

BOARD OF EDUCATION – REGULAR MEETING
TOWN OF WEBB UNION FREE SCHOOL DISTRICT
TUESDAY, JANUARY 19, 2016
LIBRARY
6:30 PM

MEMBERS PRESENT: Kathy Nahor, George Hildebrant, Sharon Evans, Joseph Phaneuf and Anne Garbarino
Casey Hamlin– Student Representative

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

OTHERS PRESENT: Jen Lis, Amber LaFountain, Christine Prichard, Ryan Prichard

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

PUBLIC COMMENTS K. Nahor acknowledged receipt of the BOCES Service Guide.

S. Evans entered 6:31pm Discussed the May 2016 Budget Vote and the law that is in effect that the old lever voting machines may not be used. The solutions are to ask the county to use their optical scan machine or paper ballots. After consulting with the Herkimer County Board of Elections it was determined that it would be cost prohibitive to use the optical scan machine. Paper ballots would be a more cost effective solution.

Inlet Billing Analysis was reviewed by Board members and discussed the 2016-2017 school year in regard to tuition for K-6 and 7-12 students and transportation cost.

Christine and Ryan Prichard approached the Board about their daughter, a 7th grader, attending NYSEF in Lake Placid for the winter term to train for alpine skiing at the Olympic Ski Center. The TOW UFSD would provide the curriculum materials and a NYSEF tutor would provide the instruction. TOW UFSD would then grade the homework/tests. Discussion was highlighted by the great opportunity for the student to ski nationally and internationally; great extra burden for the teaching staff at TOW UFSD especially due to the lateness of the request; student must be goal driven to complete the work and to stay current with the materials provided; Google Docs would be a great benefit to the student and the student would return to TOW UFSD at the end of March. Ms. Nahor expressed the Board's concern over the lateness of this request and asked the Prichards to inform the school in advance if she would attend another term.

BUDGETARY FORUM: Board Members expressed their opinions as to what programs and or changes to the current programs they would like to see included in the budget.

APPROVAL: On the recommendation of the Board President, on a motion by G. Hildebrant, seconded
MINUTES 1/05/16 by J. Phaneuf, the Board voted to approve the minutes of the regular meeting held on January 5, 2016.

Vote: Yes- 5 No- 0

APPROVAL: On the recommendation of the Board President, on a motion by G. Hildebrant, seconded
WARRANTS by J. Phaneuf the Board voted to accept the warrants:

- #13 Fund A with 40 checks written for a total of \$61,129.59
- Benefits January 2016 with 1 check written for a total of \$566.96
- #11 Fund C with 6 checks written for a total of \$1,123.67
- #1 Fund F with 1 check written for a total of \$224.37

Vote: Yes- 5 No- 0

APPROVAL: On the recommendation of the Board President, on a motion by S. Evans, seconded
TREASURER'S REPORT by A. Garbarino, the Board voted to approve the Treasurer's Monthly Report for December 2015 as presented.

Vote: Yes- 5 No- 0

PERMANENT APPOINTMENT:

On the recommendation of the Superintendent, on a motion by J. Phaneuf, seconded by G. Hildebrant, the Board voted to approve the permanent appointment of Marie Candee as Cook, effective January 26, 2016.

Vote: Yes – 5 No – 0

ACCEPTANCE: INTENT TO RETIRE

On the recommendation of the Superintendent, on a motion by S. Evans, seconded by A. Garbarino, the Board voted to accept the letter intent for purposes of retirement from Valerie Gaudin, Vocal Music Teacher, with regret and appreciation for her 31 years of service, effective June 30, 2016.

Vote: Yes- 5 No- 0

REJECT BIDS: HEATING UPGRADE

On the recommendation of the Superintendent, on a motion by G. Hildebrant, seconded by A. Garbarino, the Board voted to reject the bids for the Heating Upgrade/Mechanical Construction from Giruzzi Plumbing & Heating - \$192,000 and H.J. Brandeles Corp. - \$171,000. The bids exceed the available funding under the Capital Outlay project requirements.

Vote: Yes - 5 No –0

POSTPONED:

On a motion K. Nahor, seconded by G. Hildebrant the Board voted to postpone the vote to approve the bus use request from Camp Gorham until the next meeting after the Board receives a letter clarify that a certificate of insurance will be provided.

