

The Webutuck Central School District Board of Education held their December 14, 2009 meeting at 7:30 p.m. in the Webutuck High School Library.

The following Board members were present:

Dale Culver, President

Joseph Matteo

William McGhee

John Perotti

Also Present:

David Paciencia, Superintendent

Therese Trotter, District Clerk

Linda Peters, School Business Administrator

Absent:

Joseph Herald

Andrew Jablonsky

Susan Lounsbury

### **CALL TO ORDER**

President Culver called the business meeting of December 14, 2009 to order at 7:35 p.m.

### **PUBLIC COMMENT**

The following are comments made by audience members:

-Board member's attendance

### **CONSENSUS AGENDA VOTE**

Mr. Perotti made and Mr. Matteo seconded a motion to approve the consent agenda.

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.

Ayes 4      Nays 0      The motion carried.

### **CLERK'S REPORT**

1. Delegations - None

2. Non-Staff Communications - None

### **PERSONNEL**

#### **\*1. Instructional Appointment Increase**

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

Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education hereby accepts the following Instructional Appointment increase from .4 to .6 FTE for 2009-2010. (beginning in January)

John Merwin

Effective: January 4, 2009

College Course Instructor

Ayes 4      Nays 0      The motion carried.

**\*2. Leave of Absence**

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

Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education hereby approves the following Leave of Absence:

Tricia Lawrence      Typist

Effective: February 8, 2010 – June 22, 2010

Ayes 4      Nays 0      The motion carried.

**3. Special Education Teacher Appointment**

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

Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education hereby accepts the following Leave Replacement Appointment:

Corrina Deigan      Special Education Leave Replacement

Effective: 1/4 – 2/26, 2010      Replaces: Alison Coppola

Ayes 4      Nays 0      The motion carried.

**\*4. Substitute Instructional Appointment**

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

Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education hereby approves the following Substitute Instructional appointment:

Allyson Molloy      Substitute Teacher

Effective: December 15, 2009      (\$75/day)

Ayes 4      Nays 0      The motion carried.

**SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT**

**1. 2010-2011 Continued Proposed Budget Discussion**

The Superintendent spoke about Governor Patterson's plan to reduce state aid. He is not a proponent of the Governor's recommendations. He stated that Webutuck works very hard on its budget. The public voted to approve the budget last May and now to have an outside entity come in and say that the Budget which the public approved must now be severely impacted is not proper. It is anticipated that there will be approximately \$181,000 by January the District may be losing. However, Albany isn't clear at this time if this is a correct figure. The Superintendent went on to speak about the Star Rebate and explained how each District receives their STAR money at different times. Webutuck is not scheduled to receive any STAR money next month but the following month it is due. At first the money was to be a delay, now Governor Patterson is saying it may be permanent, but again it is not clear a directive from Albany at this time. President Culver stated the Board had been preparing for a state aid reduction for the last 36 months. Discussion ensued.

**2. Boiler**

President Culver has analyzed the boiler situation. They are very old and cannot be energy efficient. The Superintendent has spoken to a firm, Needham Risk Management, which could come in to do an assessment. They will do training and analysis, etc. A

boiler that was installed in 1956 cannot have much life remaining in it without significant repairs. Discussion ensued.

### 3. Family and Consumer Sciences Textbooks

We do not use BOCES enough for these specialized courses. We need to get more information to our students about what is offered. Board members discussed how guidance prepares our students who are selected to go on the BOCES field trip. They would like a report on that process. Textbooks are aidable. Discussion ensued.

### **Approval of Textbooks**

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

Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education hereby approves the following textbooks for the Family and Consumer Sciences program– Fashion, Goodheart-Wilcox 2006 and Clothing: Fashion, Fabrics and Construction, Glencoe, 2008.

Ayes 4      Nays 0      The motion carried.

4. The Superintendent stated the Board should have received a letter in their packet that he wrote to Kevin O'Neil and to their attorney regarding the conversation about the District's concerns with the housing project.

### **PUBLIC COMMENT**

The following were comments made by audience members:

- New Business Official – Mary Grden
- Publicity for a permanent Business Official search
- Special Education leave replacement
- Responses about the Wellness Policy
- Boiler information discussed

### **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Mr. Matteo made and Mr. Perotti seconded a motion to adjourn to executive session at 8:02 pm for the purpose of discussing particular persons' employment history and to invite Lee Bordick into the session.

Ayes 4      Nays 0      The motion carried.

### **RECONVENE PUBLIC SESSION**

Mr. Matteo made and Mr. Perotti seconded a motion to adjourn the executive session and to reconvene the public session at 9:40 pm.

Ayes 4      Nays 0      The motion carried.

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

Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education hereby appoints Lee Bordick as Interim Superintendent for the period January 1, 2010 through June 30, 2010 contingent upon his receipt of a waiver from SED to serve the District in this capacity. The terms and conditions of this employment will

be as agreed in a Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) between the Webutuck Board of Education and Mr. Bordick.

Ayes 4      Nays 0      The motion carried.

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

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education hereby appoints David Paciencia as the District's Search Consultant for conducting the search for a new Superintendent of Schools and will begin in this capacity on January 1, 2010. Additionally, he will serve the District as a special projects consultant on an as-needed basis for the duration of the 2009-2010 school year. The terms and conditions of this employment will be as agreed in a Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) between the Webutuck Board of Education and Mr. Paciencia.

Ayes 4      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 December 14, 2009 at 9:42 pm.

Ayes 4      Nays 0      The motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Therese M. Trotter  
District Clerk