- What is the process to provide positive or negative information on personnel?
- The Athletic program has been running well.
- Have we heard any news about the senior who was in a car accident and in the hospital?
- There are repercussions if someone goes over the line as far as rules.
- Sports program is on the rise.

BOARD MEMBER QUESTIONS

None

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mr. Herald made and Mr. McGhee seconded a motion to adjourn to executive session at 9:25 pm for the purpose of discussing personnel issues. The six Board members present voted to approve the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

RECONVENE PUBLIC SESSION

Mr. Herald made a motion to adjourn the executive session and reconvene the public session at 10: 34 pm. The six Board members present voted. The motion carried unanimously.

1. MOA #004a

Mr. Herald made the following motion:

BE IT RESOLVED, the Board of Education approves the MOA #004a, as recommended by the Superintendent of Schools.

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

2. Resignation

Mr. Herald made the following motion:

BE IT RESOLVED, the Board of Education will place Mike Riddle on Administrative Leave without pay on the date provided by the Webutuck School Legal Council and that a Section 75 Hearing will be recommend his termination be held within thirty, as recommended by the Superintendent of Schools.

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

3. Seasonal Workers

Place on next agenda.

4. Resignation

Mr. Herald made the following motion:

BE IT RESOLVED, the Board of Education accepts the resignation of Edmund Tannini effective May 5, 2009, as recommended by the Superintendent of Schools.

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

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Mrs. Lounsbury made a motion to adjourn the meeting of June 1, 2009 at 10:45 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Therese M. Trotter
District Clerk