

BOARD OF EDUCATION – REGULAR MEETING  
TOWN OF WEBB UNION FREE SCHOOL DISTRICT  
TUESDAY, JANUARY 06, 2015  
LIBRARY  
6:30 PM

MEMBERS PRESENT: Kathy Nahor, Joseph Phaneuf and Anne Garbarino  
ABSENT: George Hildebrandt, Sharon Evans  
ALSO PRESENT: Rex Germer, John Swick, Jennifer Dunn and Diane Kull  
OTHERS PRESENT: Bill Burns

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m. by President, Kathy Nahor.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: Kathy Nahor suggested that an advertisement be placed in the local newspaper to publicize the fitness center hours. The Board of Education will meet with the Inlet Common School Trustees on Tuesday, January 20, 2015 at 5:15 pm for dinner.

APPROVAL: On the recommendation of the Board President, on a motion by J. Phaneuf, seconded by A. Garbarino, the Board voted to approve the minutes of the December 16, 2014 regular meeting.

Vote: Yes- 3 No- 0

APPROVAL: On the recommendation of the Board President, on a motion by J. Phaneuf, seconded by A. Garbarino, the Board voted to accept the warrants and claims:

WARRANTS & CLAIMS

#12 Fund A with 47 checks written for a total of \$130,607.82  
#9 Fund C with 7 checks written for a total of \$2,786.79  
#11 Fund TA with 20 checks written for a total of \$313,560.93  
#14 Fund TA with 1 check written for a total of \$27,717.68

Vote: Yes- 3 No- 0

APPROVAL: On the recommendation of the Committee on Special Education, on a motion by J. Phaneuf, seconded by A. Garbarino, the Board voted to approve the authorization of funds to implement the special education programs and services consistent with such recommendations, as needed.

CSE RECOMMENDATION

Vote: Yes - 3 No – 0

ACCEPTANCE: On the recommendation of the Superintendent, on a motion by J. Phaneuf, seconded by A. Garbarino, the Board voted to accept the letter of intent for purposes of retirement from Jane Tormey, Account Clerk/Typist, with regret and appreciation for her 20 years of service, effective July 30, 2015.

INTENT TO RETIRE

Vote: Yes- 3 No- 0

ACCEPTANCE: On the recommendation of the Superintendent, on a motion by J. Phaneuf, seconded by A. Garbarino, the Board voted to accept the resignation for retirement of Philip Petty, mathematics teacher, with regret and appreciation for his 13 years of service at the Town of Webb UFSD, effective June 30, 2015.

RESIGNATION FOR RETIREMENT

Vote: Yes- 3 No- 0

ACCEPTANCE: On the recommendation of the Superintendent, on a motion by J. Phaneuf, seconded by A. Garbarino, the Board voted to accept the letter of intent for purposes of retirement from Kirsten Down, Library Media Specialist, with regret and appreciation for her 25 years of service at the Town of Webb UFSD, effective June 30, 2015.

INTENT TO RETIRE

Vote: Yes- 3 No- 0

APPROVAL: On the recommendation of the Superintendent, on a motion by J. Phaneuf, seconded by A. Garbarino, the Board voted to authorized March Associates, Architects & Planners, PC to design the areas to reroof over the science labs and cafeteria area at an estimated cost of \$12,000.

ROOF DESIGN

Vote: Yes- 3 No- 0

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT: John Swick, Principal reviewed the following:

- Our scholastic book fair put on by our Librarian Kirsten Down sold 342 books that went home with our students, generating over 61,560 voluntary reading minutes!
- Thank you to our Mrs. Herrmann and our instrumental students involved in the Holiday Band concert performance on Wednesday, 12/17.
- The Student Council Volleyball Tournament held the Friday, 12/19 before break was a success. The faculty/staff team remained undefeated for the third year in a row!
- Kindergarten through second grades enjoyed an assembly entitled, “Have you filled your bucket today?” on Friday, 12/19.
- I hope everyone had an enjoyable break with friends and family.
- Eskimos of the Month were announced on Monday, 1/5. The video was posted today to our Facebook/Twitter accounts. Their picture was posted to our website today also.
- Modified sports began yesterday, 1/5, for both boys and girls.
- Only twelve school days to the close of 2nd Quarter/First Semester.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORTS: Rex Germer, Superintendent reviewed with the Board of Education: Happy New Year!

- If you haven't heard it on the news it is expected that Governor Cuomo will be leading his agenda with reform for teachers and schools. He has given us a glimpse of what he is expected to tackle in a letter written to the former commissioner and chancellor. More changes in law are anticipated to impact how schools operate and employ.
- We would normally be looking to formalize a tuition rate for the students that come to us from Inlet for grades 7-12. I have been in contact with the Inlet BOE and they are discussing the possibility of tuitioning all students to the Town of Webb in the near future. For this reason we will be holding off on an individual student tuition action as we explore the possibilities available to benefit both schools districts' students and taxpayers as we look toward the future.
- Looking at the roof replacement that is needed I would suggest we do a vote separate from our annual budget vote to ask the taxpayers to authorize this project. The timeline after a potential voter approval needed to obtain SED approvals would essentially cause this project to either skirt the winter months next year or not be able to be accomplished at all for another year. We can have the architect do the designing at about the 70% level simultaneous to a vote. If the voters approve the project we could then expedite an application to the state for review in an effort to get the project done this summer. It is anticipated that a special vote would cost in the neighborhood of \$1000 for the legal notices and poll watchers. If we do a mailing that would add money to the cost of the vote. The estimate for the project in its entirety is \$256,000.

CLERK PRO TEMP: Motion to appoint R. Germer as Clerk Pro Temp made by J. Phaneuf, seconded by A. Garbarino.

Vote: Yes –3 No – 0

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Motion made by J. Phaneuf, seconded by A. Garbarino, to enter into executive session at 7:03 p.m. to discuss collective negotiations related to the TOWTA Contract; litigation related to the former Superintendent; information related to a potential contract; the employment history of 6 teachers, 2 memo employees and two administrative unit employees and the health and safety of students.

Vote: Yes -3 No – 0

The collective negotiations related to the TOWTA Contract, litigation related to the former Superintendent; information related to a potential contract; the employment history of 6 teachers, 2 memo employees and two administrative unit employees and the health and safety of students were discussed, no action was taken.

REGULAR SESSION: Motion made by J. Phaneuf, seconded by A. Garbarino, to return to regular session at 8:22 p.m.

Vote: Yes - 3 No – 0

ADJOURNMENT: Motion made by A. Garbarino, seconded by J. Phaneuf, to adjourn the meeting at 8:23 p.m.

Vote: Yes - 3 No – 0