

The Webutuck Board of Education held their October 18, 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

John Perotti

Casey Swift

Also Present:

Steven D. Schoonmaker, Superintendent

Mary Grden, School Business Manager

Therese Trotter, District Clerk

Absent:

Joseph Herald

William McGhee

CALL TO ORDER

President Culver called the business meeting of October 18, 2010 to order at 7:39 p.m.

PUBLIC COMMENT

The following topics were discussed by audience members:

-fill nurse position

PRINCIPALS' REPORTS

Mr. Sauer reported on the week since he has been back. He spoke to each class from Grades 9-12 to discuss language and dress code expectations. He will meet with the class officers once a month. Mr. Sauer discussed the students in the GED program. The students stated they had made mistakes when in school and they got behind, the GED teacher feel they are well prepared at this time and will be testing sometime in May. Mr. Sauer plans to reach out to dropouts so they are aware of the GED program opportunity here at Webutuck. Lastly, he mentioned he would like to increase school spirit and school pride.

Mrs. McEnroe agreed with Mr. Sauer that the school environment is pretty calm overall. She commented that homecoming week was enjoyable because the whole complex Grades 4-12 participated and it was a nice feeling. Mrs. McEnroe reported the Elementary BET met and will have finalized goals in the next couple of weeks. The BET is looking at instructional practices in the classroom, co-teaching models, NYS scores as well as local assessments. Grades 4-6 are not moving to the earlier time this year but they are still working towards a better schedule. Board member asked if discussion for the earlier start time for next year is still ongoing. The Principal did say they are still reviewing the change for the future.

DISCUSSION

1. Field Trip Form

The Superintendent spoke about field trip form and process. The process needs to be more detailed and the form previously was only a Transportation Request form. The updated form is in the Board packet. The Superintendent asked for the Board's approval to use the form. The Board members agreed.

2. Board Goals

A Board member commented that most of the draft goals pointed to the secondary level. A point was made that while aligning with State standards was prudent, the District should look towards mastery and not just meeting State standards. A completion date was discussed and decided that by the next Board meeting the Board should approve the goals. Any questions or comments can be sent to the Superintendent or Board President.

3. Elementary Report Cards

The K-6 report card format is now consistent throughout the elementary grades. The Superintendent would like the Board's approval to move forward in using the report cards. It was mentioned that Principal can get feedback after the report card goes out, on user friendliness for both teachers and parents. The Board approved of using the report cards. Discussion ensued.

4. Educational Summit

The Board had previously discussed how to better gather information and communicate with the Community. John Oates had used the Educational Summit at the different districts he had worked for and found it successful. The Summit allowed development of advisory groups that can give feed back on various topics and gather community input. The Board agreed that an Educational Summit would be advantageous. The Superintendent spoke further on a more informal forum with parents that could take place once a month at the school on a Saturday in the morning with coffee and donuts. The administrators and Superintendent are interested in hosting a forum such as this.

CONSENSUS AGENDA VOTE

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

The amendment by the Superintendent called for removing Sean Hosier from #1 under Personnel and Mary Grden called for removing #3 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 5 Nays 0 The motion carried.

CLERK'S REPORT

*1. Approval of Minutes for October 4, 2010 Board meeting.

Mr. Perotti made and Mr. Matteo seconded a motion to approve the minutes as submitted.

Ayes 5 Nays 0 The motion carried.

***2. Acceptance of Financial Reports as Submitted**

Mr. Perotti made and Mr. Matteo seconded a motion to accept the Financial Reports as submitted.

Treasurer's Report for the month ending August, September
Comprehensive Budget Status Report ending August, September
Comprehensive Revenue Status Report ending August, September
Warrants #16 – 22

Ayes 5 Nays 0 The motion carried.

3. Delegations - None

4. Non-Staff Communications - None

PERSONNEL

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

Mr. Perotti 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 for the 2010-2011 school year:

Christine Henderson	Student Council Co-Advisor
Anna Duffy	Student Council Co-Advisor
Salvatore Rosa	Varsity Boys' Basketball
Rebecca Knapp	Girls' Junior Varsity Cheerleading
Michelle Adrian	Girls' Varsity Cheerleading
Trisha Lawrence	Girls' Varsity Basketball

Ayes 5 Nays 0 The motion carried.

