

The Northeast (Webutuck) Board of Education held their September 20, 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 20, 2010 to order at 7:32 p.m.

PUBLIC COMMENT

The following topics were commented on by audience members:

-HS nurse vacancy

-# students in HS

PRINCIPALS' REPORTS

Mrs. McEnroe reported on the elementary parent night known as Partners in Learning for Pre-K through sixth grades. Parents met with teachers to hear about the upcoming school year academic expectations along with events happening through the year. She stated turnout was better than the previous year but she and the teachers are looking for ways to increase attendance for next year. She also reported that she was working with the parents to accommodate their requests for Pre-K.

Mr. Oates reported that he has been successful in regard to solving problems that had arose the first days of school such as balancing class sizes and freeing up teachers to do AIS support services particularly in math. He noted that the WTA was willing to work with him and agreed to the changes. He announced that Curriculum Night is this Wednesday, September 22. He put out an Alert Now last week with the information for the event and followed up with a Key Communicator today. He stated teachers are looking for new ways to get parents interested in Curriculum Night because they felt attendance had dropped off in the couple of years. He announced the upcoming Spirit Week for September 27 through October 1.

Rob Wood stated that the Student Council was working on the activities for the week. Each day of the week will have different themes culminating on Saturday with games, fundraising for classes and organizations and ending Saturday night with a Homecoming Dance. He stated the school to work students will be starting their jobs next week which is headed by Kristen Chadwick and she is also working on getting Rachel's Challenge up and running for the year. Mr. Wood reported that MSG Varsity will begin next week. The organization has given the District another \$2000 to buy additional equipment to support the program. He reminded the Board members that this organization provides \$2000 in scholarships for two students each year. Lastly, Mr. Wood thanked the Board for reinstituting the 5:00 pm bus run; approximately fifty students have been riding the bus home every night.

DISCUSSION

1. Policy #5820 Selection & Classification Policy

The old policy Webutuck used was very brief. The new policy is more in depth of the actual process.

2. Student Board of Education Representative

The Superintendent met with the student who had been recommended for the position. He reviewed expectations about the job and asked the student to take time to make sure he would want to serve as the student body representative. The Superintendent expected to hear back tomorrow from the student.

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 # 3 under Personnel. 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. Delegations -None
2. Non-Staff Communications -None

PERSONNEL

***1. 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:

Damian Whittaker

Class of 2011 Advisor

Jay Bradley

Play Instrumental Director

Lee Stowe, Chorus
Gina Tauro, Special Education
Ayes 6 Nays 0

Nancy Gagne, Band
Cindy Dietter-Smith, Special Ed.
The motion carried.

***2. 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:

Cindy Thomas
Effective: September 21, 2010

Substitute Food Services Worker

Rose Mary Lloyd
Effective: September 21, 2010
Ayes 6 Nays 0

Substitute Food Services Worker

The motion carried.

*3. Creation of Position

This item was removed from consent agenda for further discussion.

Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education hereby approves the creation of the position of Athletic Trainer and approves the job description for the position.

***4. Amendment of Job Title**

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 amendment of the following support staff:

Trisha Lawrence
Effective: September 1, 2010
Ayes 6 Nays 0

Teaching Assistant
(previously was Typist)

The motion carried.

CURRICULUM AND INSTRUCTION

1. Approval of Textbook

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

Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education hereby approves the following textbook; Music! Its Role and Importance In Our Lives, McGraw Hill 2006.

Ayes 6 Nays 0 The motion carried.

BUSINESS AND OPERATIONS

1. Approval of NECC Agreement

Mrs. Boyd made and Mrs. Swift seconded the following motion:

This document stipulates a lease agreement that is forth coming and it will be required to fulfill this Agreement. Discussion ensued.

Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education hereby approves the NECC Partnership Agreement between Northeast (Webutuck) Central School District and Northeast Community Center for the 2010-2011 school year.

Ayes 6 Nays 0 The motion carried.

