

The Northeast (Webutuck) Board of Education held their September 13, 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

John Perotti

Casey Swift

Also Present:

Steven D. Schoonmaker, Superintendent

Mary Grden, School Business Manager

Therese Trotter, District Clerk

Absent:

Joseph Herald

CALL TO ORDER

President Culver called the business meeting of September 13, 2010 to order at 7:40 p.m.

PUBLIC COMMENT

The following topics were discussed by audience members:

- Pre-K last minute change
- lack of additional nurse in District
- age discrepancy of students visiting one nurse office
- replacing nurse who resigned
- health and safety of students important
- four-year-olds riding a big school bus
- no opportunity for parent discussion on Pre-K change

PRESENTATION: Summer Math Curriculum Project

Rosanna Hamm, the Math Department Head summarized the summer math curriculum that a team of teachers worked on this past summer. The teachers represented Kindergarten through sixth grades. Betty Chin from Ulster BOCES came to guide the team in the math curriculum writing. Ms. Chin will be back several more times over the course of this year to work with the teachers. Mrs. Hamm spoke about the team identifying the benchmarks (E2) that have to be mastered and that teachers worked horizontally across the grade and vertically so that concepts did not have large gaps and were not repeated. Teachers will do benchmarks at the end of the semester which helps identify students who show weakness and also shows weakness in the program. The benchmark assessments will be given in the same method as the NY State assessments. They will be scored by the same teachers who give the assessment to establish more reliable and valid data. Superintendent thanked the Committee for their hard work. Discussion ensued.

Principal's Reports

Ms. McEnroe, WES and EBIS Principal reported that the opening of school has started well and the pre-k students adjusted very well as did the kindergarten classes. She noted that the elementary BET met today to solidify their goals and discuss their action plan for the year.

Mr. Oates, Jr./Sr. High School Principal thanked the Board members for their commitment to the District. He reported that the first days of school went well. He and Mr. Wood met with all of the students in the first two days to discuss expectations. He also commented that he had a chance to talk with the teachers who have been very receptive. He noted coming events: Jr./Sr./ High School Curriculum Night is September 22 and Spirit Week has been scheduled for September 27 through October 1. He commented that he is working on the high school schedule that needs to be revised due to conflicts that popped up the first days of school. Lastly he noted that the enrollment was at 381 for Grades 7-12.

DISCUSSION

1. Athletic Trainer

The Superintendent and HS nurse interviewed a potential Athletic Trainer. They discussed hours, schedule and types of things this person might and/or might not be able to do. He hopes to have a decision relatively quickly to support the nurse.

2. New School Sign

The Superintendent explained that he had approached Mr. Roccanova, the technology teacher, to ask if his class could build a new school sign that displays school information. Mr. Roccanova felt it was not something he could do this year. However, the Vocational BOCES is interested in working on the sign with us. The Superintendent sent several designs, including the solar plan to them for review. He stated that the cost will be materials only. Discussion ensued.

3. NYSSBA Policy Service

The Superintendent reiterated that this is not a process by where they send a policy book and the Board adopts the whole book. They will send draft policies one or two sections at a time and the Board Policy committee will review them. The policies can be amended to fit more closely to Webutuck's circumstances if the Board sees the need. The Superintendent emphasized that with this service the District will be in legal compliance. NYSSBA will produce the book for us with policies that the Board has approved. The on-going service provides up-to-date sample policies based on commission decisions, legal opinions, etc. The Superintendent highly recommends the service because it provides coverage from a liability stand point, but even more importantly, it establishes process and procedures the District has established. Discussion ensued.

CONSENSUS AGENDA VOTE

Mr. Matteo made and Mr. McGhee seconded the following motion to approve the consent agenda as amended.

The amendment by Mrs. Boyd called for removing the minutes under Clerks Report and removing # 6 under Personnel for further discussion Mr. McGhee questioned the probationary time for # 7 and #8 under Personnel. The Superintendent explained the probationary time noted. 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 August 9, August 30 and September 7, 2010 Board meetings.

Mr. Perotti made and Mrs. Swift seconded a motion to approve the minutes as submitted. A Board member went over revisions for the August 9, and August 30 minutes which shall be amended.

Ayes 6 Nays 0 The motion carried.

2. Acceptance of Financial Reports as Submitted

Mr. Matteo made and Mr. McGhee seconded a motion to approve the financial reports as submitted.

Treasurer's Report for the month ending June, July
Comprehensive Budget Status Report ending July
Comprehensive Revenue Status Report ending July
Warrants #8 – 15

Ayes 6 Nays 0 The motion carried.

3. Delegations - None

4. Non-Staff Communications - None

PERSONNEL

***1. Support Staff Resignation**

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

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

Barry Bullymont Monitor
Effective: September 7, 2010

Ayes 6 Nays 0 The motion carried.

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

Mr. Matteo made and Mr. McGhee 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 appointments:

Mentees	Mentor
Stefanie Hoelderlin - Reading	Renee Palmer -Kindergarten
Paige Wagner - Kindergarten	Michelle Smith - Kindergarten

David Friedmann - Sp. Ed.
April Whalen - PreK
Anna Duffy - Secondary Science
Julie Taft - Guidance
Madeline Ramos - Spanish
Robert Bredow – Earth Science

Tammy Nethercott - Sp. Ed.
Allison Lape-Karpf - 1st Grade
Christine Gillette – 7 & 8 Gr.
Cara Tomasetti - Psychologist
Susan Harrington – German
David Reagan

Ayes 6 Nays 0 The motion carried.

