

Webutuck Board of Education held the November 18, 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

Susan Lounsbury

William McGhee

Joseph Matteo

John Perotti

Also Present:

Dr. Richard N. Johns, Superintendent

Therese Trotter District Clerk

Linda Peters

CALL TO ORDER

President Culver called the business meeting of November 18, 2008 to order at 7:36 p.m.

PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment.

RISING STARS PRESENTATION – AMY SCHULTZ

Ms. Schultz presented her plans for a Broadway overnight trip to NYC for students. It was done last year with much success. She proposed the dates May 19 and 20, 2008 for the trip which would include a Broadway show and two workshops. Three students each stood up and spoke about their trip experience last year to NYC. They all enjoyed it. The Board asked to have the trip proposal in writing in the next Board packet.

EBMS GOAL PRESENTATION

Mr. Schimmelpfennig discussed the EBMS BET building goals for this year. The Middle School will be focusing on ELA as their goal. Students have difficulty in reading the test and understanding what is being asked whether it is in English, math or any subject. A Board member asked if the percent was an increase in what the Middle School proposed last year. Mr. Schimmelpfennig explained that it was what was achieved last year and they hope to achieve 2% to 3% higher this year. It was suggested that the BET actually write the percent increase clearly that they expect to achieve for 08-09 school year and to also state what they achieved last year next to what they expect to achieve this year.

DISCUSSION

1. WES and AES Building Goals

The Board discussed with Principal McEnroe if their BET had changed their goal regarding grade 5 having a 75% achievement at Level 3 or 4. A Board member had stated maybe they should increase that percentage to challenge themselves because the 5th grade

had achieved their goal last year. The Principal discussed the reason the elementary did not change their percentage in their goal after looking at that cohort. Discussion ensued.

2. Pay Pal for WCSD Yearbook

The Yearbook Committee would like to establish a pay pal account on our website for parents to pay for yearbooks. There was discussion as to if there would be a transaction fee who would pay the fee. The Board agreed that we need to know the exact plan of using pay pal from the Yearbook Committee. The School Business Administration will check with our legal council about the process and about the yearbook fee.

3. Facility Issues: EXCEL Project

The Superintendent explained that Rhinebeck Architecture is submitting the EXCEL Project to the SED. It will take approximately nine weeks for approval from them. The cost of the project is \$705,000 which comes with a zero cost to the taxpayers and will consist of the MES roof and security measures in all buildings except Amenia Elementary.

4. SPCC (Spill Prevention and Counter Measure Plan)

We have a couple of proposals that have come in. The Chazen Company has proposed a \$8,900 for this plan. This is a federal requirement that the District has a spill prevention and containment plan. Mr. Lounsbury will have a recommendation by the end of the week – it will most likely go to the lowest bid.

5. Establish Track Club

A group of students would like to start an indoor track club.

A Board member asked what it will cost us to have this club. The Superintendent stated the District would have to pay a sponsor \$200 like any other club. The students will have to generate their own funds for uniforms etc.

Landon Johns will be the advisor. A Board member asked if this position should fall under the track coach, which Landon is already. No, the District would pay the club sponsor like any club sponsor. Other issues brought up for discussion were academic eligibility of a club and attending tenth period. Discussion ensued.

CONSENT AGENDA VOTE

Mr. Herald made and Mr. Lounsbury seconded a motion to approve the consent agenda as amended. The amendment offered by Mr. Perotti called for pulling #3 under personnel for further discussion.

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

CLERK'S REPORT

*1 Approval of Minutes for August 4, August 18, August 25, September 22, October 6 and October 20, 2008 Board meetings.

Mr. Herald made and Mrs. Lounsbury seconded a motion to approve the minutes as submitted.

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

*2. Acceptance of Financial Reports as Submitted

Mr. Herald made and Mrs. Lounsbury seconded a motion to approve the financial reports as submitted:

Treasurer's Report for the month ending September.

Comprehensive Budget Status Report ending September.

Comprehensive Revenue Status Report ending September.

Warrants #21-26

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

3. Delegations -None

4. Non-Staff Communications -Yes a letter was received via email for the Board members from a taxpayer requesting a feasibility study.

PERSONNEL

***1. Instructional Substitute Appointment**

Mr. Herald made and Mrs. Lounsbury 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:

Kim Savage

Substitute Teacher

Effective: November 19, 2008

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

***2. Non-Instructional Substitute Appointment**

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

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

Lynne Clinch

Substitute Bus Monitor

Effective: November 19, 2008

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

3. Non-Instructional Appointments

The School Business Administrator requested Deanna Intrieri's hours to read 3.5 hours a day Food Service Helper.

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

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

Deanna Intrieri

3.5 Hr/day Food Service Helper

Effective: November 19, 2008

Christine Belcher

.5 Human Resource Clerk

Effective: November 17, 2008

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

***4. Amendment of Extra-Curricular Appointment on September 22, 2008 Agenda**

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

BE IT RESOLVED, the Board of Education amends the Extra-Curricular appointment to approve Janet Moore as Mentor for Dawn Rivette, Mentee, and remove Pat Carmody as the mentor, as recommended by the Superintendent of Schools.

