

BOARD OF EDUCATION – REGULAR MEETING
TOWN OF WEBB UNION FREE SCHOOL DISTRICT
TUESDAY, JANUARY 23, 2018
LIBRARY
6:30 PM

MEMBERS PRESENT: Joseph Phaneuf, George Hildebrant, Sharon Evans and Philip Petty
Ryan Johnston– Student Representative

ABSENT: Anne Garbarino

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

OTHERS PRESENT: Mike Harris, Jamie Russell, Madeline Fenton, Katie Langworthy

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

SPECIAL TOPICS: Initial Consultation with Architect regarding a possible Capital Project and the preliminary 2018-2019 Budget were discussed.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: S. Evans congratulated Maddie Phaneuf on her selection to the 2018 USA Biathlon Team and to the Boys Varsity Basketball Team for their season.

APPROVAL: On the recommendation of the Board President, on a motion by S. Evans, seconded
MINUTES 1/9/17 by P. Petty, the Board voted to approve the minutes of the regular meeting held on January 9, 2017.

Vote: Yes- 4 No- 0

APPROVAL: On the recommendation of the Board President, on a motion by P. Petty, seconded
WARRANTS by G. Hildebrant, the Board voted to accept the warrants and claims:

- #13 Fund A with 46 checks written for a total of \$73,685.97
- #10 Fund C with 8 checks written for a total of \$2,391.20

Vote: Yes- 4 No- 0

APPROVAL: On the recommendation of the Board President, on a motion by P. Petty, seconded
TREASURER'S REPORT by S. Evans, the Board voted to approve the Treasurer's Monthly Report for December 2017 as presented.

Vote: Yes- 4 No- 0

APPROVAL: On the recommendation of the Committee on Special Education, on a motion by S.
CSE RECOMMENDATION Evans, seconded by P. Petty, 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 - 4 No – 0

APPOINTMENT: On the recommendation of the Superintendent, on a motion by P. Petty, seconded
SUBSTITUTES by G. Hildebrant, the Board voted to appoint the following for the 2017-2018 school year:

Substitute Teacher: Allyson Brosemer - at the rate of \$85 day
Olivia Phaneuf - at the rate of \$85 day
Jessica Hannah at the rate of \$85 day
Erin Slegaitis - at the rate of \$100/day (rate of pay increase from \$85/day to \$100/day – received NYS Initial Certification, English Language Arts 7-12) effective January 19, 2018

Substitute Teacher Aide: Allyson Brosemer at the rate of \$11.50/hour
Olivia Phaneuf at the rate of \$11.50/hour
Jessica Hannah at the rate of \$11.50/hour

Volunteers: Jeannie West, Wendy McGraw, Elisabeth Lorentzen & Daniel Vellone

Vote: Yes- 4 No- 0

APPOINTMENT:
LONG TERM SUB

On the recommendation of the Superintendent, on a motion by G. Hildebrant, seconded by S. Evans, the Board voted to approve the appointment of Kathleen Nahor as a long-term substitute teacher effective January 22, 2018 at the rate of \$209.09 per day (1/200 of the base salary \$41,819 as per the 2017-2018 Instructional Staff Pay Schedule).

Vote: Yes – 4 No – 0

APPROVAL:
CHILD REARING LEAVE

On the recommendation of the Superintendent, on a motion by S. Evans, seconded by P. Petty, the Board voted to approve the Child Rearing leave requested by Jolene Finn as per Article 8, #2 of the current TOWTA contract with the leave to begin at the completion of her pregnancy disability and continue through the end of the year (approximately May 25 – June 22, 2018).