***3. Substitute Support Staff Appointments**

Mr. Matteo made and Mr. McGhee 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:

Patrick Ivain	Substitute Custodial Worker
Effective: September 14, 2010	\$13.36/hour

Katherine Van Anden	Substitute Monitor
Effective: September 8, 2010	\$11.29/hr.

Robert McGhee	Substitute Bus Driver
Effective: September 8, 2010	\$16.80/hr.

Lonnie Vater	Substitute Teacher Aide/Assistant
Effective: September 14, 2010	\$11.96/hour

Melissa Carr	Substitute Bus Driver
Effective: September 8, 2010	\$16.80/hr.

Ayes 6 Nays 0 The motion carried.

***4. Substitute Instructional Appointment**

Mr. Matteo made and Mr. McGhee 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:

Jenesis Campbell	Substitute Teacher
Effective: September 14, 2010	\$90/day

Ayes 6 Nays 0 The motion carried.

***5. Leave of Absence**

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

Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education hereby approves the following Leave of Absence as authorized by the Family Medical Leave Act:

Jennifer Jaffe	Kindergarten Teacher
Effective: September 1, 2010 – October 8, 2010	

Ayes 6 Nays 0 The motion carried.

6. Extra-Curricular Appointments for the 2010-2011 School Year

This was removed from the consent agenda for further discussion. A Board member noted Andre Lesseur had been previously approved as modified boys soccer coach. After further discussion in executive session, the Board may decide to amend Andre Lesseur's appointment. Discussion ensued.

Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education hereby approves the following extra-curricular appointments:

Henry Pollinger	Modified Boys Soccer
Courtney Dye	Modified Field Hockey
Julie Taft	Class Advisor 2011

***7. Amendment of Instructional Appointment**

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

Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education hereby amends the tenure area for the following Instructional Appointment:

Anna Duffy	Secondary Biology
Effective: September 1, 2009	Probation ends: August 31, 2012
Tenure Area: Secondary Biology	
Ayes 6 Nays 0	The motion carried.

***8. Amendment of Instructional Appointment**

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

Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education hereby amends the probationary period for the following Instructional Appointment:

Michelle Nowak	Secondary Biology
Effective: September 1, 2010	Probation ends: August 31, 2012
Tenure Area: Secondary Biology	Replaces: Donna Gallo
Ayes 6 Nays 0	The motion carried.

BUSINESS AND OPERATIONS

1. Other

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

The Superintendent reported on the upcoming Spirit week (September 27 – October 1) and explained about the events that will be happening. He noted October 2nd as Community Day and noted the blood drive taking place that day.

Last year, Webutuck Elementary and Eugene Brooks Intermediate School had monthly focus activities in terms of building spirit and character education. The Superintendent will be taking that concept and incorporating it in all buildings, applying it across the District.

The Superintendent stated he received the first draft of the building condition survey

which is being reviewed. He also stated he and the Business Manager will be reporting the audit results to the Finance Committee as well as the whole Board in the near future.

Lastly he reported that the opening of school went smoothly.

BOARD OF EDUCATION

1. Approval of NYSSBA Policy Service

Mrs. Boyd 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 the NYSSBA Policy Service at a cost of \$9,500 (payable over two budget years).

Ayes 5 Nays 1 The motion carried.
Mr. Perotti was the dissenter.

2. Approval of Transfer of Amenia Elementary building

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

WHEREAS, the Board of Education of the Webutuck Central School District ("District") owns certain real property located at 4988 Route 22 in the Town of Amenia commonly referred to as the Amenia Elementary School ("Amenia Elementary School"); and

WHEREAS, by vote on May 19, 2009, District voters approved the transfer of the Amenia Elementary School to the Town of Amenia ("Town"), for use as Town offices; and

WHEREAS, subsequently, the Town agreed that, should the District be in need of office or storage space, at any time during the next twenty (20) years, that it would have access to space in the Amenia Elementary School ("Use Agreement"); and

WHEREAS, the parties are prepared to transfer the Amenia Elementary School and to enter into the Use Agreement regarding the potential use of rooms;

IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED, that the Board of Education approves the transfer of the Amenia Elementary School, approves the Use Agreement and authorizes the Board President to sign any and all documents to complete the transfer of title to the Amenia Elementary School and to execute the Use Agreement.

Ayes 6 Nays 0 The motion carried.

3. A Board member reminded the other Board members that the Board President is spokesperson for the media.

PUBLIC COMMENT

The following topics were commented on by audience members:

- # students on 5:00 pm bus
- procedure for signing up for 5:00 pm bus
- Delora Brooks portrait of father

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mr. McGhee made and Mrs. Boyd seconded a motion to adjourn to executive session at

9:27 pm for the purpose of discussing the employment history of a particular person or persons.

Ayes 6 Nays 0 The motion carried.

Mr. Perotti left at 10:50 pm.

RECONVENE PUBLIC SESSION

Mrs. Boyd made and Mrs. Swift seconded a motion to adjourn the executive session and to reconvene the public session at 10:55 pm.

Ayes 5 Nays 0 The motion carried

Mrs. Swift made and Mr. Matteo 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 appointments only:

Andre Lesseur	Modified Girls Soccer
Henry Pollinger	Modified Boys Soccer
Courtney Dye	Modified Field Hockey

Ayes 5 Nays 0 The motion carried

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

Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education hereby approve the following individual for employment for the 2010-2011 school year:

Brenna Lape	Athletic Trainer
Effective: September 14, 2010	Salary: \$25/hr. plus benefits

Ayes 5 Nays 0 The motion carried

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Mrs. Boyd made and Mr. McGhee seconded a motion to adjourn the meeting of September 13, 2010 at 10:56 pm.

Ayes 5 Nays 0 The motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Therese M. Trotter
District Clerk