

Webutuck Board of Education held the September 8, 2008 Worksession meeting at 7:30 p.m. in the Webutuck High School Library.

The following Board members were present:

Dale Culver
Susan Lounsbury
Joseph Matteo
John Perotti

Absent:

Joseph Herald
Andrew Jablonsky
William McGhee

Also Present:

Dr. Richard Johns
Linda Peters
Therese Trotter

CALL TO ORDER

President Culver called the Work Session meeting of September 8, 2008 to order at 7:35 p.m.

PUBLIC COMMENT

There was none.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

The Superintendent reported an excellent start to the school year. He also commented on the number of parents that came to the first PTA meeting is the most that there has been in a long time. The Superintendent introduced Pat Ivain as the Student Representative to the Board of Education

DISCUSSION

1. Personnel

Most of these positions on the personnel report are late summer resignations. The Superintendent explained the new positions being created and the reason for them. Because of the additional Food Service administrative duties being given to the School Business Official there is a need to create a part-time clerk position within the District Office. Also, because of the model chosen for food service, an addition part-time Food Service helper position and the creation of the position titled cook is necessary. A Board member asked if there was a job description for the clerk position. Discussion ensued.

A Board member questioned if Lorraine Laufer had retired. The Superintendent stated she still would like to mentor for a stipend. It was decided to talk more about this in

Executive Session as well as the deployment of the teaching assistant in first grade.

Lastly, the Board President questioned if the cook position and the negotiated salary would be handled through the CSEA local representative. The Superintendent stated the Board needed to discuss this topic in closed session.

2. Tax Collector Stipend

It was suggested the Board look at increasing the stipend for the tax collector. Board members questioned how long it had been since she had an increase, if she had asked for an increase and was their money budgeted for the increase for this year. Discussion ensued.

3. Surplus 1999 Ford Station Wagon

The Superintendent stated this vehicle needs a lot of work done on it. It has 145,000 miles on it. The engine is gone in this. It was decided to surplus this at the next meeting.

4. Surplus Pizza Machine

The School Business Official questioned if this item had been removed from the agenda. The Superintendent thought we were offering it to the Booster Club. It was discussed that the pizza machine had inadvertently gone to the scrap yard. The Board would like more information on this at the next meeting.

5. Board Goals and Board Committees

The President asked all Board members to send him two or three goals each before the next meeting.

6. Obsolete Books

A Board member asked if content is checked particularly with history books before purchasing. The Superintendent stated the textbook selection process.

BOARD MEMBER QUESTIONS

There was none.

PUBLIC COMMENT

There was none.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mrs. Lounsbury made and Mr. Matteo seconded a motion to adjourn to executive session at 8:00 pm for the purpose of discussing negotiations and contracts. The four Board members present voted. The motion carried unanimously.

RECONVENE PUBLIC SESSION

Mrs. Lounsbury made and Mr. McGhee seconded a motion to adjourn the executive session and reconvene the public session at 10:35 pm. The four Board members present voted. The motion passed unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Mr. Perotti made a motion to adjourn the meeting of September 8, 2008 at 10:35 pm.