

The Webutuck Board of Education held their May 9, 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 9, 2011 to order at 7:35 p.m.

PUBLIC COMMENT

There were no comments from the public.

2011-2012 PUBLIC BUDGET HEARING

Mr. Matteo made and Mr. Herald seconded a motion to open the Public Budget Hearing.

Ayes 7 Nays 0 The motion carried.

The Superintendent presented a brief overview of the proposed budget by PowerPoint. He pointed out to the audience where they could find copies of a more detailed budget for their review and that he would be happy to answer any questions the audience has. He showed the history of the Webutuck budget from 2007-2008 school year to the present proposed budget. He noted that the budget was up .5 of 1%, that State Aid was down by about 12% which caused the tax levy to be up 5.2% or about 1.7 each of those years.

He spoke about the District's enrollment history which has declined in recent years but presently seems to have leveled out at about 787. He spoke about the current class sizes and the incoming class sizes. The principles that were guiding budget consideration were to preserve the Webutuck core educational program and that any reductions will be based on enrollment to protect the integrity of the program. He stated the reductions as follows: teacher retirements, business office, support staff, reduced stipends, curriculum and professional development, CAPE counselor contractual services and BOCES services. He went over state aid projections from this year to next year. He noted revenues for the District; the tax levy at \$12,124,186, other revenues will be interest earned to late payments on taxes etc., using reserve funds and fund balance while state aid will be reduced. Lastly, he stated next year's budget will be \$20,227,770 which will be an increase of \$446,813 or 2.26% from last year. Discussion ensued.

Mr. Perotti made and Mr. Matteo seconded a motion to close the Public Budget Hearing.
Ayes 7 Nays 0 The motion carried.

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Mrs. McEnroe stated grades 3-8 has begun their State testing in ELA, Math and Science. She stated that students have expressed frustration over the testing which she will pass on to the State. Mrs. McEnroe stated kindergarten classes are high for Webutuck, there are 22 to 23 students in a classroom where in the past we have had 17 to 18 students per class.

WES hosted the first annual doll and tea party and it was a great success. She thanked the PTA for helping and supporting that event. Lastly, Mrs. McEnroe noted that the students get nervous about the State exams.

Mr. Sauer also noted the middle school students show stress with regards to State testing. He mentioned the high school students were stressed with the AP exams this past week.

Dr. Mazzearella from DCC will come in to speak on dual enrollment courses this week as a discussion topic. (where students get school and college credit) Anyone who is interested may attend. He noted spring sports are going well. A large number of kids are involved which is great to see. The Prom is next Friday. Lastly he noted 96 colleges came to Webutuck last week for the College Fair. Dover and Millbrook etc brought students over for the event. It was a very good turnout.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

The Superintendent attended the Rural School Summit this past week. He stated the President of NYSCOSS outlined the new seven point plan that NYSSBA is trying to influence the Legislature to implement in terms of reform such as mandate relief and new regulations. He also noted that Skip Holst from Newcomb High School spoke about their program up in the Adirondacks. The school has a total of fifty-five students K-12. They now are bringing in F1 foreign students. F1 students must pay tuition and room and board. They believe that will bring in revenue to the District. Mr. Holst spoke about impact of the students on the school and community which was very favorable.

The Superintendent noted the Board of Regents will vote next week on APPR.

John Dux from IBM showed up with ten people along with some of our people and built several more beds for gardening with John Perotti providing soil.

John Roccanova received a grant for \$1800 for a carving machine that will be added to the technology program.

PTA indicated they will have a Meet the Candidates Night at 6:00 pm here in the library and at 7:30 there will be a spring concert in the auditorium.

There is a sign up in school for next week to bring your students by the garden and see what is happening. It was noted that that event needs to be promoted better.

DISCUSSION

1. RFP Internal Auditor/Legal Services

The Business Manager received three responses for each one and she is willing to meet with the Finance Chairperson to discuss them. She will be putting together a synopsis of those for the Board members.

