

The Webutuck Board of Education held their May 23, 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

Joseph Matteo

William McGhee

John Perotti

Casey Swift

Also Present:

Steven D. Schoonmaker, Superintendent

Mary Grden, School Business Administrator

Therese Trotter, District Clerk

Absent:

### **CALL TO ORDER**

President Culver called the business meeting of May 23, 2011 to order at 7:36 p.m.

### **PUBLIC COMMENT**

The following are comments made by audience members:

-Maintenance Work on agenda

-Teacher Aide who is this position

-Proposition 2, 3, and 5

### **PRINCIPAL'S REPORT**

Mrs. McEnroe announced that June 8 is Kindergarten orientation and the schedule will be as has been done in the past. The parents will meet with Mrs. McEnroe while the students take a bus ride. There will also be a Pre-K orientation about an hour and a half later the same day. She also noted that Grade 4 and Grade 8 Science Test will be next week. All grade levels have been scheduled to meet on the Common Core Standards in the coming weeks. Discussion ensued.

Mr. Sauer announced that Friday night's Prom went off great. He also announced that Middle School math what went well and AP testing finished up today. The High School is now looking towards Regents. He noted National Honor's Society Induction is this week as well as several field trips that are coming up. The 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Dinner Dance and Honor Roll and High Honor Roll recognition will be coming up as well. He spoke about Carla Mazzarelli from Dutchess Community College (DCC) who recently came to speak to staff about offering DCC courses for our students. Coming up is the Scholastic Achievement Dinner sponsored by the Lower Hudson Council of School. The dinner recognizes the valedictorians and salutatorians throughout the area schools. Discussion ensued.

### **PRESENTATION: French Trip**

Madame Benken discussed the French Trip to Guadeloupe for this coming November. She presented a PowerPoint that included pictures of the area that students will visit and gave a description of what the students will be doing. She noted that she took a group of Webutuck students to Guadeloupe several years ago. She explained that a November trip will be cheaper than a March/April trip due to that time span being off-peak. She noted the number of students, teachers, and parents signed up for the trip and how much the trip will cost. Discussion ensued.

### **SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT**

The Superintendent went to the High School concert last week and reported it was outstanding. He also attended the Middle School concert the week before which was also great. He congratulated the music department teachers on their successful concerts. It was also mentioned that Mr. Stowe, the chorus teacher, announced at the concert that our High School Chorus received a distinction as a gold medal level chorus countywide. He also noted that next Monday is Memorial Day and there is no school.

The Superintendent announced that New York State has now eliminated all foreign language Regents for next year as well as eliminating all January Regents starting next year.

The Common Core Standards for English Language Arts (ELA) and Math have been approved and will begin in September and a year from now they will address Social Studies and Science. He mentioned the State is coming out with a new ELA Regents for tenth grade. He also reported on Response to Intervention (RTI) and where they are with that. RTI is an overall intervention process.

### **DISCUSSION**

#### **1. Bus Purchase**

Mr. Heiser, Head Bus Driver addressed Board members about the pros and cons of buying propane buses. He noted that the NY Bus Sales Company came earlier in the year to explain the benefits of propane buses. He stated that Red Hook had recently bought propane buses and that he had spoken to their Transportation Supervisor about them. Mr. Heiser spoke about some of the pros and cons of each diesel and propane bus. He noted several points: an exhaust replacement on a diesel would cost \$7000 while it would cost \$900 on a propane bus, that emissions was going to be the biggest cost coming in, overall maintenance was less with propane and diesel holds 30 quarts of oil and propane holds 10 quart. He mentioned the District would have to sign a contract with the provider of gas and Board members questioned him on that point. There would have to be training of all drivers before the beginning of the new school year. Concerns from board members and audience members were voiced. Discussion ensued.

### **CONSENSUS AGENDA VOTE**

Mr. Herald made and Mrs. Boyd seconded the following motion to approve the consent agenda (as amended). The amendment by Vice President Herald called for removing #6 under Personnel and #3 under Business & Operations 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 7 Nays 0 The motion carried.

### **CLERK'S REPORT**

#### **1. Delegations**

Grades 4-6 Teachers spoke regarding the 4-6 schedule for next year.

