

Webutuck Board of Education held the August 4, 2008 Worksession meeting at 7:30 p.m. in the Webutuck High School Library.

The following Board members were present:

Dale Culver

Andrew Jablonsky

Susan Lounsbury

Joseph Matteo

John Perotti left at 11:05 pm

Absent:

William McGhee

Joseph Herald

Also Present:

Dr. Richard Johns

Linda Peters

Therese Trotter

CALL TO ORDER

President Culver called the Worksession meeting of August 4, 2008 to order at 7:35 p.m.

PUBLIC COMMENT

The following comments were made by audience members:

- A teacher representing the teachers at AES read a statement expressing concern over moving kindergarten to MES this September.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

The Superintendent reported the recent Vocational Agriculture teacher resignation and the difficulty of finding good teachers this late in the summer. He suggested the Board review the position and the alternatives of filling this position with a Science or Biology teacher. Discussion ensued.

DISCUSSION

1. Personnel

Board members requested pulling item #2 and item #4 under Personnel for further discussion.

2. Athletic Bids for Supplies and Equipment

There was no discussion.

3. Athletic Club Sponsor

There was a 3-2 vote against Mr. Riddle as an Advisor for the Athletic Club however there needs to be an advisor if there is an Athletic Club.

4. First Grade / Kindergarten

The first grade enrollment should be addressed. If the Board stays with the thought of

three sections at twenty-two students a section there is no need to move kindergarten. The population has not increased as previously thought and it remains in the low sixties. The Board discussed if the number of students was set for the upcoming year and also the population of first graders themselves. Also discussed was if four sections of first graders was needed, was there enough room to house everyone at AES instead of moving to MES on short notice. It was decided at this time not to increase the sections but to watch enrollment closely.

The Superintendent stated one of the Long Range Facility Plan's long range goals is to move kindergarten to MES. The Long Range Facility Plan should be reviewed and revised if necessary. Discussion ensued.

5. DCC Course Approval

No comment.

6. Board Goals

The Board President asked the Board members to submit their goals to him and they would be discussed at the next meeting.

7. Board Committees

The Board President asked the Board to submit their forms for their choice of subcommittees and it will be announced at the next meeting.

PERSONNEL

1. Instructional Resignation

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

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

Anthony DiUglio

Secondary Math Teacher

Effective: July 17, 2008

Miriam Straus

Vocational Agriculture & Science Teacher

Effective: August 31, 2008

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

2. Instructional Appointments

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

A Board member asked to remove the last appointment on this resolution for discussion in Executive Session.

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

Marion Carter

Secondary ELA Teacher

Effective: September 1, 2008

Tenure Area: 7-12 English Language Arts

Estoppel Date: August 31, 2011

Replaces Lorraine Laufer

Karen Rubin

Effective: September 1, 2008

Estoppel Date: August 31, 2011

Special Education Teacher

Tenure Area: Special Education

Replaces Kerri Ann Bocker

Bonnie S. Parmelee

Effective: September 1, 2008

Estoppel Date: August 31, 2011

Secondary Science Teacher

Tenure Area: 7-12 Science

Replaces Dave Pearson

Mary Hendricks

Effective: September 1, 2008

Estoppel Date: August 31, 2011

Consumer Science Teacher

Tenure Area: Consumer Science

Replaces Tricia Montalto

Kerri Umlauf

Effective: September 1, 2008

Estoppel Date: August 31, 2011

Elementary Reading Teacher

Tenure Area: AIS

Replaces Karen Jaquith

The five Board members voted to approve the first four appointments of the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

3. Principal Resignation

Mrs. Lounsbury made and Mr. Jablonsky seconded to approve the motion:

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

Joel Freer

Effective: September 15, 2008

Elementary Principal

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

4. Non-Instructional Resignation

This resolution was pulled until further discussion in Executive Session.

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

Richard Ackerman, Sr.

