

BOARD OF EDUCATION – REGULAR MEETING
TOWN OF WEBB UNION FREE SCHOOL DISTRICT
TUESDAY, JANUARY 20, 2015
LIBRARY
6:30 PM

MEMBERS PRESENT: Kathy Nahor, George Hildebrant, Sharon Evans, Joseph Phaneuf and Anne Garbarino
ALSO PRESENT: Rex Germer, John Swick, Jennifer Dunn and Diane Kull
OTHERS PRESENT: Mary Anne Ryan, Giselle Kress, Brad Donovan, Christine Holt, Megan Ulrich

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

PUBLIC COMMENTS
BUDGETARY FORUM:

Giselle Kress suggested that a grief specialist be employed and gave statistics regarding students, parents and community members that could potentially benefit from counseling.

APPROVAL:
MINUTES 1/6/15

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 January 6, 2015 regular meeting.

Vote: Yes- 5 No- 0

APPROVAL:
WARRANTS & CLAIMS

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

- #13 Fund A with 59 checks written for a total of \$79,438.69
- #10 Fund C with 4 checks written for a total of \$1,695.92
- #3 Fund F with 1 check written for a total of \$96.90

Vote: Yes- 5 No- 0

APPROVAL:
TREASURER'S REPORT

On the recommendation of the Board President, on a motion by S. Evans, seconded by A. Garbarino, the Board voted to approve the Treasurer's Monthly Report for December 2014 as presented.

Vote: Yes- 5 No- 0

APPROVAL: ROOF
RECONSTRUCTION
PROJECT

On the recommendation of the Superintendent, on a motion made by G. Hildebrant, seconded by A. Garbarino, the Board approves the following proposition to be voted upon March 11, 2015 from 2-9:00 pm in the gymnasium:

Shall the Board of Education of the Town of Webb Union Free School District, Herkimer County be authorized to reconstruct portions of the existing District building to reconstruct the Town of Webb UFSD roof in the science room/labs and cafeteria, and expend therefore a gross sum not to exceed TWO HUNDRED FIFTY-SIX THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$256,000) or so much thereof as may be necessary, and to pay for such roof reconstruction from the unappropriated fund balance, at no additional taxes to the district residents?

Vote: Yes- 5 No- 0

APPROVAL:
SEQRA – ROOF
RECONSTRUCTION
PROJECT

On the recommendation of the Superintendent, on a motion by G. Hildebrant, seconded by J. Phaneuf, the Board voted to approve the SEQRA – on the roof in the science room/labs and cafeteria:
Main Building, Reconstruction, CSI Section(s) 7, 9
SED Control #21-19-01-02-0-001-018 - Roof Reconstruction Project

WHEREAS, the Board has received and reviewed the Scope of the Proposed Project prepared and submitted in connection with the Project, and has further received and considered the advice of its Architects and Engineers with regard to the environmental impact of the Project; now therefore

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Education of the Town of Webb Union Free School District as follows:

- a. The Board hereby determines in accordance with Article 8 (State Environmental Quality Review Act – SEQRA) of the Environmental Conservation Law that the Project is a Type II action which will not have a significant impact on the environment and is not subject to review under SEQRA.
- b. The Project is hereby approved and the Superintendent of Schools and all officers and employees of the District are authorized and directed to perform all actions and execute all documents necessary or appropriate to obtain the necessary funding, complete the Project and to carry out the intent of this resolution.

Vote: Yes – 5 No – 0

APPOINTMENT:
SUBSTITUTES

On the recommendation of the Superintendent, on a motion by G. Hildebrant, seconded by A. Garbarino, the Board voted to appointment of the following substitutes:

Substitute Teacher:	Jessica Menges at the rate of \$65/day Jennifer Lamphear at the rate of \$65/day Michael Branch at the rate of \$70/day
Substitute Teacher Aides:	Jessica Menges at the rate of \$9.75/hour Jennifer Lamphear at the rate of \$9.75/hour Michael Branch at the rate of \$70/day
Substitute Nurse:	Danielle Beckingham at the rate of \$70/day Kathy Aliasso at the rate of \$70/day

Vote: Yes - 5 No – 0

APPROVAL:
USE OF SCHOOL
BUS

On the recommendation of the Superintendent, on a motion by G. Hildebrant, seconded by J. Phaneuf, the Board voted to approve the request from the Greater Utica Chamber of Commerce for the use of:

- Two (2) buses and drivers to transport visitors from Thendara Train Station to Thendara Golf Course for a golf outing on Friday, August 21, 2015 at 9:30 a.m. and return to the Train Station at 4:30 p.m.. The Greater Utica Chamber of Commerce bearing all related costs and upon provision of a certificate of insurance naming the school district as an additional insured and pending driver availability. Also, as stated in the letter no golf bags will be transported on the school buses, only passengers.

Vote: Yes -5 No – 0

APPROVAL:
USE OF SCHOOL
BUS

On the recommendation of the Superintendent, on a motion by G. Hildebrant, seconded by J. Phaneuf, the Board voted to approve the request from CAA for the use of buses and drivers:

- Snofest – March 14, 2015. Three (3) Drivers and buses to transport visitors to and from surrounding parking lots and George T. Hildebrant Recreation Center. The Central Adirondack Association bearing all related costs and upon provision of a certificate of insurance naming the school district as an additional insured and pending driver availability.