2. Bid Results for Waste Oil

The Business Manager stated she received two Bids for waste oil; however, highest bid did not complete the document so it cannot be accepted. Therefore, the Board can award it to the only qualified bidder which is noted later in the agenda.

3. Extension of NECC Lease

Jenny Hansell reached out with a draft agreement between the District and NECC which the Business Manager reviewed. She proposed a month to month lease after the summer and the dollar amount is blank. The Business Manager recommends getting them through the summer and then revisit the lease with a tentative date of September 30. It will be up to the Board if you want to maintain the same rate. The Business Manager noted the safety concern with the playground there and it has been roped off. Jenny Hansell has been advised of the safety concern.

A Board member pointed out at Millerton Elementary School there is a hazard where the equipment playground was ripped up, it is roped off but still a hazard.

4. Grades 4-6 Schedule Next Year

The Superintendent looked at the potential moving of grades 4, 5, and 6 to the High School schedule. He stated he worked with transportation to identify all the bus runs and that there is enough seats for all students, looked at scheduling and staff and looked at the benefits of the students being on the secondary schedule. He recommends moving the grades 4, 5, and 6 to the secondary schedule. A Board member needed clarification on the departmentalized portion for structure. Mrs. McEnroe explained what the grade level structure would look like. Discussion ensued. A survey will be going out to all students that will identify areas of interest. Board members were concerned about the timeline of implementing the survey and data gathering and reporting. Discussion ensued.

CONSENSUS AGENDA VOTE

Mr. Herald made and Mr. Perotti 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 7 Nays 0 The motion carried.

CLERK'S REPORT

*1. Approval of Minutes for April 18 and April 26, 2011 Board meetings.

Mr. Herald made and Mr. Perotti seconded a motion to accept the minutes as submitted:

Ayes 7 Nays 0 The motion carried.

*2. Treasurer's Report for the month ending April.

Mr. Herald made and Mr. Perotti seconded a motion to accept the minutes as submitted:
Comprehensive Budget Status Report ending April.

Comprehensive Revenue Status Report ending April.
Acceptance of Financial Reports as Submitted.
Warrants #67-73

Ayes 7 Nays 0 The motion carried.

3. Delegations - None

4. 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) Health Aide, 3.5 hours day, 180 day employee

Salary: \$12.47/hour

(No Health/Dental Benefits)

Ayes 7 Nays 0 The motion carried.

***2. Approval of Job Description**

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 approves the job description for Health Aide.

Ayes 7 Nays 0 The motion carried.

***3. Leave of Absence**

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 unpaid, medical Leave of Absence:

Donna Merritt

Teaching Assistant

Effective: approximately May 31, 2011-June 24, 2011

Ayes 7 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 resignation for the purpose of retirement for the following individual:

Robert Clinch

Bus Driver

Effective: May 27, 2011

Ayes 7 Nays 0 The motion carried.

***5. Substitute Support Staff Appointments**

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 Substitute Support Staff appointments:

Trisha Gop

Substitute Monitor

Effective: May 10, 2011

Salary: \$11.29/hour

Robert Clinch

Effective: May 31, 2011

Ayes 7 Nays 0

Substitute Bus Driver

Salary: \$16.80/hour

The motion carried.

***6. Substitute Instructional Appointments**

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 Substitute Instructional appointments:

Jill Simmons

Effective: May 10, 2011

Certified Substitute Teacher

Salary: \$90/day

Jeffrey Albanesius

Effective: May 10, 2011

Substitute Teacher

Salary: \$80/day

Ayes 7 Nays 0

The motion carried.

***7. Appointment of Officials and Election Inspectors for the May 17, 2011 School Budget Vote for the 2011-2012 School Year**

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

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education hereby approves the appointment of the following persons for the May 17, 2011 School Budget Vote,

PERMANENT CHAIRPERSON & CHIEF ELECTION INSPECTOR:

Richard G. Howard

INSPECTORS OF ELECTION

Pat Boice

Diane Price

Pat Ambrose

Dorothy Newvine

Jane Rossman

Joan Murphy

Helen Mann

Dorothy Newvine

Jean DeWitt

Rudy Eschbach

Peg Coon

Arlene Iuliano

Frieda Thompson

Mary Clinton

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board of Education requires the Chairperson and each Election Inspector to sign a statement certifying receipt of the "Responsibilities and the Rules of Conduct for School Board Elections",

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Board of Education authorizes the District Clerk to appoint additional officials and inspectors if necessary.

