

The Webutuck Board of Education held their December 7, 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

Andrew Jablonsky

Also Present:

David Paciencia, Superintendent

Therese Trotter, District Clerk

Linda Peters, School Business Administrator

Absent:

Joseph Herald

Susan Lounsbury

CALL TO ORDER

President Culver called the business meeting of December 7, 2009 to order at 7:37 p.m. President Culver welcomed Katie Ruppel, the 2009-2010 Student Representative to the Board.

PUBLIC COMMENT

The following are comments made by audience members:

-Thank you for the upgrades to the bus garage.

-Wayne Euvrard, Town of Amenia Supervisor updated the Board on the process the Town of Amenia is following to purchase the Amenia School building. They have done an environmental study and energy audit. They also will be doing a SEQRA. He is looking to move in the building in late spring.

-Thank you for the upgrade to the security that is being implemented to the school.

-More information should be sent out about Special Education to parents.

-Look at Driver's Education for Webutuck.

Presentation on FFA National Convention – Anna Duffy and Sienna Finkle

Ms. Duffy and Ms. Finkle spoke about their trip to the FFA National Convention. The two representatives of Webutuck were able to go into Coal Mines in Pennsylvania, tour the Harley Davidson Museum in OH, visit Longaberger Basket Factory and a candy shop in Indiana and tour the Louisville Slugger Museum in Kentucky besides attending the Convention. They also were able to listen to inspirational speakers such as Mike Rowe from the TV show Dirty Jobs and Josh Sandquist who lost a leg. He recently wrote a book about his ordeal. Sienna Finkle spoke about the different workshops she attended which she found interesting. Ms. Duffy had a chance to converse with other teachers about developing the FFA program and generating interest. She also went to a several

workshops that gave her many resources to pull information from. She thanked the Board for allowing them to go on the field trip.
Discussion ensued.

Mr. Matteo left the meeting at 8:05 pm.

CONSENSUS AGENDA VOTE

Mr. Perotti made and Mr. Jablonsky 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. Approval of Minutes for November 9, 2009 Board meeting as presented.

Mr. Perotti made and Mr. Jablonsky seconded a motion to accept the Minutes stated above as submitted:

Ayes 4 Nays 0 The motion carried.

*2. Acceptance of Financial Reports as Submitted

Mr. Perotti made and Mr. Jablonsky seconded a motion to accept the Financial Reports as submitted:

Treasurer's Report for the month ending September and October.
Comprehensive Budget Status Report ending September and October.
Comprehensive Revenue Status Report ending September and October.
Warrants #20-28

Ayes 4 Nays 0 The motion carried.

3. Delegations - None

4. Non-Staff Communications - None

PERSONNEL

***1. Instructional Appointment Increase**

Mr. Perotti made and Mr. Jablonsky 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 to from part-time to full-time (.5 to 1.0 FTE) status:

Christine Henderson	Speech and Hearing Teacher
Effective: September 1, 2009	Tenure Area: Speech
Probation ends: August 31, 2012	Annual Salary: Step 4 \$56, 078
Ayes 4 Nays 0	The motion carried.

***2. Substitute Support Staff Appointments**

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

Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education hereby approves the following Support Staff appointments:

Edward Ostrander	Substitute Bus Driver
Effective: December 8, 2009	(\$16.80/hr. per CSEA contract)
Edward Ostrander	Substitute Bus Monitor
Effective: December 8, 2009	(\$11.29/hr. per CSEA contract)
Joan Goller	Substitute School Nurse
Effective: December 8, 2009	(\$82.80 daily per CSEA contract)
Ayes 4 Nays 0	The motion carried.

***3. Leave of Absence**

Mr. Perotti made and Mr. Jablonsky 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 for the purpose of Family Medical Leave Act:

Jennifer Gdula	Elementary Teacher
Effective: January 19, 2010 – March 29, 2010	
Ayes 4 Nays 0	The motion carried.

***4. Revised Leave of Absence**

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

Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education hereby approves the revised Leave of Absence, for an extension of one day, for the following individual to fulfill her Master of Science for Teachers in Childhood (Gr. 1-6) Program.

Jacquelyn Woodruff	Teaching Assistant
Effective: January 25 – May 21, 2010	(was May 20, 2010)
Ayes 4 Nays 0	The motion carried.

***5. Extra-Curricular Appointment for the 2009-2010 School Year**

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

Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education hereby approves the following Extra-Curricular appointment for the 2009-2010 school year:

Henry Pollinger	MSG Varsity Advisor
Ayes 4 Nays 0	The motion carried.

***6. Administrative Resignation**

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

Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education hereby accepts the following administrative resignation:

Linda Peters

School Business Administrator

Effective: January 2, 2010

Ayes 4 Nays 0 The motion carried.