Denise Conway spoke about coming to the Board meeting so the Board Members could ask the teachers any questions after receiving their letter on the matter. The Board wanted to know how the discussion went between the teachers, superintendent and principal. It was noted that discussion began in January on this topic, however Ms. Conway stated there was not much conversation until recently. Ms. Conway stated teachers did not have concerns with the schedules as much as they had concerns with the model for configuration for teaching. She stated there is no time to prepare for how things will be taught, she noted Mr. Schoonmaker stated there was no money for curriculum development over the summer and there are very few scheduled days to get together before the end of the year. The teachers expressed a need for more time to transition to the model that the Superintendent and principal prepared. Discussion ensued.

### **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Mr. Herald made and Mr. Matteo seconded a motion to adjourn to executive session at 8:56 pm for the purpose of discussing a personnel issue.

Ayes 7 Nays 0 The motion carried.

### **RECONVENE PUBLIC SESSION**

Mr. Herald made and Mrs. Boyd seconded a motion to adjourn the executive session and to reconvene the public session at 9:35 pm.

Ayes 7 Nays 0 The motion carried.

Continued discussion on the 4-6 schedule for next year:

The Board asked that the Grade 4-6 teachers look at what they need to plan for the schedule change and planning time. The President stated the Board believes with change in Standards it is necessary to move ahead; they acknowledge that the circumstances are not great but the timing is necessary. They directed Ms. McEnroe and Mr. Schoonmaker to communicate with the Board by Friday what teachers need to make the change happen for next year. The Board of Education thanked the teachers for coming and for their time.

#### **2. Non-Staff Communications - None**

### **PERSONNEL**

#### **\*1. Substitute Support Staff Appointment**

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

Melissa Carr  
Effective: April 29, 2011  
Ayes 7 Nays 0

Substitute Courier  
\$13.36/hour  
The motion carried.

Mr. Herald 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 the support staff resignation from Brendha Rivera, Teacher Aide, effective immediately upon appointment of new position as Bi-lingual Aide.

Mr. Herald 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 approves the following support staff appointments:

Mr. Herald 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 abolishes the following positions:

Mr. Herald made and Mrs. Boyd seconded the following motion:  
Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education approves the job description(s) for:

A Board member questioned the Diesel Mechanic position and whether that person will be an employee of the District. The School Business Manager answered no, that individual will not be an employee of the District. It will be an Independent Contractor

on an as needed basis and will provide a certificate of insurance. Mr. Herald also wanted clarification on the .5 Bus Mechanic Helper. Discussion ensued.

Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education hereby approves the creation of the following position(s):

(.5FTE) Bus Mechanic Helper, benefits per CSEA contract.

Salary: \$15.00/hour

(.5FTE) Maintenance Worker

Salary: \$16.90/hour

**\*7. Leave of Absence**

Mr. Herald 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 approves the following paid

Leave of Absence as authorized by the Family Medical Leave Act:

Rebecca Garrard

Speech Teacher

Effective: approximately May 17, 2011-June 24, 2011

Ayes 7

Nays 0

The motion carried.

**\*8. Approval of JUUL Agreement**

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

Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Webutuck Central School District, hereby approves the agreement dated May 19, 2011, extending the probationary appointment of Special Education Teacher, Gina Tauro, through August 31, 2012 in accordance with the said agreement.

Ayes 7

Nays 0

The motion carried.

**\*9. Support Staff Resignation**

Mr. Herald 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 the support staff resignation from the following individual:

Deanna Intrieri

Food Service Helper

Effective: May 20, 2011

Ayes 7

Nays 0

The motion carried.

**\*10. Support Staff Resignation**

Mr. Herald 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 the support staff resignation, for the purpose of retirement, from the following resignation:

Marilyn Unger

School Nurse

Effective: September 5, 2011

Ayes 7

Nays 0

The motion carried.

## **CURRICULUM AND INSTRUCTION**

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

Mr. Herald made and Mrs. Boyd 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 April 2011, prepared by the Webutuck Central School District Committee on Pre-School Education and by the Webutuck Central School District Committee Special Education.

Ayes 7      Nays 0      The motion carried.

### **2. Approval of Trip to Guadeloupe French West Indies**

Mr. Herald 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 approves the trip to France scheduled for November 18 – November 26, 2011 as school field trips.

Ayes 7      Nays 0      The motion carried.