Vote: Yes- 4 No- 0

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

- Mrs. Griffin has reached out to all parents via email regarding setting up their child's schedule (grades 9-12) for next year. Please call her with any questions.
- During the month of January the 9th grade (Class of 2021) sold 92 pizza kits to earn a profit of \$500 towards their class account.
- Regents started Monday with English 11 being taken by our Junior Class and will continue this week with midterms. Friday will be the end of the semester and marks the midway point in the school year.
- Today, 1/23, Arc Herkimer and People are Beautiful Self Advocates presented to 5th grade to prepare for the Project Respect Essay Contest.
- Modified basketball started on Monday, 1/8, for our boys.
- Our 5th annual Snowball Dance for grades 6-8 took place Saturday, 1/20, from 7-10pm put on by our Student Council.
- 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 1/10/18.
- On 1/23/18 Mrs. Herrmann along with four instrumental honor sixth grade students (D.Burns, A.Hopsicker, K.Johnston, C.Robinson) traveled to Bi-county Music Festival to rehearse for the upcoming concert on Saturday, 1/27/18.
- Art Instructor, Mrs. Keefer and Art club students have begun their window painting with an Olympic theme in support of 2013 TOW Alum Maddie Phaneuf's accomplishment of being on Team USA's biathlon team.
- The United Way has partnered with us to provide a Home-School Coordinator that will connect with families as they transition to our school. This Coordinator will make home visits and set up meetings with young families in the district to help them prepare for school. Her name is Beth Meeusen and she will be working with us one day a week starting in February. Ms. Meeusen will split her time between us and Remsen. This program is funded through the United Way and we are thankful to Robin Robinson for her help in setting this program up.
- Our Family Math Night is Wednesday, 1/24, and Kinderwood will host a room to provide a space for younger siblings to play math games as well.

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

- As of 12/29/17, Cypress Creek received an operating permit for the first solar array built on the Watertown BOCES Campus as part of the solar consortium. As of that afternoon the system had been turned on and was generating power.
- SHARP is looking for space for its senior programming that would be more conducive to allowing seniors to come in for programming and have space that they could just drop in for socialization with each other. With our desire to best serve the needs of our students and community I would like to see us carve out some space within our building on the ground floor to offer the senior program this type of space. The building has many amenities that could lend themselves well to the programming including the ability to obtain hot meals through an adult purchase in our cafeteria. Our students could also benefit from planned intergenerational activities moving forward. This would be an initial attempt to share space and work with this program to maximize the benefits for all involved.
- For the Capital Outlay project in our next budget we are looking to do some restroom work. The restrooms are in need of updating throughout the building and while planning forward it seems to make the most sense to first tackle the bathrooms in the elementary area that could service students and the public using shared space in the future. It would also give us the opportunity to move toward having some genderless bathrooms/family bathroom space available in

the future. We are hoping to have these plans solidified for the upcoming budget and ready for work this summer if approved.

- It is the time of year to revisit tuition for Inlet and other non-resident students. We have a contract in place with Inlet that allows us to renew the agreement fairly easily for another year. I suggest that we keep the rate the same for the second year with a plan to revisit the expenses and associated revenues next year. I would also suggest keeping the non-resident tuition the same for next year. We put this rate in place in an effort to attract F-1 Visa students but due to the late timing of its approval we were behind the typical recruiting timelines. As of last night our first F-1 student landed in the United States and will be joining us for classes next week. This is an exciting first step for our school and we would like to see this program incrementally grow next year.

APPROVAL:
INTER- MUNICIPAL
AGREEMENT-INLET
STUDENTS IN 7-12

On the recommendation of the Superintendent, on a motion by P. Petty, seconded by S. Evans, the Board voted to approve the Inter-Municipal Cooperation Agreement with Inlet Common School and authorizes the Superintendent of Schools to execute the contract for Educational and related services for students in 7-12 for the 2018 –2019 school year.

Vote: Yes- 4 No- 0

- Meeting next Wednesday with Senator Tedisco regarding funding and the future of Town of Webb UFSD.
- Presented the draft of the 2018-2019 school calendar. It is in draft form awaiting final approval by the Jeff-Lewis BOCES.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Motion made by G. Hildebrant, seconded by P. Petty, to enter into executive session at 8:09 p.m. to discuss the employment history of several TOWTA members; CSEA contract negotiations and student safety and well being.

Vote: Yes -4 No – 0

The employment history of several TOWTA members; CSEA contract negotiations and student safety and well being were discussed, no action was taken.

REGULAR SESSION:

Motion made by S. Evans, seconded by P. Petty, to return to regular session at 8:20 p.m.

Vote: Yes - 4 No – 0

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion made by G. Hildebrant, seconded by P. Petty, to adjourn the meeting at 8:20 p.m.

Vote: Yes - 4 No – 0

District Clerk