

The Webutuck Board of Education held its September 14, 2009 Worksession meeting at 7:30 p.m. in the Webutuck High School Library.

The following Board members were present:

Dale Culver
Andrew Jablonsky
William McGhee
Joseph Matteo
John Perotti

Absent:

Joseph Herald
Susan Lounsbury

Also Present:

David Paciencia, Superintendent
Linda Peters, School Business Administrator
Therese Trotter, District Clerk

CALL TO ORDER

President Culver called the Work Session meeting of September 14, 2009 to order at 7:37 p.m.

PUBLIC COMMENT

The following topics/issues were commented on by audience members:

- Modified Soccer Coach certification
- Athletic Inventory
- Audit

Presentation: Mr. Hopkins - Jr./Sr. HS Principal (Rachel's Challenge)

Mr. Hopkins explained to the Board about the program, Rachel's Challenge, which he would like to introduce in the Jr./Sr. High School. It is a program that builds a better community in schools through kindness, acceptance and reaching out. Mr. Hopkins saw this program work in his previous school district. He spoke about the powerfulness of this program. The Board President added that he would like to see the educational character building program reinstated at the elementary level that had been in place several years back. The program is called The Good Citizen Program. Discussion ensued. The Board of Education, by consensus, gave approval to the Principal to pursue bringing this program into the school system.

Mr. Wood - Vice Principal (MSG Varsity)

Mr. Wood explained a new online network and television channel that would be dedicated to local high school sports and activities. It is a 24/7 channel. (MSG) Varsity

would support the school by providing a stipend for an advisor for the program, a grant to support media creation and equipment and also would provide scholarships for two graduating seniors among other things. The Board of Education gave verbal consensus for this program.

DISCUSSION

1. Personnel

a. Vice Principal's Job Description

The Board is in agreement with the newly revised job description.

b. Girl's Modified Soccer Coach

Soccer season is underway, and this is the best candidate for this position at this time.

c. Mentor Change

This was a change that recently occurred.

d. Extra Curricular List

The Extra-Curricular list is a list of open positions at this time in the District.

e. Tabled Contracts

Discussion on this topic will take place in Executive Session.

2. Enrollment

Mr. Paciencia presented the new enrollment data for 2009-2010. He intends to analyze the information for future planning purposes.

3. Liability Insurance Modification

There have been continued discussions about increasing the District's liability insurance. Ms. Peter's explained the cost to the District.

4. Surplus Courier Van

The courier van will not meet inspection this year. There is a main hole in the frame. A Board member questioned how the District will be go about replacing this van. It will be addressed through the budget process. There are several auctions that the District can attend to look at what is worth buying in the future. Discussion ensued. The Board is in agreement with the van being surplus.

5. BOCES Voting Day

On December 1st, all component Districts will vote on BOCES' capital project. Voting is to take place from 6 am to 9 pm. The Board President suggested to the Superintendent to ask BOCES to come out and give the District a presentation on the capital project. Discussion ensued.

6. Building Cameras

The Superintendent spoke about placement of security cameras that are part of the EXCEL project. The Superintendent suggested adding the library and computer rooms for camera sites. The Board President also added the athletic storage area as a camera site. Discussion took place on needing an additional module which permits up to sixteen additional cameras. With all of the camera site areas established, it would leave the District with an additional thirteen cameras to be used in other areas in the future. The

Board was in agreement with adding a module.

7. Inventory

Mr. Wood completed the athletic equipment inventory of the active sports. The football inventory has yet to be completed. All football equipment is in the Millerton School building. After inventory completion the football equipment will be stored appropriately. Board members suggested inventories throughout the District should be done and completed year to year. Discussion ensued.

8. CAPE

Council on Addiction and Prevention Education (CAPE) is coming tomorrow to meet all of the administrators and to discuss their program. The Board is in agreement in utilizing this program. Kristen Chadwick is the liaison for the District.

The Superintendent stated the track bids are due this Thursday, September 17th.

PUBLIC COMMENT

The following topics/issues were commented on by audience members:

- Rachael's Challenge's evening program - is it a part of the cost.
- Enrollment
- BOCES liaison
- 7th & 8th grade students on Varsity Golf
- oil separator
- physicals

BOARD MEMBER QUESTIONS

How is the new Agriculture program and the FFA program proceeding? The Superintendent stated that a presentation in October is being planned.

How much time is the SRO here? The Superintendent stated he does not know his hours offhand however, he is very visible, and he sees him often in the halls.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mr. Matteo made and Mr. McGhee seconded a motion to adjourn to executive session at 8:37 pm for the purpose of discussing a specific personnel issue and B.O.E. training. The five Board members present voted. The motion carried unanimously.

Ayes 5 Nays 0 The motion carried.

RECONVENE PUBLIC SESSION

Mr. Perotti made and Mr. Matteo seconded a motion to adjourn the executive session and to reconvene the public session at 10:06 pm. The five Board members present voted. The motion passed unanimously.

Ayes 5 Nays 0 The motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Mr. Perotti made and Mr. Matteo seconded a motion to adjourn the meeting of September 14, 2009 at 10:07 pm.

Ayes 5 Nays 0 The motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted,

Therese M. Trotter