

Webutuck Board of Education held the July 14, 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 left at 11:30 pm

Susan Lounsbury

William McGhee

Mr. Matteo

John Perotti left at 11:10 pm

Also Present:

Dr. Richard N. Johns, Superintendent

Linda Peters, School Business Administrator

Therese Trotter District Clerk

### **CALL TO ORDER**

President Culver called the business meeting of July 14, 2008 to order at 8:07 p.m.

### **ADMINISTRATION OF OATH OF OFFICE FOR NEWLY ELECTED BOARD MEMBERS**

Mrs. Trotter administered the Oath of Office to Susan Lounsbury. The Oath of Office is on file.

### **PUBLIC COMMENT**

**The topics were discussed by audience members;**

-PTA President is Amy Zimlinghaus

-School lunch cost increase

-School Calendar

-Schedules for students, no one around to speak with about them.

The School Business Official displayed a laptop cart at the meeting for the Board as there is a resolution on this agenda to approve a lease for one laptop cart. Discussion ensued.

### **DISCUSSION**

#### **1. ECG Energy Performance Discussion**

The District had a company come in and do an energy audit for the District a couple of years ago. The audit looks at the energy consumption of a district and determines if there are things that can be done to save money. At that time the company could not put together a bond project because it could not find enough areas where the District could save money in energy consumption to pay for the bond issue. Again, this year the District had ECG perform an audit and they believe Webutuck could have a performance contract for 1.2 million up to 1.7 million dollars. The District could borrow that much money upfront to do projects to conserve energy and over time pay for those improvements. The Board would need to put out a bid for various proposals to companies. ECG would

manage the project for us. The Superintendent explained the benefits of a performance contract and explained the process of an energy project. The Board will make a decision after a recommendation from ECG. Discussion ensued.

**2. Policy #414 Temporary and Substitute Support Employees 1st Reading**

After the recent CSEA Union contract settlement, the Board discussed splitting substitute and temporary employees from an union contract. This policy establishes rate of pay for those employees. Board members voiced concern over the background check process. It takes many weeks to get results back from NYSED on fingerprints. They discussed another background check process that has a quicker turn around time (72 hours) that costs money (\$49.95) however the State does not recognize the process. Several Board members were in agreement with using both processes. It was decided to revise the Policy before the second reading to incorporate the wording that “hiring is contingent upon a favorable background check”.

**3. Board Standing Committees**

The President asked for all Board members to turn in their committee requests and he will assign them accordingly.

**4. Thank Volunteer Webmaster**

Gazella Lejeune has been our Webmaster for two years on a volunteer basis. The Superintendent publicly thanked her for her volunteerism. Mrs. Lejeune has been an important liaison between the District office and the Webutuck website and the District appreciates all she does.

**CONSENT AGENDA VOTE**

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

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 present voted to approve the motion the motion carried.

**CLERK’S REPORT**

\*1 Approval of Minutes for June 2, June 9, June 16, June 23, July 1 Reorganization and July 1 Business 2008 Board meetings.

Mr. Herald made and Mr. Jablonsky seconded a motion to approve the minutes noted as submitted.

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

**\*2. 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 May, June (unaudited).

Comprehensive Budget Status Report ending May.

Comprehensive Revenue Status Report ending May.

Warrants #87 – 98

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

3. Delegations

None

4. Non-Staff Communications

None

**PERSONNEL**

**\*1. Instructional Resignation**

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

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

Tricia Montalto

Consumer Science

Effective: June 30, 2008

Juan Vasquez Montero

Secondary Science

Effective: June 30, 2008

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

**\*2. Instructional Substitute Appointments**

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

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

Courtney Kendziera

Substitute Teacher

Effective: May 28, 2008

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

**\*3. Create New Bus Driver Position**

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

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education hereby approves the following creation of a new bus driver position caused by the need to add an additional bus route for student pick-up and delivery, as recommended by the Superintendent of Schools.