Ayes 7 Nays 0

The motion carried.

BUSINESS AND OPERATIONS

1. Approval of Settlement

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

Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education of the Webutuck Central School District authorizes the Superintendent to enter into a stipulation of settlement on its behalf to resolve all claims in a matter involving student #900000675 and students #900000676 on the terms and conditions reviewed by the Board of Education.

Ayes 7 Nays 0 The motion carried.

***2. Approval of Extension of Lease Agreement with NECC**

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 of Webutuck Central School approves the extension of the Lease Agreement with NECC to rent a portion of MES (agreement attached).

Ayes 7 Nays 0 The motion carried.

***3. Approval of the Nutrikids Online Pre-payment Agreement**

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 approves the Nutrikids Online Pre-payment Agreement for the 2011-2012 school year.

Ayes 7 Nays 0 The motion carried.

***4. Acceptance of Waste Oil Bid**

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 accepts the highest bidder of Waste Oil (see attached).

Ayes 7 Nays 0 The motion carried.

***5. Approval of Red Cross Agreement**

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 approves the Red Cross Agreement for the purpose of providing Red Cross AED/CPR training and materials for the 2011-2012 school year.

Ayes 7 Nays 0 The motion carried.

***6. Approval of Payroll Schedule**

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 approves the payroll schedule for the 2011-2012 school year.

Ayes 7 Nays 0 The motion carried.

7. Authorization for Tax Refund

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

WHEREAS, by Order of Honorable Stephen R. Hunter, Supreme Court of the State of New York, County of Dutchess, dated April 15, 2011, in the matter of Small Claims Assessment Review for the 2010 assessment year were adjusted in favor of petitioner, P. Barlett Wu and Arlouine g. Wu, for property owned in the Town of Amenia, in the Webutuck Central School District, Tax Parcel No. 13200-7067-00-620205-0000, 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 2010-2011 school year, said taxes should be based on assessed value of \$118,810 instead of \$127,610 less STAR Exemption. The taxes levied were \$1,521.63 and should be \$1,416.69.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Business Administrator is hereby authorized to correct the 2010 assessment 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 2010-2011 school year, said refund in the amount of \$ 104.93

Ayes 7 Nays 0 The motion carried.

***8. Approval of Surplus Equipment**

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 list of technology equipment and other miscellaneous equipment (lists attached) be declared surplus.

Ayes 7 Nays 0 The motion carried.

9. Approval of the Needham Risk Management CPR/AED Agreement

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

Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education hereby approves Needham Risk Management Resource Group, L.L.C. agreement for CPR/AED training for Webutuck School District employees.

Ayes 7 Nays 0 The motion carried.

Mr. Herald made and Mr. Matteo seconded a motion to approve the change for the 4-6 grade time schedule to the 7-12 grade schedule 7:30 am - 2:15 pm for the 2011-2012 school year.

Ayes 7 Nays 0 The motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT

The following comments were made by audience members:

When will parents find out about new 4-6 grade schedule change for next year.

Time in executive session

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mr. Herald made and Mr. Perotti seconded a motion to adjourn to executive session at 9:25 pm for the purpose of discussing the employment history of a particular person or persons.

Ayes 7 Nays 0 The motion carried.

John Perotti left at 10:30 p.m.

Casey Swift left 10:50 p.m.

RECONVENE PUBLIC SESSION

Mr. Matteo made and Mrs. Boyd seconded a motion to adjourn the executive session and

to reconvene the public session at 11:01 pm.

Ayes 5 Nays 0 The motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Mr. Matteo made and Mrs. Boyd seconded a motion to adjourn the meeting of May 9, 2011 at 11:01 pm.

Ayes 5 Nays 0 The motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,
Therese M. Trotter
District Clerk