

The Webutuck Board of Education held their January 24, 2010 meeting at 7:30 p.m. in the Webutuck High School Library.

The following Board members were present:

Dale Culver, President

Joanne Boyd

Joseph Matteo

William McGhee

Casey Swift

Also Present:

Steven D. Schoonmaker, Superintendent

Mary Grden, School Business Administrator

Therese Trotter, District Clerk

Absent:

Joseph Herald

John Perotti

CALL TO ORDER

President Culver called the business meeting of January 24, 2010 to order at 7:42 p.m.

PUBLIC COMMENT

The following are comments made by audience members:

-Board member has missed meetings

-Emergency lights

PRINCIPALS' REPORTS

Jr./Sr. High School

Mr. Sauer explained about a recent presentation on Internet Safety presented to the students. It went very well. There were two different presentations, one for high school and one for the younger grades. The community presentation will be next Monday night in the High School auditorium. Mr. Sauer also spoke about this will being the last year that high school students will not come to school during Regents' week. Currently, there are the fewer students taking Regents in January due mostly to not having block scheduling any longer.

Jessica McGarry, a senior, was recognized as the Youth Honoree at the Martin Luther King, Jr. Breakfast. Jessica was recognized for her leadership and volunteer efforts. She was awarded a \$1000 scholarship.

A Board member questioned the principal about District policy on one student posting a picture of another student on the social network. Discussion ensued.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

The Superintendent spoke about the Administrative Corner that was held this past Saturday. Four parents showed up and the conversation was positive. The Annual Legislative Breakfast is coming up on February 12th and Board members are encouraged to attend. He commented that the Reading Around the World program is going well. The NYSSBA newspaper "OnBoard" had an article on the reading program in their most recent issue. He spoke about the different music and different foods students have had thus far. He noted that the scheduled February 21 Board meeting falls on a holiday. The Board will have to make a decision on if it will be rescheduled. The State Education Department gave the cafeteria a wonderful review. The nutritional report will be sent to us in a month. Lastly, he stated that he will meet with the administrators to discuss budgets this Thursday and that will be an ongoing discussion.

CONSENSUS AGENDA VOTE

Mr. Matteo made and Mrs. Swift seconded the following 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 5 Nays 0 The motion carried.

CLERK'S REPORT

*1. Acceptance of Financial Reports as Submitted

Mr. Matteo made and Mrs. Swift seconded the following Financial Reports as submitted.

Treasurer's Report for the month ending December

Comprehensive Budget Status Report ending December

Comprehensive Revenue Status Report ending December

Warrants #48-50

Ayes 5 Nays 0 The motion carried.

2. Delegations -None

3. Non-Staff Communications - None

PERSONNEL

***1. Substitute Support Staff Appointment**

Mr. Matteo made and Mrs. Swift 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 Support Staff appointment:

Plamena Zamova

Substitute Teacher Aide/Assistant

Effective: January 25, 2011

\$11.96/hour

Ayes 5 Nays 0 The motion carried.

***2. Substitute Instructional Appointment**

Mr. Matteo made and Mrs. Swift 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:

Brenna Enright
Effective: January 11, 2011

Substitute Teacher
\$90/day

Plamena Zamova
Effective: January 25, 2011

Substitute Teacher
\$85/day

Ayes 5 Nays 0 The motion carried.

***3. Leave of Absence**

Mr. Matteo made and Mrs. Swift seconded the following motion:

Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education hereby approves the following unpaid/paid Leave of Absence, for the purpose of child rearing, as authorized by the Family Medical Leave Act:

Jamie Quaranto Elementary teacher

Effective: Approximately March 14, 2011-June 24, 2011

Ayes 5 Nays 0 The motion carried.

***4. Approval of Tenure Recommendation for Teaching Assistant**

Mr. Matteo made and Mrs. Swift seconded the following motion:

Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education does hereby appoint the following teaching assistant to tenure:

NAME	CERTIFICATION	EFFECTIVE DATE
Susan Rothvoss	TA Continuing Certificate	January 11, 2011

Ayes 5 Nays 0 The motion carried.

CURRICULUM AND INSTRUCTION

1. Committee on Special Education Monthly Reports

Mrs. Swift made and Mrs. Boyd seconded the following motion:

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Webutuck Board of Education hereby accepts the Committee on Special Education report for November & December 2010, prepared by the Webutuck Central School District Committee on Pre-School Education and by the Webutuck Central School District Committee on Special Education, as recommended by the Superintendent of Schools.