***2. Substitute Support Staff Appointments**

Mr. Perotti 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:

Helen Brandt	Substitute Bus Driver
Effective: October 19, 2010	\$16.80/hour
Jennifer Hafner	Substitute Teacher Aide/Assistant
Effective: October 19, 2010	\$11.96/hour

Ayes 5 Nays 0 The motion carried.

3. Revised Leave of Absence

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 following revised unpaid Leave of Absence.

Jennifer Jaffe	Elementary Education
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Effective: October 12, 2010- June 30, 2010
(Original Effective dates: September 1, 2010 – October 8, 2010)

***4. Substitute Instructional Appointments**

Mr. Perotti 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 Instructional appointments:

Carl Hood	Substitute Teacher
Effective: October 15, 2010	\$90.00/day

Jennifer Hafner	Substitute Teacher
Effective: October 15, 2010	\$90.00/day

Ayes 5 Nays 0 The motion carried.

***5. Amendment of Support Staff Appointment**

Mr. Perotti 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 support staff amendment for the 2010-2011 school year:

Trini Stevens	Substitute Cleaner
Effective: October 5, 2010	\$13.36/hour

Ayes 5 Nays 0 The motion carried.

BUSINESS AND OPERATIONS

1. Approval of NECC Lease

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

Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education hereby approves the NECC Lease between Northeast (Webutuck) Central School District and Northeast Community Center for the 2010-2011 school year and directs the Board President to sign the approved lease.

Ayes 5 Nays 0 The motion carried.

2. Authorization for Tax Adjustment

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

Upon the Recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, WHEREAS, the District has received an Application for Corrected Tax Roll for the Year 2010 for property located within the Webutuck Central School District, as follows:

Joan Williams - regarding property owned on 278 Sawchuck Rd. Box 245, in the Town of Millerton, described as Grid No. 133889-7172-00-935019-0000, on the basis that a clerical error was made, incorrect assessment by reason of exemption amount incorrectly calculated on roll. The taxes should be based on assessed value of \$58,210 instead of \$192,310. The taxes levied were \$2,388.66 and should be \$723.02; and WHEREAS, the Director and Investigator of Dutchess County Real Property Tax Service have determined, that a clerical error was made and the assessed value should be

changed, as described above, and has recommended that the Applications for Corrected Tax Roll should be approved; and

WHEREAS, we have examined such application and the County Director's recommendations and determine that a clerical error pursuant to Section 550(2)(b) of the Real Property Tax Law as made;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Application for Corrected Tax Roll for the Year 2010 be approved, that the tax rolls be corrected to reflect the correct assessment, as set forth above, and that notice of approval of such application and a corrected tax bill be issued to the applicant reflecting the change in assessment and taxes to be paid.

Ayes 5 Nays 0 The motion carried.

3. Authorization for Tax Adjustment

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

Upon the Recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, WHEREAS, the District has received an Application for Corrected Tax Roll for the Year 2010 for property located within the Webutuck Central School District, as follows:

Richard A. & Linda M. Da Gasta - regarding property owned on 24 Mountain View Road, in the Town of Amenia, described as Grid No. 132000-7168-00-318118-0000, on the basis that a clerical error was made, incorrect assessment by reason of assessment amount incorrectly calculated on roll. The taxes should be based on assessed value of \$329,110 instead of \$368,910. The taxes levied were \$4,398.90 and should be \$3,924.32; and

WHEREAS, the Director and Investigator of Dutchess County Real Property Tax Service have determined, that a clerical error was made and the assessed value should be changed, as described above, and has recommended that the Applications for Corrected Tax Roll should be approved; and

WHEREAS, we have examined such application and the County Director's recommendations and determine that a clerical error pursuant to Section 550(2)(b) of the Real Property Tax Law as made;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Application for Corrected Tax Roll for the Year 2010 be approved, that the tax rolls be corrected to reflect the correct assessment, as set forth above, and that notice of approval of such application and a corrected tax bill be issued to the applicant reflecting the change in assessment and taxes to be paid.