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

**4. Non-Instructional Resignation**

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

BE IT RESOLVED, the Board of Education hereby accepts the following Non-Instructional Resignation consistent with the terms and conditions outlined in the settlement agreement, as recommended by the Superintendent of Schools:

Robert Rosner

School Lunch Manager

Effective: June 30, 2008

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

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

## **5. Extra-Curricular Appointments**

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

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

Henry Pollinger	Boys' Varsity Soccer Coach
Charles Harris	Girls' Varsity Basketball Coach
Jennifer Brandt	Girls' Varsity Volleyball

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

The Superintendent asked the Board to strike #18 under Personnel from the Agenda and pull #6 off until after executive Session.

## **6. Extra-Curricular Appointments**

This item will be acted on after further discussion in Executive Session.

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

Michael Riddle	Faculty Advisor Athletic Club
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Stipend: \$200

## **\*7. Amend June 9, 2008 Non-Instructional Appointments**

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

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education hereby amends the June 9, 2008 Non-Instructional Appointments resolution by approving the appointment of Matthew Kravchuk as a Seasonal Worker and removing Thomas Lounsbury from the list of Seasonal Workers, as recommended by the Superintendent of Schools:

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

## **8. Non-Instructional Substitute Appointments**

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

BE IT RESOLVED, the Webutuck Board of Education approves the appointment of the following Non-Instructional Substitute Appointments, as recommended by the Superintendent of Schools.

Christina Ford	Substitute Summer Courier
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Effective: July 14, 2008

Sherri Justry

Substitute Monitor

Effective: July 14, 2008

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

### **9. Non-Instructional Appointment**

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

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

Sherry Justry

Bus Driver

Effective: September 1, 2008

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

### **10. Instructional Resignation**

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

A Board member thanked Ms. Moore for the many years of service.

BE IT RESOLVED, the Webutuck Board of education accepts the following Instructional Resignation for the purpose of retirement, as recommended by the Superintendent of Schools:

Janet Moore

Kindergarten Teacher

Effective: August 31, 2008

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

### **11. Instructional Appointments**

This item will be acted on after further discussion in Executive Session.

BE IT RESOLVED, the Webutuck Board of Education approves the following Instructional Appointments, as recommended by the Superintendent of Schools.

Jean Rocanova

Reading Teacher

Effective: September 1, 2008

Tenure Area: Elementary Reading

Estoppel Date: August 31, 2011

Replaces Sue Campbell

Damian Whittaker

Secondary Social Studies Teacher

Effective: September 1, 2008

Tenure Area: 7-12 Social Studies

Estoppel Date: August 31, 2011

Replaces Brad Dana

John Lloyd

Earth Science 2008 Summer School Teacher

Effective July 14, 2008 through August 13, 2008

Rate of Pay: \$29.18 per hour

### **12. Abolishment of Teaching Positions**

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

A Board member questioned the Superintendent regarding Biology curriculum and what will be offered next year. Discussion ensued.

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Webutuck Central District hereby abolishes the following positions in the following tenure areas effective July 14, 2008 as recommended by the Superintendent of Schools.

WHS Biology (HS Science Tenure Area)

6th Grade (1-6 Tenure Area)

AIS (7-12 Tenure Area)

ACE (Middle School Generalist Tenure Area)

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

**\*13. Approval of Juul Agreement**

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

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Webutuck Central School District, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, hereby approves the agreement dated June 26, 2008, extending the probationary appointment of teacher Dawn Murtaugh to June 30, 2009, in accordance with the terms of said agreement, as recommended by the Superintendent of Schools.

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

**\*14. Approval of Mentor Directors**

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

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Webutuck Central School District approves Mentor Director stipends in the amount of \$1,750 for the following people for the 2008-2009 school year, as recommended by the Superintendent of Schools:

Denise Conway

Mentor Director

Rosanna Hamm

Mentor Director

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

**15. Approval of Individual Contracts**

This item was removed until after Executive Session.

BE IT RESOLVED, the Board of Education of the Webutuck Central School District approves the contracts for Treasurer, Assistant to the Superintendent and District Clerk, Deputy Treasurer for the 2008-2009 school year, recommended by the Superintendent of Schools.

**16. Approval of Compensation of Officers**

This item was removed until after Executive Session.

A Board member discussed why the Maintenance and Operations and Transportation contracts were not included in this resolution.

