

Webutuck Board of Education held the September 22, 2008 meeting at 7:30 p.m. in the Webutuck High School Library.

The following Board members were present:

Dale Culver, President

Joseph Herald left at 9:45 pm

Andrew Jablonsky

William McGhee

Joseph Matteo

Also Present:

Dr. Richard N. Johns, Superintendent

Therese Trotter District Clerk

Absent:

Susan Lounsbury

John Perotti

Linda Peters

CALL TO ORDER

President Culver called the Business meeting of September 22, 2008 to order at 7:36 p.m.

PUBLIC COMMENT

The following comments were made by audience members:

- The Pizza Machine was on the last agenda and it is not on this agenda. Is it scrapped?
- Isn't the Board supposed to oversee every nickel spent and where everything is?
- The District needs to look now at consolidation with other school districts and the audience member would like information on it.

DISCUSSION

1. Board Committee and Goals

The Board President announced the Board members on each Sub-Committee. Each Board member stated a Board goal for the year.

CONSENT AGENDA VOTE

Mr. Herald made and Mr. Jablonsky seconded the following motion to approve the consent agenda.

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

CLERK'S REPORT

***1. Acceptance of Financial Reports as Submitted**

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

Treasurer's Report for the month ending July.
Comprehensive Budget Status Report ending July.
Comprehensive Revenue Status Report ending July.
Warrants #1-17

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

2. Delegations

There were none.

3. Non-Staff Communications

There were none.

PERSONNEL

***1. Instructional Resignation**

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

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education hereby accepts the following Instruction Resignation, as recommended by the Superintendent of Schools:

Stephanie Shoemaker	Guidance Counselor
Effective: September 14, 2008	

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

***2. Instructional Appointments**

Mr. Herald made and Mr. Jablonsky 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:

David Friedmann	Special Education Teacher
Effective: October 2, 2008	Estoppel: January 2012
Tenure Area: Special Education	Replaces: Dawn Murtaugh

Julie Taft	Guidance Counselor
Effective: September 1, 2008	Estoppel: August 31, 2011
Tenure Area: Guidance	Replaces Stephanie Shoemaker

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

***3. Creation of Positions**

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

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

.5 Human Resource Clerk
Part-Time Food Service Helper
Cook

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

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

Mr. Herald made and Mr. Jablonsky 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:

Mentee

Donna Gallo
Jamie Palazzo
Kerri Umlauf
Jean Roccanova
Karen Rubin
Alison Coppola
Allison Lape-Karpf
Karen Thompson
Dawn Rivette

Mentor

Christine Gillette
Christine Mathers
Mary Murphy
Mary Murphy
Joelene VanWagenen
Tammy Nethercott
Heather Farr-Kilmer
Rebecca Hart
Patricia Carmody

Trisha Casler
Barb Riley

Co-Coordinator Monitor of Eligibility
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The five Board members present voted to approve the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

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

Mr. Herald made and Mr. Jablonsky 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:

Mentee

Henry Pollinger
Christine Henderson
Evelyn Peters
Kevin Kleespies
Stephanie Bechard
Damian Whittaker
Bonnie Parmelee
Mary Hendricks

Mentor

Bill Braislin
Rebecca Hart
Margaret Brizzie
Margaret Brizzie
Patrick McKeever
Bill Havranek
David Reagon
John Roccanova

Alyssa Barnes
Amy Schultz
Craig Morton
Robyn Kendziera
David Friedmann
Julie Taft
Marion Carter

Robert Reid
Susan Harrington
Susan Harrington
Pat Carmody
Pat Carmody
Steven Pollak
Christine Gillette

Tonise Baker
Jamie Quaranto
Evelyn Peters
Sherry Fisher

WES Yearbook Advisor
Co-Advisor Sixth Grade
Co-Advisor Sixth Grade
Advisor for National Honor
Society
Set Designer
Play Director
Choreograph
Vocal Director
Advisor for Webutuck Rising
Stars
Advisor for Class of 2012
Advisor for Class of 2012
Boys JV Soccer Coach

James Gagne
Nancy Gagne
Nancy Gagne
Amy Schultz
Amy Schultz

Kim Coons
Trisha Casler
Kevin Kleespies

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

6. Non-Instructional Substitute Appointment

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

A Board member questioned if this was the best candidate the District could find.