Vote: Yes -5 No – 0

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

- Our senior lounge is now open and under construction. The Senior Class has developed this as part of their Senior Privileges. This is a place where seniors can spend their study halls and lunch.
- The Snowball took place on Saturday, 1/10, under the direction of the Student Council for 6th-8th graders with the help of Student Council Members working the event with Student Council Advisor Mr. Kinney.
- Mid Term schedules are posted on the school website for students and their families.
- Our 10th grade along with Mrs. Griffin and Mrs. Gaffney visited the HGSTC BOCES center on Wednesday, 1/14, to see programs offered.
- Our K-8 program, Too Good for Drugs, with Brendan McGrath is in full swing as well as our Banana Splits group that meets once a week and our Drug Quiz Team that practices twice a week. Too Good for Drugs tackles tough topics like education on drugs, alcohol, tobacco, standing up to peer pressure, learning good social skills, and decision making.
- Anne Bertram has been in the building 2-3 days per week as part of the TIC Grant and the STLE3 Grant. Her services to support students and teachers is appreciated.
- Kandis Griffin finished meeting with 9th, 10th, and 11th grade parents who wished to be included in their child's schedule planning for 2015-16.
- A new initiative called the Webb Wall of Distinction is being started to recognize students who do outstanding things in the classroom and the community. The nomination form is on the website for any teacher, parent, or community member to nominate someone. Each quarter there will be two winners chosen. All nominees will be notified that they are in the running. This will be displayed outside the Principal's Office with a picture and a short bio about what the student has done recently.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORTS: Rex Germer, Superintendent reviewed with the Board of Education:

- This past Friday I was in Albany as part of the Commissioner's Advisory Council. We met with interim commissioner Elizabeth Berlin and several of the top NYSED officials. Items discussed included a succession plan for Dr. King, 2022 graduation requirements, project backlogs and hopes for increased employment to ease this backlog as well as the expectations for the upcoming budget cycle.
- We are moving forward with the approval for a special vote to be held on March 11, 2015 which will ask the voters to approve expenditures of not more than \$256,000 to a roof reconstruction project. This project is proposed for the science wing of the building which is in the 2000 addition. The timing of this vote is less than ideal but is necessary in order to obtain state approvals required to commence the bidding and construction before winter. News just heard in Albany puts even this time frame in question due to the backlog at NYSED but if we wait until the regular May budget vote we will definitely not be able to tackle this needed project this year even if the voters were to approve the project. We are anticipating that we will be able to use funds the District already has on hand in various reserves to make this project possible without an increase in the anticipated tax rate directly related to the proposed expenditure.
- Inlet Common School will be having a meeting with a consultant, Alan Pole, to discuss options for the school as they look toward the future. This meeting will take place at 6:15 at the school on Wednesday, January 21st and they have asked that an invitation be extended to our Board of Education as a courtesy. The Inlet Board of Education has also announced a meeting facilitated by BOCES District Superintendent Stephen Todd on Wednesday, January 28th at 6:15 at the school to further discuss as a community the future options for Inlet Common School. An invitation has also been extended to our Board of Education for this meeting as well.
- The budgetary cycle is under way. Jenn and I have looked at numbers in a preliminary sense and have also scheduled meetings with each department head to speak specifically to their needs looking forward. We will be looking to align codes better, especially in maintenance, to reflect the actual needs within our aging building. We have traditionally managed to get maintenance projects done at the end of the year often with monies that have been made available through conservative spending in other codes. It is important that we work to have the budget reflect our actual and known upcoming needs.
- The "2% tax cap" continues this year. The number schools across the state will be using this year is an allowable tax levy limit formulary increase of 1.62%. This number gets put into a formula at the local level to determine the maximum allowable increase for the individual District. After local calculation a percentage of allowable increase is calculated with notification given to the state. Voters of the District can approve a tax levy limit increase equal or less than this calculated amount by a simple majority or if the amount of levy increase is greater than the allowable limit a super majority of 60% of the voters must be acquired for the budget to achieve approval. It is important to remember that this is a levy increase and not a budget increase and that this levy, by further action of the Governor, continues to impact more and more programs included tax rebates already established and expected to be proposed during the Governor's speech on Wednesday.

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

Vote: Yes –5 No – 0

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Motion made by G. Hildebrant, seconded by J. Phaneuf, to enter into executive session at 7:04 p.m. to discuss the collective negotiations related to the TOWTA Contract; litigation related to the former Superintendent and the information related to a potential contract.

Vote: Yes -5 No – 0

The collective negotiations related to the TOWTA Contract; litigation related to the former Superintendent and the information related to a potential contract were discussed, no action was taken.

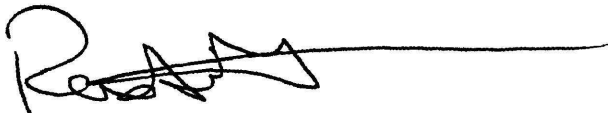
Vote: Yes 5 No – 0

REGULAR SESSION: Motion made by S. Evans, seconded by A. Garbarino, to return to regular session at 7:32 p.m.

Vote: Yes - 5 No – 0

ADJOURNMENT: Motion made by A. Garbarino, seconded by G. Hildebrant, to adjourn the meeting at 7:33 p.m.

Vote: Yes - 5 No – 0



Clerk Pro Temp

District Clerk