2. Acceptance of Donation

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

Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education hereby approves the donation of two-hundred fifty (\$250) dollars from Claire Hertz to be used for the Arts in Education Fund.

Ayes 6 Nays 0 The motion carried.

3. Amend Adult Breakfast/Lunch Price

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

Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education hereby approves the amendment of the adult breakfast and lunch prices for the 2010-2011 school year as follows:

	2009-2010 Price	2010-2011 Price
Adult Breakfast	\$1.60 + tax	\$1.72 + tax
Adult Lunch	\$3.37 + tax	\$3.75 + tax

Ayes 6 Nays 0 The motion carried.

4. Approval of Budget Transfers

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

The Business Manager explained to a Board member what the transfers were for.

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

Ayes 6 Nays 0 The motion carried.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

The Superintendent announced two upcoming workshops that staff will be attending. The District will send up to ten individuals on October 13 to a Bullying seminar at BOCES. He noted that this is in relation to the Rachel's Challenge focus and school environment focus. On October 20 we will send a team of ten from the Instructional Council to a Curriculum Workshop at Millbrook Central School with the preeminent curriculum person in the nation. The Superintendent announced that he will be meeting Friday with the NYSSBA Policy services. After they review the District policy book they will provide a timeline for the next two years on developing the District policy book. He noted he had received a late call yesterday from Ken Sauer, he hopes to join us in early October.

The Superintendent spoke about looking at modifying the Grades 4 through 6 school day. He has been discussing the enhancement to curricular time with Ms. McEnroe and Mr. Heiser to coordinate this effort. It will help provide extra academic time and also help intervention students. The plan calls for bringing the fourth through sixth grades in

between 7:15 and 7:30 with the high school students at which point those students would have band and chorus. Students not in band or chorus would have enrichment, AIS or club activity. He noted that plans are being made to have a public forum next Wednesday at the high school to give caregivers a chance to speak about their concerns. Implementation of the schedule change would begin in two weeks. Board members had questions about the number of students not involved with band or chorus and what kind of classes would be offered to those students. Discussion ensued.

Lastly, the Superintendent stated he had spoken at the Berkshire Taconic Foundation and Imagine Amenia in the last couple of days. He thought both meetings were informative, constructive and very positive.

BOARD OF EDUCATION

1. First Reading of Policy #5820 Selection and Classification

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

Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education hereby approves the Policy #5820 Selection and Classification as presented for its first reading.

Ayes 6 Nays 0 The motion carried.

2. A Board member asked if there will be a pep rally for students. Mr. Wood stated that the pep rally will be next Friday.

BOARD OF EDUCATION QUESTIONS

1. A Board member suggested reminder call for the Curriculum Night this week and that information about the process for signing up for the 5:00 PM bus could be sent out through the Key Communicator or information written in the Weekly Warrior.

Other

Board of Education Standing Committees

WFFEE	Casey Swift
CSE/CPSE	Casey Swift, Joanne Boyd Alternate
DCSBA	Joanne Boyd
Emergency	Bill McGhee, Joe Matteo Alternate
Facility	Dale Culver, Chair, Joe Matteo, Bill McGhee
Audit/Finance	Joe Matteo, Chair, Dale Culver, Bill McGhee
Policy	Joe Herald, Chair, Joanne Boyd, John Perotti
Albany Connection	John Perotti
Negotiations	Dale Culver, Chair, Joe Herald, Casey Swift

PUBLIC COMMENT

The following topics were commented on by audience members:
There were no comments from the public.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mrs. Casey made and Mr. McGhee seconded a motion to adjourn to executive session at 8:27 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

Mrs. Swift made and Mrs. Boyd seconded a motion to adjourn the executive session and to reconvene the public session at 9:40 pm.

Ayes 6 Nays 0 The motion carried

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Mr. Perotti made and Mr. Matteo seconded a motion to adjourn the meeting of September 20, 2010 at 9:41 pm.

Ayes 6 Nays 0 The motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Therese M. Trotter
District Clerk