BE IT RESOLVED, the Board of Education of the Webutuck Central School District approves the contracts for the following officers (approved at July 1, Reorganization Meeting), as recommended by the Superintendent of Schools:

<u>Position</u>	<u>Nominee</u>	<u>2008-2009 Salary/Stipend</u>
District Clerk	Therese Trotter	\$
Treasurer	Valerie Burdick	\$
Deputy Treasurer	Mary Clinton	\$
Tax Collector	Emma Jaromin	\$
Attendance Officer	Trisha Casler	\$
Claims Auditor/ Property Control Manager	Lorinda Coulthard	\$

### **17. Approval of Summer Camp Coaches**

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

Discussion took place about summer camps at Webutuck. It was decided to wait until after Executive Session for a vote.

BE IT RESOLVED, the Board of Education of the Webutuck Central School District approves the following Summer Camp Coaches at a rate of \$200/week, as recommended by the Superintendent of Schools:

Lauren Williams	Soccer Coach	July 7 – July 11
Evelyn Peters	Softball Coach	July 21 – July 25
Kathleen Kelly	Field Hockey Coach	July 21 – July 25
Mike Riddle	Basketball Coach	July 14 – July 18
Mike Riddle	Baseball Coach	July 21- July 25

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

### **18. Approval of Summer Camp Director**

The Superintendent struck this from the Agenda.

BE IT RESOLVED, the Board of Education of the Webutuck Central School District approves Mike Riddle as the Summer Camp Director from July 7, 2008 through July 25, 2008 at a rate of \$200/week, as recommended by the Superintendent of Schools.

## **BUSINESS AND OPERATIONS**

### **\*1. Authorization to Declare Surplus Vehicles**

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

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
2000 Bus 93	1HVBBAAN5YH344448	98,920
2000 Bus 96	1HVBBAAN5YH344451	135,416
1996 Bus 81	1FDJE37F9THA20587	117,834
1999 Bus 91	1GDHG31F3 X1127411	168,343

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

## **2. Acceptance of Obsolete Library AV Equipment**

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

Board members discussed what “disposing” meant. It was suggested the District look into if anyone has a need for these or any obsolete items before throwing them away.

BE IT RESOLVED, the Board of Education hereby authorizes the following Audio/Visual Equipment to be declared obsolete and authorizes the District to dispose of them, as recommended by the Superintendent of Schools:

2	3M Overhead Projects
6	Kodak Carousel Trays
1	Kodak Projector

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

## **\*3. Ratification of the Terms and Conditions with Sharon Hospital for Speech Pathologist Services**

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

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education hereby ratifies the terms and conditions as outlined in the Agreement between the District and Sharon Hospital for Speech Pathologist Services, and authorizes the expenditure of those monies necessary to fund the Agreement with Sharon Hospital for the 2008-2009 school year, as recommended by the Superintendent of Schools.

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

## **4. Establishment of School Lunch Rates**

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

The Board discussed raising prices, what the District’s loss was in the Food Service Program. The School Business Administrator explained where the losses stem from. Discussion ensued.

Mr. Perotti made and Mrs. Lounsbury seconded an amendment to the resolution raising lunch prices \$.15.

A Board member requested that the Poughkeepsie School District be contacted to see how they get people to sign up for Free and Reduced Lunch.

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education hereby approves the following \$ .30 increase in school lunch rates (only) effective July 1, 2008:

### **Breakfast program:**

Full price (all schools)	\$ .90
Reduced Price (all schools)	.20
Free	-0-
Adults	\$1.60 plus tax

### **Lunch**

Primary - full price	\$2.10 (K-2)
All Other Students - full price	\$2.35 (3-12)
Reduced Price (all schools)	\$ .25
Free	-0-



### **Adults**

### **\$3.37 plus tax**

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

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

Mrs. Lounsbury made and Mr. McGhee seconded a motion to increase the adult lunch price to \$3.75 for the 2008-2009 school year.

A Board member felt it was not high enough.

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

### **\*5. Approval of Lease Agreement for Laptop Cart**

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

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education hereby allows the District to enter into a lease agreement for \$27,741 through BOCES to purchase a laptop cart and peripherals for the High School, as recommended by Superintendent of Schools.

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

### **6. Acceptance of Obsolete Transportation Equipment**

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

A Board member questioned what the Observer VCR's were.