Discussion ensued.

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Webutuck School District approves the following Non-Instructional Substitute appointment, as recommended by the Superintendent of Schools:

Richard Ackerman Substitute Custodial Worker

Effective: September 23, 2008

The five Board members present voted to approve the motion. The motion carried.

Dale Culver	Yes	William McGhee	Yes
Joseph Herald	No	Joseph Matteo	Yes
Andrew Jablonsky	Yes		

7. Non-Instructional Substitute Resignation

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

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

Judy Murphy Substitute Bus Monitor

Effective: September 2, 2008

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

8. Non-Instructional Appointment

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

A Board member asked who this appointment was. The Superintendent updated the Board and told of her last employment. Discussion ensued.

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

Sara Carter

Custodial Worker

Effective: October 7, 2008

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

9. Instructional Substitute Appointment

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

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education hereby approves the following Instructional Substitute Appointment for the 2008-2009, as recommended by the Superintendent of Schools:

Lisa Lawrence

Long-Term Itinerant Substitute Teacher

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

BUSINESS AND OPERATIONS

1. Acceptance of Obsolete Books

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

A Board member asked what happens to the books after they are accepted as obsolete and can they be recycled. The Superintendent will look into how they can be recycled.

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

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

2. Approval of Cook's Salary Schedule

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

The Board President explained this will be the salary schedule until the District can negotiate with the CSEA.

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education approves the Cook's Salary Schedule, as recommended by the Superintendent of Schools:

Step	1	2	3	4	5
2008-09	12.00	12.36	12.73	13.11	13.51
2009-10	12.48	12.86	13.25	13.64	14.06
2010-2011	12.98	13.37	13.77	14.18	14.61

The four Board members present voted to approve the motion. The motion carried

unanimously. Mr. Herald abstained from voting.

3. Authorization to Declare Surplus Vehicle

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

A Board member questioned if this was the vehicle that blew its engine. Discussion ensued.

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education hereby authorizes that the following vehicles be declared surplus and authorizes their sale through public bid, as recommended by the Superintendent of Schools:

Vehicle #	ID#	Mileage
1999Station Wagon	#1FAFP58S4XG302326	186,279

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

4. Authorization of Tax Collector Stipend

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

A Board member questioned how the District came to the stipend figure. It is a 4% increase. The Board President asked that the budget line be frozen especially if they have not asked for an increase.

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education hereby authorizes the Tax Collector Stipend in the amount of \$4,873, as recommended by the Superintendent of Schools.

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

CURRICULUM AND INSTRUCTION

None

BOARD OF EDUCATION

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

BE IT RESOLVED, the Board of Education suspends the Eligibility Policy (as a one time occurrence) for Grades 7-12 effectively immediately through October 13, 2008.

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

PUBLIC COMMENT

The following comments were made by audience members:

- Thanked all involved in making the 10th period happen for students
- Drivers would like to know if they will be paid for the half hour down time between runs.
- Communication should be sent home on everything, eligibility suspension lifted, finance committee, facilities committee etc.
- Keep track of how many students are eligible to play sports currently and after October 13.
- If the information that the Eligibility Policy is being suspended is presented in a positive way it can be a real morale booster for students.
- Wanted to be clear that the tax collector stipend had been raised 4%.

BOARD MEMBER QUESTIONS

The District should set up a disaster drill. There has been a large turnover in staff and faculty and we need to be updated. The Superintendent will move forward on it.

A Board member asked when the members were going to see the numbers for the teacher's contract. The Superintendent stated tonight in Executive Session.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mr. McGhee made and Mr. Herald seconded a motion to adjourn to executive session at 8:23 pm for the purpose of discussing negotiations and also to speak with a parent with concerns for her child. The Board granted a parent time in Executive Session. The five Board members present voted. The motion carried unanimously.

RECONVENE PUBLIC SESSION

Mr. Matteo made a motion to adjourn the executive session and reconvene the public session at 9:50 pm. The four Board members present voted. The motion passed unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Mr. Matteo made a motion to adjourn the meeting of September 22, 2008 at 9:51 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Tracy Trotter
District Clerk