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

***5. Extra-Curricular Appointments for the 2008-2009 School Year**

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

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

Patricia Hammond

Girls' JV Basketball Coach

Jennifer Brandt

Girls' Modified Basketball Co-Coach

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

6. Instructional Leave Replacement Appointment

This motion was amended to reflect the correct Effective year (2009).

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

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

Kristen Chadwick

Guidance Counselor

Effective: January 26, 2009

Replace: Julie Taft Maternity Leave

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

7. Instructional Substitute Appointment

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

Discussion was had to clarify Kristen Chadwick as substitute teacher from 11/19/08 through 1/23/09 upon which she will be leave replacement guidance counselor. The Superintendent asked if this was also the individual that needed the waive of the 20 day

BE IT RESOLVED, the Woburn Board of Education approves the appointment of the following Instructional Appointment, as recommended by the Superintendent of Schools:

The seven Board members voted to approve the motion. The motion carried 6-1.

Dale Culver	Yes	William McGhee	No
Joseph Herald	Yes	Joseph Matteo	Yes
Andrew Jablonsky	Yes	John Perotti	Yes
Susan Lounsbury	Yes		

***8. Authorization to Execute Memorandum of Agreement**

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

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education authorizes the Superintendent of Schools to execute the Special Education Overload Memorandum of Agreement between the W.T.A. and the District, as recommended by the Superintendent of Schools.

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

9. Creation of Indoor Track Club

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

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education approves the creation of the Indoor Track Club, as recommended by the Superintendent of Schools.

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

10. Approval of Track Club Advisor

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

The stipend for this will be \$200. A Board member questioned if Mr. Johns would complete his regular work day before beginning this activity. The Superintendent said he would complete his work day.

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education approves Landon Johns as the Indoor Track Club Advisor for the 2008-2009 school year, as recommended by the Superintendent of Schools.

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

BUSINESS AND OPERATIONS

***1. Approval of Omni Group as 403b Administrator**

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

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Wabunuck Board of Education approves Omni Group as the 403b Administrator, as recommended by the Superintendent of Schools.

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

2. Approval of Pay Pal Link to the School Website

It was decided to remove this from the agenda until the next meeting until there is more definite information.

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education hereby approves the addition of the Pay Pal link to the website for the sole purpose of allowing parents and/or businesses to buy advertisements in the 2008-2009 Yearbook, as recommended by the Superintendent of Schools.

3. Approval of DEHIC Agreement

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

A Board member questioned if this changed the coverage at all. The School Business Official said it did not.

BE IT RESOLVED, the Board of Education of approves the adoption of the amended Dutchess Educational Health Insurance Consortium (DEHIC) Trust Agreement effective January 1, 2009, as recommended by the Superintendent of Schools.

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

4. Approval of EXCEL Project

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

A Board member asked if this is this the only scope that we discussed tonight? There will only be the potential adjustment of coping that's it.

BE IT RESOLVED, the Board of Education of approves the EXCEL Project scope and SED submission, as recommended by the Superintendent of Schools.

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

CURRICULUM AND INSTRUCTION

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

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

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Webutuck Board of Education hereby accepts the Committee on Special Education report for October 2008, 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 seven Board members voted to approve the motion. The motion carried.

BOARD OF EDUCATION

***1. Donation of Computers**

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

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education authorizes the acceptance of 48 surplus computers which are available through the CREATE (Computer Recycling for Education and Technology Enhancement Act) project, as recommended by the Superintendent of Schools

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

***2. Acceptance of Donation**

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

BE IT RESOLVED, the Board of Education of Webutuck School hereby gratefully

accepts the donation of eight chairs from Salisbury Bank, as recommended by the Superintendent of Schools.

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

PUBLIC COMMENT

-Is the Governor taking money from our District? Yes a reduction in aid of \$357,000 was proposed.

-If Indoor Track wasn't a club, the students would not be able to run next year during track season.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mrs. Lounsbury and Mr. Matteo seconded a motion to adjourn to Executive Session at 8:55 pm for the purpose of discussing a particular personnel issue. The seven Board members present voted to approve the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT OF EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mr. Herald made a motion to adjourn the executive session and reconvene the public session at 10:28 pm. The seven Board members present voted. The motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Matteo made the following motion:

BE IT RESOLVED, the Board of Education approves the Arbitrator's offer and set amount in the Kilmer/Eastman CSEA grievance at \$2,500, as recommended by the Superintendent of Schools.

The seven Board members voted to approve the motion. The motion carried 6-1.

Dale Culver	Yes	William McGhee	Yes
Joseph Herald	No	Joseph Matteo	Yes
Andrew Jablonsky	Yes	John Perotti	Yes
Susan Lounsbury	Yes		

Mr. Matteo made the following motion

BE IT RESLOVED, the Board of Education approves the MOA to pay athletic coaches for tenth period at one-half hour per day for the 2008-2009 school year, as recommended by the Superintendent of Schools.

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

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Mr. Perotti made a motion to adjourn the meeting of November 18, 2008 at 10:30 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Therese M. Trotter
District Clerk