BE IT RESOLVED, the Board of Education hereby authorizes the following Transportation Equipment to be declared obsolete and authorizes the District to dispose of them, as recommended by the Superintendent of Schools:

1	Lincoln Welder	Model #AC180T
14	Johnson Radios	
11	Observer VCR's	

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

## **CURRICULUM AND INSTRUCTION**

### **1. Acceptance of Obsolete Books**

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

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

4 Books:	Grade 6 Math, Scott-Foresman-Addison-Wesley, Copyright 1998
1 Books:	Grade 7 Addison-Wesley Mathematics, Addison-Wesley Copyright 1991
3 Books:	World Geography and You, Steck-Vaughn, Copyright 1993
5 Books:	The United States, Jamis Books, Copyright 1988

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

## **2. Adoption of Regents Passing Grade for the 2008-2009 School Year**

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

A Board member discussed the trouble with supporting this resolution if the District is trying to raise standards. Discussion ensued.

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education approves the passing grade of 55% for Regents exams required for graduation in order to qualify for a local diploma, for the 2008-2009 year only, as recommended by the Superintendent of Schools.

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

## **BOARD OF EDUCATION**

1. A Board member spoke about Pine Plains School District charging for use of their facilities because they are on a contingency budget and stated our District should charge them for the use of our tennis courts and track. Discussion ensued.

## **PUBLIC COMMENT**

The following topics were discussed by audience members:

-Questioned who scored the Regents tests.

-Questions about classroom supply lists for TBA teachers.

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

BE IT RESOLVED, the Board of Education authorizes and RFP for ECG to perform and energy audit.

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

## **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Mr. McGhee made and Mr. Herald seconded a motion to adjourn to executive session at 9:37 pm for the purpose of discussing particular personnel issues and legal issues. The seven Board members present voted. The motion carried unanimously.

## **ADJOURNMENT OF EXECUTIVE SESSION**

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

## **Extra-Curricular Appointments**

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

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

Michael Riddle          Faculty Advisor Athletic Club

Stipend: \$200

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

Dale Culver	No	William McGhee	No
Joseph Herald	No	Joseph Matteo	Yes
Susan Lounsbury	Yes		

### **Instructional Appointments**

Mrs. Lounsbury made and Mr. Perotti seconded the following motion:  
BE IT RESOLVED, the Webutuck Board of Education approves the following Instructional Appointments, as recommended by the Superintendent of Schools.

Jean Roccanova	Reading Teacher
Effective: September 1, 2008	Tenure Area: Elementary Reading
Estoppel Date: August 31, 2011	Replaces Sue Campbell

Damian Whittaker	Secondary Social Studies Teacher
Effective: September 1, 2008	Tenure Area: 7-12 Social Studies
Estoppel Date: August 31, 2011	Replaces Brad Dana

John Lloyd	Earth Science 2008 Summer School Teacher
Effective July 14, 2008 through August 13, 2008	
Rate of Pay: \$29.18 per hour	

Mr. Herald made and Mr. Matteo seconded an amendment to remove Mr. Whittaker from the motion. The five Board members voted to approve the motion. The motion passed.

Dale Culver	Yes	William McGhee	Yes
Joseph Herald	Yes	Joseph Matteo	Yes
Susan Lounsbury	No		

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

Mrs. Lounsbury made and Mr. McGhee seconded a motion to approve Damian Whittaker as the Secondary Social Studies Teacher.

Damian Whittaker	Secondary Social Studies Teacher
Effective: September 1, 2008	Tenure Area: 7-12 Social Studies
Estoppel Date: August 31, 2011	Replaces Brad Dana

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

Dale Culver	Yes	William McGhee	No
Joseph Herald	No	Joseph Matteo	No
Susan Lounsbury	Yes		

### **Approval of Individual Contracts**

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

BE IT RESOLVED, the Board of Education of the Webutuck Central School District approves the contracts for Treasurer, Assistant to the Superintendent and District Clerk, Deputy Treasurer for the 2008-2009 school year, recommended by the Superintendent of Schools.

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

### **Approval of Summer Camp Coaches**

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

Dale Culver	Yes	William McGhee	No
Joseph Herald	Yes	Joseph Matteo	Yes
Susan Lounsbury	Yes		

### **AJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, Mr. Matteo made a motion to adjourn the meeting of July 14, 2008 at 12:21 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Therese Trotter  
District Clerk