Effective: August 31, 2008

Custodial Worker

5. Extra-Curricular Appointments

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

A Board member asked that Mr. Garvin's sport be noted in his appointment.

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:

Robert Caener

Rudy Eschbach

Boys' Head Varsity Golf Coach

Volunteer Assistant Golf Coach (no stipend)

Landon Johns	Boys' Varsity Track Coach
Kathleen Kelly	Girls' JV Basketball Coach
David Garvin	Boys' Varsity Basketball Volunteer Assistant Coach (no stipend)

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

6. Extra-Curricular Appointment for the 2008-2009 School Year

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

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

Chris Mathers	Advisor Safesitter Babysitting Club
Jamie Palazzo	Advisor 6th Gr. Book Club
Chris Gillette	Advisor EBMS Yearbook
Denise Clapper	Advisor Class of 2012

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

BUSINESS AND OPERATIONS

1. Approval of Bids for Athletic Supplies and Equipment

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

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education hereby award the acceptable low athletic bids presented, as recommended by the Superintendent of Schools.

Passon's Sport	\$ 951.37
Anaconda-Poughkeepsie	\$ 8,588.86
Greg Larson	\$ 709.28
Gopher Sports	No Successful Bids
Pro Look Sport	No Successful Bids
Stadium System	\$ 2,080.00
Sportmen's	\$ 1,321.10
AAE	\$ 29.00
Medco Supply	\$ 526.98
Mid-American Sport Adv.	\$ 42.95

TOTAL	\$14,249.54
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The five Board members present voted to approve the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

CURRICULUM AND INSTRUCTION

1. Adoption of Dutchess Community College Courses

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

A Board member asked if the District has been offering these courses since the end of last year so students have been able to sign up for the courses. Some of them have been

offered already. Discussion ensued.

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Webutuck Board of Education hereby approves the adoption of the following Dutchess Community College Courses as per the proposed guidelines outlined in (Policy #200 Diploma Requirements and Policy #204 Course Weighting), as recommended by the Superintendent of Schools:

- Composition I & II
- Performing Skills for the Classroom
- Introduction to Early Childhood Education
- Education in American Society
- Language & Literature in early Childhood
- Child & Adolescent Development

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

BOARD MEMBER QUESTIONS

There were none.

PUBLIC COMMENT

The following comments were made by audience members:

- Will the DCC courses on tonight's agenda be offered after school. Yes and two course will be offered during the day for dual enrollment.
- Is there any distant learning courses this year? No.
- What are the names of the courses being offered during the day?
- Will there be a District calendar? Yes.
- Has Mrs. Moore's position been filled? Yes.
- Are there recent resignations? Yes, Mr. DiUglio and Mrs. Straus.
- Thanked the Board for not jumping on the move to MES and taking time to hear all of the aspects the move would involve.
- Are all District coaches certified in CPR with NYSED? Yes.

Mr. Perotti made and Mrs. Lounsbury seconded a motion to enact Roberts's Rules as the rules of order as the Board of Education's guide for the 2008-2009 school year.

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

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mr. Herald made and Mrs. Lounsbury seconded a motion to adjourn to executive session at 8:40 pm for the purpose of discussing particular personnel matters and litigation. The five Board members present voted. The motion carried unanimously.

RECONVENE PUBLIC SESSION

Mr. Herald made and Mrs. Lounsbury seconded a motion to adjourn the executive session and reconvene the public session at 11:26 pm. The four Board members present voted. The motion passed unanimously.

Instructional Appointments

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

Kerri Umlauf	Elementary Reading Teacher
Effective: September 1, 2008	Tenure Area: AIS
Estoppel Date: August 31, 2011	Replaces Karen Jaquith

Non-Instructional Resignation

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

Richard Ackerman, Sr.	Custodial Worker
Effective: August 31, 2008	

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

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education approves Dr. Richard Johns, as the District's negotiator for the Brennan/Kovalcik case.

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

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Mrs. Lounsbury made a motion to adjourn the meeting of August 4, 2008 at 11:28 pm.