

The Webutuck Board of Education held their March 22, 2011 meeting at 7:30 p.m. in the Webutuck High School Library.

The following Board members were present:

Dale Culver, President

Joanne Boyd

Joseph Herald arrived at 7:49 pm

Joseph Matteo

William McGhee

Casey Swift

Also Present:

Steven D. Schoonmaker, Superintendent

Therese Trotter, District Clerk

Absent:

John Perotti

Mary Grden, School Business Administrator

CALL TO ORDER

President Culver called the business meeting of March 22, 2011 to order at 7:36 p.m.

PUBLIC COMMENT

The following topics were commented on by audience members:

-WTA President attended rally in Albany

-attend Executive Session

-letter asking for open negotiations with WTA

PRINCIPALS' REPORTS

High School

Mr. Sauer spoke about receiving a letter of an award recognition on Bill Havranek, our Jr./Sr. High School secondary social studies teacher. He noted he would write about Bill's honor in the Weekly Warrior. He spoke about the budget and in particular AP courses versus Dutchess Community College (DCC) courses. He explained that fifty-two Advanced Placement (AP) exams were administered last year, twenty-one of those students scored 3, 4, or 5. Those are not strong results and many colleges will only give credit for the course if the score is a 4 or 5. However, if students receive DCC college credit; those courses will transfer for credit to colleges. The Board President asked for more detailed information to be presented to the Board for them to review.

Mr. Wood announced that nine out of ten girls on the basketball team made high honor roll and four out of eight boys on the basketball team made high honor roll. He congratulated them all. He also announced the Scholar Athletes for this year which are Alura Penny and Andrew Schultz.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

DISCUSSION

1. District Calendar

The Superintendent explained the impact of the additional snow days used on our District Calendar. The give back days will be April 14 and April 15, 2011 which will now be full school days.

2. 2011-2012 School Budget Discussion

The Superintendent presented his preliminary budget for next year. Currently, the 2010-2011 budget is \$19,780,957. The cost to roll over the exact same program to next year will cost the District \$20,826,792; an increase of \$1,045,835. The Board and Superintendent continued to work on the budget which resulted in reductions that brought the overall budget increase to 1.32% with the new proposed budget of \$20,081,763. This budget yields a tax levy of 2%. The reductions came in health insurance premiums, retirements, BOCES services, CAPE, mentor stipends, contractual and salaries and benefits totaling \$745,029. The tax levy increase is \$237,765 or 2%. The Superintendent also spoke about the current status of the Albany budget and proposals that are out there.

The Superintendent explained the decrease in the health insurance expense for this year. Webutuck budgeted for a 5% increase and after the recent DEHIC meeting it now stands at 2.5% increase. Discussion ensued.

CONSENSUS AGENDA VOTE

Mr. Matteo made and Mrs. Swift seconded the following motion to approve the consent agenda (as amended). Mrs. Boyd noted changes for the minutes. It was also noted that effective date for #4 under Personnel should read March 23. 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 6 Nays 0 The motion carried.

CLERK'S REPORT

*1. Approval of Minutes for February 7, and February 14, 2010 and March 14, 2011 Board meetings.

Mr. Matteo made and Mrs. Swift seconded the following minutes (stated above) as submitted:

Ayes 6 Nays 0 The motion carried.

2. Delegations - None

3. Non-Staff Communications - None

PERSONNEL

***1. Approval of Tenure Recommendations for Teacher**

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 grant tenure to the following teachers:

| Teacher | Tenure Area | Effective Date |
|------------------|--------------------|-----------------------|
| Jean Rocanova | Elementary Reading | August 31, 2011 |
| Karen Rubin | Special Education | August 31, 2011 |
| Damian Whittaker | Social Studies | August 31, 2011 |

Ayes 6 Nays 0 The motion carried.

***2. Extra-Curricular Appointment for the 2010-2011 School Year**

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 extra-curricular appointment for the 2010-2011 school year:

| | |
|---------------|-------------------------|
| Rebecca Knapp | Girls Modified Softball |
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Ayes 6 Nays 0 The motion carried.

***3. Support Staff Resignation**

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

Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education hereby accepts the following Support Staff Resignation:

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|-------------|---------|
| Herbert Day | Monitor |
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Effective: March 18, 2011

Ayes 6 Nays 0 The motion carried.

***4. 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:

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| Herbert Day | Substitute Monitor |
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Effective: March 23, 2011 \$11.29/hour

Ayes 6 Nays 0 The motion carried.

CURRICULUM AND INSTRUCTION

1. Approval of 2011-2012 Webutuck School District Calendar (as presented)

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

Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education hereby approves the 2011-2012 Webutuck School District Calendar (as presented).

Ayes 6 Nays 0 The motion carried.

Amend 2010-2011 District Calendars

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

Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, BE IT RESOLVED the Webutuck Board of Education amends the 2010-2011 District Calendar for the month of April only. Thursday, April 14 and Friday, April 15, 2011 will be a full day of school.

Ayes 6 Nays 0 The motion carried.

BUSINESS AND OPERATIONS

1. Changed BOCES dates

Superintendent explained the changes for the BOCES vote from April 19 to April 26.

Public Comment

The following topics were commented on by audience members:

-Health Insurance

BOARD OF EDUCATION

1. A Board member asked if there were any other avenues to search in regards to building a new School District sign on Route 22. Discussion ensued.

2. A Board member asked about the possibility of a referendum to put to the voters regarding the \$300,000 that has been encumbered for a number of years for a new transportation garage. Discussion ensued.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mr. McGhee made and Mrs. Swift seconded a motion to adjourn to executive session at 8:45 pm for the purpose of discussing the employment history of a particular person or persons.

Ayes 6 Nays 0 The motion carried.

RECONVENE PUBLIC SESSION

Mr. made and Mr. seconded a motion to adjourn the executive session and to reconvene the public session at 9:42 pm.

Ayes 6 Nays 0 The motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Mr. made and Mr. seconded a motion to adjourn the meeting of March 22, 2011 at 9:43 pm.

Ayes 6 Nays 0 The motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Therese M. Trotter
District Clerk