***7. Revised Extra-Curricular Appointment for the 2009-2010 School Year**

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

Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education hereby approves the following revised Extra-Curricular appointment for the 2009-2010 school year:

Jennifer Brandt

JV Volleyball Coach (was originally
appointed as Varsity Coach)

Ayes 4 Nays 0 The motion carried.

***8. Approval of Individual Contracts**

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

Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education approves the contracts for the Business Office Clerk and Personnel Clerk/Administrative Clerk for the 2009-2010 school year.

Ayes 4 Nays 0 The motion carried.

***9. Amendment of Appointments of Members of the Committee on Special Education and Pre-School Special Education from July 7, 2009 Agenda**

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

Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, BE IT RESOLVED, that for the school year 2009-2010 the following individuals shall be appointed to the positions as indicated and they shall be authorized to act on the Board's behalf in said positions:

Mig McDonald

Parent Advocate

Robert Boyles

Parent Advocate

Ayes 4 Nays 0 The motion carried.

BUSINESS AND OPERATIONS

1. 403b Retirement Eligibility

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

Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, WHEREAS, the Board of Education desires to restate and amend the Plan as regards section 2.1 Eligibility;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that section 2.1 of the Plan is hereby restated and amended to read as follows:

2.1 Eligibility

Each Employee shall be eligible to participate in the Plan and elect to have Elective Deferrals made on his or her behalf hereunder immediately upon becoming employed by the Employer.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Plan, as restated and amended is hereby approved and adopted.

Ayes 4 Nays 0 The motion carried.
Mr. Matteo re-entered the meeting at 8:08 pm.

2. Acceptance of Donations

Mr. Jablonsky 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 grants, Robert R. Chapman Fund of the Community Foundation of Dutchess County in the amount of \$500.00 for the use towards the Webutuck High School Travels in France; and the Field Trip Fund at Community Foundation of Dutchess County in the amount of \$521.00 for the purpose of field trip transportation cost.

Ayes 5 Nays 0 The motion carried.

3. Authorization for Filing of 2009-2010 Returned Tax Claims (Resolution distributed in Board Packet).

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

Ayes 5 Nays 0 The motion carried.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

***1. Committee on Special Education Monthly Reports**

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

Upon the recommendation by the Superintendent of Schools, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Webutuck Board of Education hereby accepts the Committee on Special Education report for November 2009, prepared by the Webutuck Central School District Committee on Pre-School Education and by the Webutuck Central School District Committee on Special Education.

Ayes 4 Nays 0 The motion carried.

2. District Wellness Committee

The Superintendent spoke about restructuring the Wellness Committee. He explained that it has been unclear if the Committee reports to the Board, who should be on the Committee, and what their function should be. Restructuring allows for clarity so that the people serving on the Committee know what their purpose is, what the authority is, what the charges are of the Board to them and what the membership should consist of. It will help the Board, the District and the Wellness Committee to have clarity on the Policy and Committee. The Board had received a rough draft of the Committee parameters and policy in their packet for review. He would like to get the Committee back on track and reduce the frustration that some Committee members have felt. The President felt it was a good working draft. It was noted that Mrs. McEnroe will Chair the meeting for this year.

The Superintendent discussed with the Board where they saw this policy fitting within their policies. He explained that it could be located under the Foundation and Basic Commitments section, or Support Services. The Board was in agreement that the Wellness Policy should be located under Foundation and Basic Commitments sections and be known as Policy #115. Discussion ensued. The Superintendent asked Board

members if there were any changes to the Policy. Board members decided further discussion would take place during the Policy Committee meeting.

3. Policy #115 Wellness Policy

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

Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education hereby approves and adopts the Policy #115 Wellness Policy as presented for its first reading.

Ayes 5 Nays 0 The motion carried.

4. Revise 2009-2010 Webutuck School District Calendar

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

The Superintendent explained the revisions to the District Calendar.

Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Webutuck Board of Education hereby revises the 2009-2010 School District Calendar as presented.

Ayes 5 Nays 0 The motion carried.

5. Millerton Overlook Meeting

The Superintendent explained he has gone to two Millerton Planning Board meetings regarding the building of the Millerton Overlook Apartments next to the Millerton Elementary building. He then had a meeting with President Culver and Kevin O'Neil, Executive Director of the Housing Resources of Columbia County after having written a letter to him stating the School Districts concerns with the affordable house project. A draft lease clause was given to the District meeting all of the concerns the District had with the project. Board members again reiterated concerns about the project. It was stated that the language on the piece of paper from the developer of the project will be enforceable when push comes to shove. The President suggested sending the letter from the Housing Resources of Columbia County and the draft lease clause to the school attorney to have them review the language before the Superintendent writes back to the project developer. Discussion ensued.