## **BUSINESS AND OPERATIONS**

### **1. Approval of Sale of Bus Garage Lifts**

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

Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education approves the sale of bus garage lifts in the amount of three thousand dollars (\$3000) to Total Tools, Ltd.

Ayes 7      Nays 0      The motion carried.

### **2. Approval of RFP Request for Proposal Internal Auditor and Legal Council**

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

Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education approves Raymond G. Preusser, CPA, P.C. as internal auditor for 2010-2011 through 2012-2013 school years as per Request for Proposal dated April 28, 2011

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Webutuck Board of Education approves Girvin and Ferlazzo for legal services from July 1, 2011 through June 30, 2014 as per Request for Proposal dated April 28, 2011.

Ayes 7      Nays 0      The motion carried.

### **3. Approval of two (2) Budget Transfer Schedules**

Mr. Herald made and Mrs. Swift seconded the following motion as amended (3 Budget Transfers):

Mr. Herald made and Mrs. Boyd seconded following motion as amended a second time back to 2 Budget Transfer Schedules. There were several Budget Transfers but only 2 Budget Transfer Schedules.

A Board member questioned what the transfers were for. Mrs. Grden explained.

Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education approves the three budget transfer schedules over five thousand dollars (\$5,000) per Board resolution dated 7/6/10.

Ayes 7 Nays 0 The motion carried.

**\*4. Acceptance of Grant and Authorization to increase the 2010-2011 Budget**

Mr. Herald 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 the following grant:

\$1,899.00 from the Fund for Excellence in Education at the Community Foundation of Dutchess County for “Carving Out A Future” Grant issued to John Roccanova;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board of Education approves the increases the 2010-2011 Budget in the amount of \$1,899.00 in Budget Code A2110.450 01 00 30 to be recorded in Revenue Account Code A2770, with such funds to be expended from A2110.450 01 00 30.

Ayes 7 Nays 0 The motion carried.

**BOARD OF EDUCATION**

**1. Acceptance of Vote Results**

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

Board members congratulated the new Board members in the audience and wished them the best of luck.

BE IT RESOLVED, the Webutuck Board of Education accepts the following vote results from the May 17, 2011 vote: 2011-2012 School Budget Vote, Transportation Vote and Board Member Vote as follows:

Ayes 7 Nays 0 The motion carried.

**PROPOSITION I: 2011-2012 SCHOOL BUDGET**

Shall the 2011-12 Budget in the amount of \$20,227,770 adopted by the Board of Education with anticipated revenue exclusive of taxes in the amount of \$8,103,584 and the amount to be raised through taxes of \$12,124,186 be approved?

**VOTE RESULTS:**

**PROPOSITION I**

YES	251
NO	95
TOTAL VOTES	346

**PROPOSITION II: 2011-2012 TRANSPORTATION VEHICLE PURCHASE**

Shall the Board of Education of the Webutuck Central School District be authorized to:

(1) purchase one 65-passenger school bus at a maximum estimated cost of \$110,000 each, for an aggregate maximum estimated cost of \$110,000, (2) equipped with radios and cameras (3) expend such sum for such purposes, (4) levy the tax necessary therefore, to be levied and collected in annual installments in such years in such amounts as may be determined by the Board of Education, taking into account state aid received, and (5) in anticipation of the collection of such tax, to issue bonds and notes of the District at one time or from time to time in the principal amount at a maximum estimated cost of \$110,000 and levy a tax to pay the interest on said obligations when due?

**VOTE RESULTS:**

## PROPOSITION II

YES	210
NO	130
TOTAL VOTES	340

## **PROPOSITION III: 2011-2012 TRANSPORTATION VEHICLE PURCHASE**

Shall the Board of Education of the Webutuck Central School District be authorized to: (1) purchase one 65-passenger school buses at a maximum estimated cost of \$110,000 each, for an aggregate maximum estimated cost of \$110,000, (2) equipped with radios and cameras (3) expend such sum for such purposes, (4) levy the tax necessary therefore, to be levied and collected in annual installments in such years in such amounts as may be determined by the Board of Education, taking into account state aid received, and (5) in anticipation of the collection of such tax, to issue bonds and notes of the District at one time or from time to time in the principal amount at a maximum estimated cost of \$110,000 and levy a tax to pay the interest on said obligations when due?

