

The Webutuck Board of Education held their August 30, 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 arrived at 7:45 pm

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 August 30, 2010 to order at 7:35 p.m.

PUBLIC COMMENT

The following topics were discussed by audience members:

-WTA contract not signed

-teacher not working in a classroom

DISCUSSION

1. NYSSBA Policy Services

This service would allow the District policies to be up-to-date in a short period of time and the cost would be spread over two or three years. Policies provide the greatest protection in regards to liability but also it is the schools foundation. The District is in the process of updating all of its procedures and updating the policy book would be in line with that process. The Superintendent explained what the policy service provides. There were concerns expressed about the service providing boiler plate policies and that there would be policies we would not need for our District. Discussion ensued.

2. Amenia Building Transfer

Tomorrow the Business Manager and Superintendent will walk the Amenia Elementary Building floor plan and indicate which rooms the District wants. After that distinction the building transfer can be signed. Discussion ensued.

CONSENSUS AGENDA VOTE

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

The amendment by Mr. McGhee called for removing #2 and # 5, #6 under Personnel and

Mr. Matteo removed #9, #12 under Personnel for further discussion in executive session. 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 2, August 16, and August 24, 2010 Board meetings. Mrs. Boyd made and Mr. Matteo seconded a motion to approve the minutes as submitted.

Ayes 6 Nays 0 The motion carried.

2. Delegations -None

3. Non-Staff Communications -None

PERSONNEL

***1. Support Staff Resignations**

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

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

James Morse Custodial Worker
Effective: September 11, 2010

Debra Pinckney Teacher Aide
Effective: August 31, 2010
Ayes 6 Nays 0 The motion carried.

2. Support Staff Appointments

This item was removed from the consent agenda for further discussion in executive session.

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

Sherry Justry Bus Driver
Effective: September 1, 2010 Step 3, \$17.90/hour

Mary Brandt Bus Driver
Effective: September 1, 2010 Step 2, \$17.37/hour

Virgil Shook Probationary Bus Driver
Effective: September 1, 2010 Step 1, \$16.87/hour

Louis Simmons Probationary Bus Driver
Effective: September 1, 2010 Step 1, \$16.87/hour

David Cookingham
Effective: September 1, 2010

Probationary Bus Driver
Step 1, \$16.87/hour

Gladys Chapman
Effective: September 12, 2010

Full Time Custodial Worker
Step 4, \$14.66/hour
Replaces: James Morse

Brendha Cedano Rivera
Effective: September 1, 2010

Full Time Teacher Aide
Step 2, \$12.38/hour
Replaces: Debra Pinckney

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

Mrs. Boyd 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:

Frank Secord
Andre Lasseur

Girls Junior Varsity Soccer coach
Modified Boys Soccer coach

Ayes 6 Nays 0 The motion carried.

***4. Substitute Support Staff Appointments**

Mrs. Boyd 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 Substitute Support Staff appointments:

Douglas Westfall
Effective: September 1, 2010 \$16.80 /hour

Substitute Bus Driver

Douglas Westfall
Effective: September 1, 2010 \$13.50 /hour

Substitute Maintenance Worker

Lonnie Vater
Effective: September 1, 2010 \$11.29 /hour

Substitute Bus Monitor

Lonnie Vater
Effective: September 1, 2010 \$10.69 /hour

Substitute Food Services Helper

Ayes 6 Nays 0 The motion carried.

5. Instructional Appointments

This item was removed 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 following Instructional appointments:

Kristen Chadwick
Effective: September 1, 2010

Home School Liaison/Job Coach
Salary: \$40.37/hour without benefits

Robert Bredow
Effective: September 1, 2010

Secondary Earth Science Teacher
Tenure Area: Earth Science

Probationary Period: September 1, 2010 – August 31, 2013

Annual Salary = Step 6, plus MA

Replaces: Bonnie Parmelee

6. Instructional Resignation

This item was removed from the consent agenda for further discussion in executive session.

Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education hereby accepts the following Instructional Resignation for the purpose of retirement:

Thomas Marshall

Social Worker

Effective: August 30, 2010

***7. Approval of CSE Chairperson Stipend**

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

Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, BE IT RESOLVED the Board of Education approves the following stipend:

Robert Wood CSE Chairperson \$7,000
(no increase from previous year)

Ayes 6 Nays 0 The motion carried.

***8. Approval of Tax Collector Stipend**

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

Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, BE IT RESOLVED the Board of Education approves the following stipend:

Emma Jaromin Tax Collector \$5,068
(no increase from previous year)

Ayes 6 Nays 0 The motion carried.

9. Appointment of Assistant to the Athletic Director

This item was removed from the consent agenda for further discussion in executive session.

Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, BE IT RESOLVED the Board of Education approves the following appointment:

Judy Westfall

Assistant to the Athletic Director

10. Approval of Administrative Contract

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

A question was asked about what the proposed principal salary was budgeted at. It was \$95,000.

Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, BE IT RESOLVED the Board of Education approves the negotiated contract between Kenneth Sauer and Webutuck Central School District as proposed:

2010-2011 (prorated to reflect actual starting date) \$110,000

2011-2012 \$110,000

Ayes 5 Nays 1 The motion carried.

Mrs. Swift was the only dissenter.

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

Mrs. Boyd 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 appointment:

Aaron Kelly Boys Varsity Soccer Coach

Ayes 6 Nays 0 The motion carried.

12. Approval of Revised Title

This item was removed 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 revision of the following administrator's title:

Robert Wood Director of Physical Education and
Athletic Director

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

The Superintendent spoke about getting ready for the beginning of school and that the District is ready for staff and students to begin the year. He announced that the District has switched Student Information Systems; it went from SASSI which has been phased out and going forward it will be School Tools.

He spoke about the Weekly Warrior Newsletter which will be a new information source for parents, community members and staff. He stated that community members can send us their email addresses (doclerk@webutuckschools.org) so we may send them the newsletter via email. He stated they will also be able to be found in the banks, libraries and grocery stores in Amenia and Millerton as well as NECC. He spoke about ongoing negotiations with NECC to use the MES building as well as Community Day being tentatively scheduled for October 2 this year.

BOARD OF EDUCATION

1. Approval of Revised Meeting Dates

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

The Board President announced that Board of Education meetings will now take place

the first and third Mondays of the month.

Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Webutuck School District approves the revised Board meeting Dates for the 2010-2011 school year.

Ayes 6 Nays 0 The motion carried.

The Board President spoke about Wappingers School District that has a section on their webpage called Parent Portal where parents can get information on their children such as grades. He would like to be able to have that available to our parents. The Superintendent will look into it. Discussion ensued.

The Board President stated the Board Committees were not complete yet.

The number of athletes that need the sports bus for the fall is enough to justify bringing the 5:00 pm bus back. That number will fluctuate due to games, therefore, a process by which to determine if there is a need for a sports bus each day was decided upon. Discussion ensued.

PUBLIC COMMENT

The following topics were discussed by audience members:

- Aaron Howard's position
- Ken Sauer
- revised meeting dates
- policy services
- athletic department
- Class of 2011
- teachers need to teach

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mr. McGhee made and Mr. Matteo seconded a motion to adjourn to executive session at 8:40 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 Mrs. Boyd seconded a motion to adjourn the executive session and to reconvene the public session at 11:03 pm.

Ayes 6 Nays 0 The motion carried.

Support Staff Appointments

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Mr. Culver and Mr. Matteo were the dissenters.

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Therese M. Trotter
District Clerk