6. Policy #906 Use of School-Owned Materials and Equipment

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

Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education hereby approves and adopts the Policy #906 Use of School-Owned Materials and Equipment as presented for its first reading.

(The Board President felt this was a good point to get it on the books and then the Board can review it in Policy Committee.)

Ayes 5 Nays 0 The motion carried.

A Webutuck Alumni, from the late 1970's, Richard Zartman works for Brooks Sports and would like to donate 20 women and 20 men's cross country uniforms. Total value of the donation is \$2080.00. He would like approval from the Board before the end of the

year.

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

Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education accepts the donation from Richard Zartman, of school uniforms specifically 20 men's and 20 women's cross country uniforms and thank him for his continued interest in Webutuck.

(The Board President stated we should make sure the local newspaper is aware because these gifts are greatly appreciated.)

Ayes 5 Nays 0 the motion Carried.

Rachael's Challenge has been scheduled for March 18, 2009 at 7:00 pm in the Auditorium.

The next Board meeting is Monday January 4th, the Superintendent wanted the Board to be aware that it is the first day back after the Holiday break and questioned if they would like to move the meeting to a following Monday. The Board was fine with January 4th as the first Board meeting in January.

The District has several schools interested in the football uniforms. The Superintendent stated it would be a good time to declare this equipment surplus if the Board still feels that it should be sold. A Board member asked about where the sled is. It was noted that it was one of the most expensive pieces of equipment the District had purchased for football. The Superintendent will look into it. Discussion ensued.

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

Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education declares the football equipment surplus and requests the Superintendent to seek sale of the equipment.

(The Board would like to have a report on what was sold and how much money was brought in.)

Ayes 5 Nays 0 The motion carried.

The Superintendent spoke about a system for extra security within the buildings that he has used in previous school districts. The Superintendent asked permission to replicate the exact information and he was approved to use it. If the Board approves of the idea he would like to give every staff member one. It will remain a confidential document with staff members and will be explained to substitutes. Board members approved of the document.

The Superintendent spoke about the flu season and about a surgical mask called a N95 which nurses and medical people should use when they know someone has the flu. They are disposable and he was able to get them at no cost through Dutchess County Department of Health.

In your packet is the list of chaperones for the Costa Rica trip that the Board had

requested previously.

BOARD OF EDUCATION

1. A Board member spoke about the confusion of traffic in the morning at the high school. The Superintendent stated he had a meeting with Deputy Strid and Mr. Bullymont this morning which provided more suggestions for a solution to the traffic flow and student issues of entering the school. The Superintendent will discuss those suggestions with Administration tomorrow. Discussion ensued regarding morning security.
2. The Board President asked the Superintendent to check on the status of the E2s.
3. The Board President reported that the student, who last year needed Board intervention because he was struggling in school, is doing very well.
4. We need to continue or attempt to reach out to the Community on events happening in the school.

PUBLIC COMMENT

The following are comments made by audience members:

- Thank you for the work on the Wellness Policy. Change the eating habits of the whole community.
- Who put the people in charge of the cafeteria, who is in charge of bidding?
- Do the people ordering the food have nutrition education?
- Thank you John Perotti for the use of the wagon and Bill McGhee for use of lights.
- Will there be a reading of the Wellness Policy?
- There seems to be confusion of the charge of the Wellness Committee and the Wellness Policy.
- Thank the Board for the support of the FFA.
- FFA could use same direction as the Wellness -we would like community members to be on the Ag Advisory Board
- The Affordable Housing Project looks like it will be on the aquifer; that will be a problem.
- Think about the kids parking in the back and needing to get into the building without having to walk around the front of the building.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mr. Matteo made and Mr. McGhee seconded a motion to adjourn to executive session at 9:30 pm for the purpose of discussing particular persons' employment history.

Ayes 5 Nays 0 The motion carried.

RECONVENE PUBLIC SESSION

Mr. Perotti made and Mr. McGhee seconded a motion to adjourn the executive session and to reconvene the public session at 10:52 pm.

Ayes 5 Nays 0 The motion carried.

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

Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education appoints Mary Grden as part-time Interim Business Manager

beginning January 4, 2010 and concluding no later than July 1, 2010 at a daily rate of \$325.00 contingent upon successful receipt of a waiver to hold this position for this length of time.

Ayes 5 Nays 0 The motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Mr. Perotti made and Mr. McGhee seconded a motion to adjourn the meeting of December 7, 2009 at 10:54 pm.

Ayes 5 Nays 0 The motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Therese M. Trotter
District Clerk