Ayes 5 Nays 0 The motion carried.

4. Acceptance of Donation

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 accepts the generous donation from H.G. Page and Sons, Inc. to the School District of equipment and tools valued at 1,525.07.

Ayes 5 Nays 0 The motion carried.

5. Acceptance of 2009-2010 Audit

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

Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education hereby accepts the June 30, 2010 District Financial Audit as presented by Sickler, Torchia, Allen and Churchill for the 2009 – 2010 school year.

Ayes 5 Nays 0 The motion carried.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

1. Next week is School Board Recognition Week; the Superintendent stated that the public does not necessarily realize the amount of volunteer time Board members put in. They deserve our gratitude for their service and we thank them.

He announced that the Instructional Council will attend a Curriculum Workshop this week with Heidi Hayes Jacobs who is the preeminent curriculum person in the Nation. The Superintendent went on to say that November 12 is our next Superintendent Conference where the focus will be technology updates, state mandates and professional development.

He stated that he incorrectly reported to the Board about the Vadir Report; the District has had a significant decrease in the number of what they call violent incidence not an increase as he first mentioned. Although, he pointed out that New York State calls a kindergartener pushing another kindergartener a violent incident.

The Superintendent introduced Andrew Schultz as our student representative for the Board of Education for this year. The Board President and Superintendent and Board members welcomed him.

BOARD OF EDUCATION

1. Fingerprinting update: the Board President asked if potential volunteers were notified that they no longer have to be fingerprinted. The Superintendent explained that volunteers needed fingerprints initially but due to a log jam at NYSED they no longer do. It was suggested we send that information out over a Key Communicator.

A Board member attended a Dutchess County School Board Association (DCSBA) meeting. She reported that it was very informative meeting and they asked why we had not joined this year. She also reported that there was a comment that we tend to isolate ourselves; Board members felt that was not true. At the meeting she received Superintendent Evaluation tools for the Board to look at.

It was stated that Board members needed to approve obtaining another entity to come in to review the District cafeteria program. The Board agreed that it would be a good idea, the School Business Manager will look into costs.

It was mentioned that not enough fresh food from the garden came to the kitchen. One of the reasons why fresh food didn't get to the kitchen is the growing season. Mr. Perotti reiterated that the garden should be tied to the FFA or if Mr. Roccanova is the liaison, the technology class should be tied to the garden.

Discussion was had about there being no surplus bids relative to the stoves however; a community member did need a stove and put in a request for it. The School Business Manager did not see the request. The Board President will follow up tomorrow and get the request to the Business Manager to act on.

Board President spoke about working with Board members and Board Recognition Week.

The Board President spoke about recent issues on athletic conduct. He stated that those involved all know we are trying to teach from it and we are working on it however, this is not acceptable. Going forward we are trying to do better.

PUBLIC COMMENT

The following topics were commented on by audience members:

- nurse here third meeting asking for additional nurse decision
- athletic Trainer comes at 1 or 2 pm
- state always changes information medically and educationally
- Code of Conduct for athletes and should be for coaches
- No JV coaches for basketball

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mr. Perotti made and Mrs. Swift seconded a motion to adjourn to executive session at 9:00 pm for the purpose of discussing the employment history of a particular person or persons.

Ayes 5 Nays 0 The motion carried.

RECONVENE PUBLIC SESSION

Mr. Matteo made and Mrs. Swift seconded a motion to adjourn the executive session and to reconvene the public session at 10:40 pm.

Ayes 5 Nays 0 The motion carried

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Mrs. Swift made and Mr. Matteo seconded a motion to adjourn the meeting of October 18, 2010 at 10:41 pm.

Ayes 5 Nays 0 The motion carried

Respectfully submitted,

Therese M. Trotter
District Clerk