

The Webutuck Board of Education held their April 11, 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

William McGhee

John Perotti

Casey Swift

Also Present:

Steven D. Schoonmaker, Superintendent

Mary Grden, School Business Administrator

Therese Trotter, District Clerk

Absent:

Joseph Matteo

CALL TO ORDER

President Culver called the business meeting of April 11, 2011 to order at 7:35 p.m.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mr. Herald made and Mr. Perotti seconded a motion to adjourn to executive session at 7:36 pm for the purpose of discussing information about negotiations.

Ayes 6 Nays 0 The motion carried.

RECONVENE PUBLIC SESSION

Mr. Herald made and Mr. McGhee seconded a motion to adjourn the executive session and to reconvene the public session at 7:50 pm.

Ayes 6 Nays 0 The motion carried

PUBLIC COMMENT

The following topics were commented on by audience members:

- WTA President read letter to Board acknowledging WTA willing to concession.
- Any administration concessions

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

The Superintendent congratulated the PTA and Trini Stevens on Science and Math Night, it was well attended. He noted the meeting with the 4-6 grade parents that took place regarding the possible schedule change for next year. He will be providing information to the Board on the feedback of that meeting. He also commented on an arbitration request received recently that has to do with transportation. Mr. Pollak, Advisor for Mock Trail, announced the Webutuck Team will be going into semi-finals against Our Lady of Lourdes. He stated that Webutuck is small but this team is out performing many

schools in Dutchess County. There will be an article in Poughkeepsie Journal about the Webutuck team.

DISCUSSION

1. 2011-2012 Budget Discussion

The President spoke on the budget and stated that tonight's discussion would be vague due to the new information on the WTA concessions. Further discussion during the week will provide more definitive information for the Board. The Budget will be adopted at the next Board meeting. The Vice-President stated what the Board would be looking at in the coming week to finalize the budget (i.e. positions that are posted and haven't been filled yet, combining two different positions into half-time positions, teacher aides, needs of principals and needs of program, as well as technology pieces to keep our computers up to date. Discussion ensued.

CONSENSUS AGENDA VOTE

Mr. Herald made and Mr. Perotti seconded the following motion to approve the consent agenda (as amended). The amendment by Mrs. Boyd called for removing #2 under Personnel for further discussion. 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 March 22, and March 28, 2011 Board meetings.

Mr. Herald made and Mr. Perotti seconded the following minutes (stated above) as submitted:

Ayes 6 Nays 0 The motion carried.

*2. Acceptance of Financial Reports as Submitted

Treasurer's Report for the month ending February and March.

Comprehensive Budget Status Report ending February and March.

Comprehensive Revenue Status Report ending February and March.

Warrants #61-66

2. Delegations - None

3. Non-Staff Communications - None

PERSONNEL

***1. Creation of Position**

Mr. Herald 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 approves the creation of the following position:

(1) One Bi-lingual Aide, full time

Ayes 6 Nays 0 The motion carried.

2. Approval of Job Description

This item was pulled from the consent agenda for further discussion in Executive Session.

Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education hereby approves the Bi-lingual Aide job description.

***3. Instructional Resignation**

Mr. Herald 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 Instructional resignation for the purpose of retirement, of the following individual:

Janet Deschamps

Elementary Teacher

Effective: June 30, 2011

Ayes 6 Nays 0 The motion carried.

***4. Support Staff Resignation**

Mr. Herald 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 support staff resignation of the following individual:

Lonnie Vater

School Monitor

Effective: April 4, 2011

Ayes 6 Nays 0 The motion carried.

***5. Extra-Curricular Resignation for the 2010-2011 School Year**

Mr. Herald 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 approves the following extra-curricular resignation for the 2010-2011 school year:

Ann Kain

Class of 2013 Advisor

Effective: April 5, 2011

Ayes 6 Nays 0 The motion carried.

CURRICULUM AND INSTRUCTION

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

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

Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Webutuck Board of Education hereby accepts the Committee on Special Education report for March 2011, prepared by the Webutuck Central School District Committee on Pre-School Education and by the Webutuck Central School District Committee Special Education.

Ayes 6 Nays 0 The motion carried.

BUSINESS AND OPERATIONS

1. Cooperative Bidding Authorization

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

WHEREAS, the Dover Union Free School District (hereinafter “Dover”) has offered municipalities, including Webutuck Central School (hereinafter “School District”), the opportunity to participate in cooperative bids regarding the purchase of certain commodities and services utilized by Dover, in an effort to obtain better prices from bidders for all participants; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Education believes that it would be in the best interest of the School District to participate in such cooperative bidding for the particular commodities and services; and

WHEREAS, such municipal cooperative activities are authorized by Article 5-G of the General Municipal Law;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of Webutuck Central School hereby authorizes the School District’s participation in such cooperative bidding to the following conditions: (1) the School District agrees to purchase the specific commodities and services being put out to bid and purchased by Dover, and (2) agrees not to submit separate bids or requests for proposals or quotations for the same or similar commodities or services separately; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the School Business Administrator of the Dover Union Free School District is hereby authorized to communicate the District’s interest in participating in such cooperative bidding to Dover and to review the list of commodities and services to be put out to bid and purchased by Dover in order to determine if it would be in the School District’s best interest to purchase any such commodities and services on a cooperative basis; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Business Official shall report back to the Board of Education periodically regarding the efficacy of such participation.

Ayes 6 Nays 0 The motion carried.

***2. Creation of Extra-Curricular Account**

Mr. Herald 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 approves the creation of the following Extra-Curricular Account:

Class of 2017

Ayes 6 Nays 0 The motion carried.

BOARD OF EDUCATION

1. The Board President extended thanks to Janet DesChamps for her many years of service.

PUBLIC COMMENT

The following topics were commented on by audience members:

- Status of other negotiating units

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mr. Herald made and Mrs. Swift seconded a motion to adjourn to executive session at 8:05 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. Perotti made and Mr. McGhee seconded a motion to adjourn the executive session and to reconvene the public session at 9:47 pm.

Ayes 6 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 April 11, 2011 at 9:48 pm.

Ayes 6 Nays 0 The motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Therese M. Trotter
District Clerk