Ayes 5 Nays 0 The motion carried.

BUSINESS AND OPERATIONS

1. Acceptance of Donation and Authorization to increase the 2010-2011 Budget

Mr. Matteo made and Mrs. Boyd seconded the following motion:

Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education hereby accepts with gratitude one hundred and three dollars (\$103.00) from the Webutuck Booster Club to be used for Varsity Boys' Basketball shorts.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board of Education approves the increases the 2010-2011 Budget in the amount of \$103.00 in Budget Code A2855.450 000041 to be recorded in Revenue Account Code A2770, with such funds to be expended from A2855.450 000041.

Ayes 5 Nays 0 The motion carried.

2. Authorization for Tax Adjustments

Mrs. Boyd made and Mr. McGhee seconded the following motion:

WHEREAS, by Order of Honorable James V. Brands, Supreme Court of the State of New York, County of Dutchess, dated November 15, 2010, in the matter of Application for Refund of Taxes for the 2009 & 2010 assessment years were adjusted in favor of petitioner, Cumberland Farms, Inc. (VHS Realty Inc), for property owned in the Town of Amenia, in the Webutuck Central School District, Tax Parcel No. 13132000-7271-09-236520-0000, said reductions in assessment.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that pursuant to the terms of the above referenced Order, the School Tax Collector is hereby authorized to issue a refund for the 2009-2010, & 2010-2011,

school years, said taxes for the 2009-2010 school year should be based on assessed value of \$810,000 instead of \$990,000. The taxes levied were \$11,181.99 and should be \$9,148.90. The said taxes for the 2010-2011 school year should be based on assessed value of \$810,000 instead of \$990,000. The taxes levied were \$11,804.79 and should be \$9,658.46.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Business Administrator is hereby authorized to correct the 2009 & 2010 assessments to reflect such valuation reductions, with a notation in the margin, opposite said entries that the corrections are by authorization of the above-referenced Order; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that pursuant to the terms of the above referenced Order, the School Treasurer is hereby authorized to refund any overpayments of school taxes for the above school year, said refund in the amount of \$ 4,179.41 to Schroder & Storm, LLP as stated in the agreement.

Ayes 5 Nays 0 The motion carried.

BOARD OF EDUCATION

1. Finance Meeting – The Chairperson summarized the Finance meeting that took place earlier in the evening. They discussed next years' budget, operating under the assumption the District would be lose \$650,000 of State Aid. They also discussed the New York State Power Authority; at this point it is just discussions about energy conservation in the way of savings for the coming years. The Chair mentioned a good article in the OnBoard NYSSBA newspaper on State funding. He encouraged Board members to look at the article.

The Superintendent stated that he was pleased that Assemblyman Molinaro is on the Governor's Committee for Mandate Relief. The Superintendent sent a list of mandates

that impact Webutuck that are unfunded or underfunded. He pointed out an article in the Poughkeepsie Journal about the percentage of mandate costs out of a typical school budget. The range was anywhere from 16% to 20% of a total budget which equates to millions of dollars of mandate costs. Discussion ensued.

PUBLIC COMMENT

The following topics were commented on by audience members:
-requesting to go into Executive Session to discuss internship

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mr. McGhee made and Mr. Matteo seconded a motion to adjourn to executive session at 8:18 pm for the purpose of discussing the employment history of a particular person or persons.

Ayes 5 Nays 0 The motion carried.

RECONVENE PUBLIC SESSION

Mrs. Swift made and Mr. Matteo seconded a motion to adjourn the executive session and to reconvene the public session at 10:51 pm.

Ayes 5 Nays 0 The motion carried.

Mrs. Boyd made and Mr. Matteo seconded a motion to approve Patricia Carmody's Educational Administration Internship program effective January 25, 2011 fulfilling a 600 hour internship obligation as a School Building leader and as a School District Leader.

Ayes 4 Nays 1 The motion carried.
Mr. McGhee was the dissenter.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Mrs. Boyd made and Mrs. Swift seconded a motion to adjourn the meeting of January 24, 2011 at 11:00 pm.

Ayes 5 Nays 0 The motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Therese M. Trotter
District Clerk