### **VOTE RESULTS:**

## PROPOSITION III

YES	185
NO	154
TOTAL VOTES	339

## **PROPOSITION IV: DONATION OF MILLERTON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL**

Shall the Board of Education of the Webutuck Central School District be authorized to donate the real property commonly known as the Millerton Elementary School located on 5833 South Elm Street, Millerton, New York to the Village of Millerton or Town of North East or any other public entity for public use?

### **VOTE RESULTS:**

## PROPOSITION IV

YES	270
NO	77
TOTAL VOTES	347

## **PROPOSITION V:**

### **a.) CREATION OF BUS PURCHASE RESERVE**

Shall the Board of Education of the Webutuck Central School District be authorized to: (1) establish a reserve fund to be known as the Bus Purchase Reserve Fund effective July 1, 2011, the purpose of which is to finance the cost of acquisition of school buses and vehicles, and (2) commencing with the 2011-2012 school year and in each of the next nine fiscal years, deposit into said Bus Purchase Reserve Fund the amount received from the State of New York as transportation aid, such portion of the unallocated fund balance as determined by the Board of Education or any other amount authorized by the District voters. The ultimate amount of such Fund is \$2,000,000.00. The probable duration of such Fund is ten (10) years?

### **VOTE RESULTS:**



**PROPOSITION V.a.**

YES	220
NO	118
TOTAL VOTES	338

**b.) APPROVAL OF CAPITAL RESERVE FUND TRANSFER**

Shall the Board of Education of the Webutuck Central School District be authorized to transfer the remaining monies from the Bus Garage Construction Reserve Fund, in the amount of \$329,900 to the Bus Purchase Reserve fund?

**VOTE RESULTS:**

**PROPOSITION V.b.**

YES	240
NO	95
TOTAL VOTES	335

**c.) AUTHORIZATION TO EXPEND BUS PURCHASE RESERVE**

Shall the Board of Education of the Webutuck Central School District be authorized to: (a) acquire school buses at a maximum aggregate cost of \$220,000; (b) expend such sums for such purpose; (c) expend from the Bus Purchase Reserve Fund an amount not to exceed \$220,000 for such purpose; (d) levy the necessary tax therefor, to be levied and collected in such amounts as may be determined by the Board of Education taking into account state aid received and amounts disbursed from the reserve fund; and (e) in anticipation of the collection of such tax, to issue bonds and notes of the District at one time or from time to time in the principal amount not to exceed \$220,000, and to levy a tax to pay the interest on such obligations when due?

**VOTE RESULTS:**

**PROPOSITION V.c.**

YES	195
NO	127
TOTAL VOTES	322

**VOTE RESULTS FOR THREE BOARD OF EDUCATION MEMBER SEATS  
MAY 17, 2011**

**VOTE RESULTS:**

**BOARD MEMBERS**

Judy Moran	223
Robert Trotta	219
Kristen Panzer	87

**2. Approval of Purchase of two (2) 65 Passenger Buses**

This item was removed from the agenda until further information is received.

Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education approves the purchase of two (2) 65 passenger \_\_\_\_\_ buses;

FURTHER, BE IT RESOLVED, that the two 65 passenger buses will be purchased with \_\_\_\_\_ Funds as authorized by the voters at the May 17, 2011 Annual Vote.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

The following topics were commented on by audience members:  
-more information on the Gold Medal for Chorus

**BOARD OF EDUCATION**

A Board member thanked Marilyn Unger for her years of service with the District and wished her the best in retirement. She also thanked John Rocanova for applying for the grant.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Mr. Herald made and Mrs. Boyd seconded a motion to adjourn to executive session at 10:00 pm for the purpose of discussing the employment history of a particular person or persons.

Ayes 7      Nays 0      The motion carried.

**RECONVENE PUBLIC SESSION**

Mr. Herald made and Mrs. Boyd seconded a motion to adjourn the executive session and to reconvene the public session at 10:45 pm.

Ayes 7      Nays 0      The motion carried.

**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, Mr. Perotti made and Mrs. Boyd seconded a motion to adjourn the meeting of May 23, 2011 at 11:15 pm.

Ayes 7      Nays 0      The motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Therese M. Trotter  
District Clerk