Vote: Yes – 5 No –0

APPOINTMENT: SUBSTITUTES

On the recommendation of the Superintendent, on a motion by A. Garbarino, seconded by J. Phaneuf, the Board voted to appoint the following:

Substitute Teacher: Forrest Williams at the rate of \$70/day
Substitute Teacher Aide: Forest Williams at the rate of \$9.75/hour

Vote: Yes - 5 No – 0

APPROVAL: 2016-17 INSTRUCTIONAL CONTRACT – INLET

On the recommendation of the Superintendent, on a motion by J. Phaneuf, seconded by S. Evans, the Board voted to approve the 2016-2017 Instructional Contract with Inlet Common School for the per pupil tuition charge:

K-6 - \$15,500
7-12 - \$19,000

Vote: Yes - 5 No –0

APPROVAL: 2016-2017 INLET TRANSPORTATION/ SERVICES CONTRACT

On the recommendation of the Superintendent, on a motion by G. Hildebrant, seconded by J. Phaneuf, the Board voted to approve the 2016-2017 Transportation and Service Providers contract with Inlet Common School at the rate of \$13,000.

Vote: Yes -5 No –0

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT:

John Swick, Principal reviewed the following:

- The 3rd grade class had a coin drive to support St. Jude's Hospital and the Ronald McDonald House and was able to raise \$513 that was donated.
- The 4th grade were happy to report that they collected 283 food items and a \$20.00 donation to deliver to the Food Banks at our locate churches, St. Bartholomew and Nicolls Memorial for the 2016 holiday season.
- The Junior Key Club is having a clothing drive for students in Proctor High School who are foreign refugees. Please drop clothes off to Mrs. Amos at the school.
- The 5th grade continued the tradition of gathering money and blankets for the ASPCA. Monetary donations in the amount of \$110. Along with three 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.
- Our Junior High Snowball Dance took place on Saturday, 1/10, under the direction of Student Council and Mr. Kinney.
- Our sophomores visited the HGSTC BOCES on Thursday 1/7 for a tour of the programs available to them next year.
- Our 2pm all-school dismissal due to the weather was successful delivering each student home safely due in part to our transportation department's team of drivers and every staff member in the building working together.

- Mr. Donovan held a mid-year parent meeting to continue to update parents on the changes and roll out of the new Common Core Algebra 2/Trigonometry class tonight.

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

- The Governor spoke about the budget for the coming year and released Aide runs that are not typically released until the final budget is agreed upon at the State. The overall figures in this initial run are lower due to a decrease in building aide as we are in a period where there are no projects generating aide because they were not run as projects years ago. The amount of aide increase built into the budget for education is half of what the Board of Regents has asked for to allow programs across the state to remain in place. Political negotiations are sure to land the increases somewhere between the current proposal and the ask from other agencies and groups.
- We have a pamphlet that has been created to help attract F-1 students to our school. Our tuition costs are high comparatively but we are hopeful we will be able to attract some interest to the District. The final edits are not complete but I have included copies for you to see what we are working on.
- I will not be present at the next BOE meeting. I will be traveling with BOCES to a conference called the “National Technology Centers that Work Leaders’ Forum”. This conference is part of the planning we have been engaged with as a Tech Center to hopefully develop and offer a new program that will be a direct feeder to industry jobs with local manufacturers as well as into the nanotech center that will be gearing up soon in Utica.
- The Town of Webb UFSD Fitness Center participation has declined to one participant in the morning and one in the evening. A review of the hours will be discussed with the Fitness Monitors.
- Kristin Helmer has volunteered to demonstrate Yoga to our high school students and has been successfully welcomed by the student participants.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Motion made by G. Hildebrant, seconded by J. Phaneuf, to enter into executive session at 8:04 p.m. to discuss litigation related to the former Superintendent; collective negotiations related to the TOWTA Contract; the employment history of two CSEA employees and two particular teachers, one tenured and one untenured.

Litigation related to the former Superintendent; collective negotiations related to the TOWTA Contract; the employment history of two CSEA employees and two particular teachers, one tenured and one untenured were discussed, no action was taken.

Vote: Yes -5 No – 0

REGULAR SESSION:

Motion made by G. Hildebrant, seconded by A. Garbarino, to return to regular session at 9:02 p.m.

Vote: Yes - 5 No – 0

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion made by G. Hildebrant, seconded by J. Phaneuf, to adjourn the meeting at 9:02 p.m.

Vote: Yes - 5 No – 0

District Clerk