

BOARD OF EDUCATION – REGULAR MEETING
TOWN OF WEBB UNION FREE SCHOOL DISTRICT
TUESDAY, JANUARY 24, 2017
LIBRARY
6:30 PM

MEMBERS PRESENT: Joseph Phaneuf, George Hildebrant, Sharon Evans, Anne Garbarino and Philip Petty
Carter Kelly– Student Representative

ALSO PRESENT: Rex Germer, John Swick, Jennifer Dunn and Diane Kull

OTHERS PRESENT: Kendra Hopsicker, Jennifer Hartsig, Brad Donovan, Katie Langworthy, Bob DiOrio &
Jamie Russell

The meeting was called to order at 6:37 p.m. by President, Joseph Phaneuf.

SPECIAL TOPICS: Comments from those in attendance regarding the potential purchase of adjacent property
George Hildebrant left 6:40 pm that is currently for sale. Jennifer Dunn presented information regarding the preliminary
George Hildebrant returned 6:48 pm 2017-2018 budget and current and potential Reserve Funds.

APPROVAL: On the recommendation of the Board President, on a motion by G. Hildebrant, seconded
MINUTES 1/10/17 by A. Garbarino, the Board voted to approve the minutes of the regular meeting held on
January 10, 2017.

Vote: Yes- 5 No- 0

APPROVAL: On the recommendation of the Board President, on a motion by P. Petty, seconded
WARRANTS by A. Garbarino, the Board voted to accept the warrants:

- #12 Fund A with 60 checks written for a total of \$66,059.15
- #11 Fund C with 9 checks written for a total of \$2,270.78

Vote: Yes- 5 No- 0

APPROVAL: On the recommendation of the Board President, on a motion by G. Hildebrant, seconded
TREASURER'S REPORT by S. Evans, the Board voted to approve the Treasurer's Monthly Report for
December 2016 as presented.

Vote: Yes- 5 No- 0

APPROVAL: On the recommendation of the Superintendent, on a motion by S. Evans, seconded
USE OF SCHOOL by A. Garbarino, the Board voted to approve the request from the Central Adirondack
BUS Association for the use of buses and drivers:

- Saturday, March 11, 2017 for Snofest. Buses and drivers that would transport visitors from the North Street parking lots to George T. Hildebrant Recreation Center and back. The CAA 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

APPROVAL: SUBMISSION On the recommendation of the Board President, on a motion by G. Hildebrant, seconded
SMART SCHOOLS BOND by P. Petty, the Board voted to approve the submission of the Smart Schools Bond
INVESTMENT PLAN Investment Plan.

Vote: Yes -5 No – 0

APPROVAL: On the recommendation of the Superintendent, on a motion by G. Hildebrant, seconded
REVISED BOARD by A. Garbarino, the Board voted to approve the revisions to the following Board
POLICIES Policies:

- 300.00 – Personnel
- 301.00 – Recruitment
- 305.1 – Evaluation of Instructional Personnel
- 308.01.1 Training Program – Bus Driver
- 309.00 – Substitute Teachers and Other Substitute Staff

Vote: Yes -5 No – 0

APPROVAL:
AMEND – HERKIMER CO.
BOCES HEALTH INS. PLAN

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

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Town of Webb Union Free School District hereby approves the amended and restated Municipal Cooperative Agreement to provide health benefits, effective November 1, 2016, among the Member Districts of the Herkimer County BOCES Health Insurance Plan, and authorizes Superintendent to execute the agreement on behalf of the Town of Webb Union Free School District.

Vote: Yes -5 No – 0

APPROVAL:
CSE RECOMMENDATION

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

Vote: Yes - 5 No – 0

APPROVAL:
COURSE CREDIT
RECOMMENDATION

On the recommendation of the Course Credit Committee, the Board voted to approve the Education Course Credit Request as submitted by:

- Megan Pfeifer - “What Great Middle School Teachers Do” - 3 credits
- “Gender Matters: How Boys and Girls Learn” - 3 credits
- Elizabeth Orsino - “Anytime, Anywhere: Today’s Learner” - 3 credits
- “The Sky’s the Limit: The Outdoor Classroom” - 3 credits

Vote: Yes - 5 No – 0

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

- 10th Grade students visited the HGSTC Glenfield Campus for a tour of the facility to see programs offered in 11th grade as well as career exploration on Monday, 1/9.
- Regents started today with English 11 being taken by our Junior Class this afternoon and will continue this week with midterms.
- The Music Department led a trip to a Broadway production in NYC on Wednesday, 1/11, with 90 students, staff, and community members.
- The Student Council put on the fourth annual Snow Ball Dance, Saturday, 1/14, for students in grades 6-8.
- I met with Herkimer County Community College administration to discuss how to offer further benefits to students who earn college credit through our College Now classes. Currently we are offering ten (10) classes this year. This translates into an opportunity for students to leave Town of Webb UFSD with thirty-one (31) college transfer credits.
- Our second quarter comes to a close this week marking the midway point of the 2016-17 school year.
- The 4th grade was happy to report that they collected 290 food items to deliver to the Food Banks at our local churches, St. Bartholomew and Niccolls Memorial for the 2016 holiday season.
- The 5th grade continued the tradition of gathering money and blankets for the ASPCA. Monetary donations in the amount of \$152, along with two large boxes of used blankets and towels were collected. The 5th grade class was very proud to partner with Mrs. Phinney who started this several years ago.
- Mrs. Burns’ 4th grade class has been published in Scholastic Magazine “Should Chocolate Milk Be Banned From Your School”. Scholastic’s Storyworks features debates in every issue and the Town of Webb UFSD’s 4th grade offered their topic and it was featured in the December 2016/January 2017 issue.

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

- The governor has released the proposed aid runs for the 2017-2018 school year. The Town of Webb UFSD is listed as receiving a 1% increase in base aid of \$5600 for the upcoming school year. The formula has been manipulated some this year and the initial runs did not read like we have seen them in the past.
- The “tax cap” once again this year has a starting point well below 2% although prior to the formula it is beginning at 1.26% this year vs .12% last year.
- I was in Albany for a meeting with the Commissioner and other key personnel at the State Education Department last week to hear where we are on a variety of different topics. The Commissioner is truly looking for involvement of educators as they move forward with finalizing standards and in what the next round of assessments will look like. She was also looking for critical input on the timeline and expected outcomes of continuing changes as NY looks to

comply with the Federal ESSA even in the face of potential changes to that document with the new administration taking office.

BOARD DISCUSSION:

Mr. Germer reported that the representatives that compose the TOWTA Negotiating Teams have met and have scheduled 3 more meeting dates.

S. Evans commented on the painted windows in the glass hallway "look great."

J. Phaneuf mentioned the big pine tree in front of the school lost a large amount of limbs in the ice storm. Mr. Germer commented that he has obtained quotes for its removal and advice if we can save it.

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion made by G. Hildebrant, seconded by P. Petty, to adjourn the meeting at 7:20 p.m.

Vote: Yes - 5 No - 0

District Clerk