

BOARD OF EDUCATION – REGULAR MEETING
TOWN OF WEBB UNION FREE SCHOOL DISTRICT
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 04, 2014
LIBRARY
6:30 PM

MEMBERS PRESENT: Kathy Nahor, Sharon Evans, Joseph Phaneuf and Maryellen Denio

ABSENT: George Hildebrandt

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

OTHERS PRESENT: Bob McCoy, Don Gooley, Ron Smith, Casey Hamlin, Brad Donovan

The meeting was called to order at 6:31 p.m. by President, Kathy Nahor.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: Kathy Nahor acknowledged receipt of a letter of intent to retire that would be voted on during the meeting. Kathy Nahor also mentioned that the Board received a letter from the former Superintendent that was in regard to a personnel matter and would not be read in public. Also, the governor recently signed into legislation the authorization to school district to grant eligible veterans property tax exemptions. The Herkimer County Veteran's Service Agency sent the board a letter asking for support of the exemption. At the last meeting a community member asked if the District would consider opting out of the mandated Common Core. Ms. Nahor has reviewed the websites that were shared to gather information and will continue to do so.

S.Evans entered at 6:33 pm

Don Gooley presented to the Board and members of the public present at the meeting information regarding the provisions of law that requires school boards to make available to the public certain records that are to be discussed at a board meeting. Mr. Gooley then spoke regarding Freedom Of Information Law (FOIL) and the timeline to provide documents to a requesting party.

Bob McCoy asked that the Board review and consider the Veteran's exemption and look at the financial impact of opting out of the Common Core.

SPECIAL TOPIC: Board Members reviewed 1st draft of the 2014-2015 Budget.

APPROVAL: On the recommendation of the Board President, on a motion by J. Phaneuf, seconded by M. Denio, the Board voted to approve the minutes of the January 21, 2014 regular meeting.

MINUTES 1/21/14

Vote: Yes- 4 No- 0

APPROVAL: On the recommendation of the Board President, on a motion by M. Denio, seconded by S. Evans, the Board voted to accept warrants and claims:

WARRANTS & CLAIMS

- #14 Fund A with 36 checks written for a total of \$196,349.54,
- #12 Fund C with 4 checks written for a total of \$3,185.54,
- #12 Fund TA with 29 checks written for a total of \$467,913.73,
- #14 Fund TA with 1 check written for a total of \$27,338.58

Vote: Yes- 4 No- 0

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

CSE RECOMMENDATION

Vote: Yes - 4 No – 0

ACCEPTANCE: On the recommendation of the Superintendent, on a motion by J. Phaneuf, seconded by M. Denio, the Board voted to accept the letter intent for purposes of retirement from Philip Petty, Secondary Mathematics Teacher, with regret and appreciation for his 12 years of service, effective June 30, 2014.

INTENT TO RETIRE

Vote: Yes- 4 No- 0

APPROVAL:
2014-2015
SCHOOL CALENDAR

On the recommendation of the Superintendent, on a motion by J. Phaneuf, seconded by M. Denio, the Board voted to approve the 2014-2015 instructional school calendar Option II.

Vote: Yes -3 No – 1 (Nahor)

APPOINTMENT:
CLUB CO-ADVISOR

On the recommendation of the Superintendent, on a motion by M. Denio, seconded by J. Phaneuf, the Board voted to approve the appointment the appointment of Andrew Huntress as Science Club Co-advisor at the contracted rate of \$275 (50% of contractual total), effective September 1, 2013. (Danielle Harmer agrees to receive 50% of the approved rate).

Vote: Yes - 4 No –0

APPROVAL:
2014-15 INSTRUCTIONAL
CONTRACT – INLET

On the recommendation of the Superintendent, on a motion by M. Denio, seconded by J. Phaneuf, the Board voted to approve the 2014-2015 Instructional Contract with Inlet Common School for the per pupil tuition charge of \$17, 200.

Vote: Yes - 4 No –0

APPROVAL:
INLET TRANSPORTATION/
SERVICES CONTRACT

On the recommendation of the Superintendent, on a motion by S. Evans, seconded by J. Phaneuf, the Board voted to approve the 2014-2015 Transportation and Service Providers contract with Inlet Common School at the rate of \$10,200.

Vote: Yes - 4 No –0

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

- The mandatory After School Study Hall program has helped 30 students accomplish the goal of passing all of their classes at the 10 week mark. Overall, there were 54 slips turned in to move a student from failing to passing a class.
- Second semester began on Monday, 1/27.
- Kandis Griffin coordinated with SUNY IT to bring a presentation to Town of Webb for our Juniors (parents also invited) to learn what programs SUNY IT has to offer.
- Webb Way rewards were handed out to all students who did not receive a referral or get sent to the office during the second quarter. Also students who received an ice cube or chain link were rewarded with a treat!
- Tim Leach and Megan Plumley were able to offer Google Docs training sessions for teachers after school last week. Teachers were able to come with questions and learn new techniques for classroom/student use in Google Docs.
- We had 4 students take January Regents and 2 students improved their grade to passing.
- Thank you to Val Gaudin (Vocal Music Instructor) and Emily Herrmann (Instrumental Music Instructor) along with their students who traveled to rehearse and play in the Bi-County Music Festival on Friday, 1/31 and Saturday, 2/1.
- K-5 Parent/Teacher conferences provided parents and teachers to meet to discuss second quarter report cards on Friday, 1/31 and Monday, 2/3 afternoons. K-5 students were dismissed @ 11:15 a.m.
- We will be having a staff training day for Google docs this Tuesday, 2/11 for staff as they begin transitioning to the use of Google in our offices.

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

- Inlet Contract- 2012-13 \$16,500; 2013-14 currently charging \$16,830; 2014-2015 amount of \$17,200 per pupil.
- 2014-15 Calendar – 2 week break at Christmas like we had this year, March 23rd-April 3rd Spring Break (Easter is April 5th), 3-8 testing begins April 14th.
- Consulting Agreement – the consultant has been gathering a great deal of information from the insurance company. Two meetings with the unions will be set up in March to go through the data and choices with them. Jenn Dunn will be handling the coordination of these meetings as to remove it from the Superintendent's office due to the pending negotiations.
- 2014-2015 Schedule – The schedule is being built and after the first day of full computerization and review is coming up at 92% placement which is good. We, by the nature of our schedule, have to hand schedule and rework things due to the singletons we have throughout.
- PESH (Public Employee Safety and Health Bureau) Inspection – We had an unannounced inspection on November 11, 2013. We received the document outlining violations on January 22, 2014. Many of the items identified were already taken care of at that point. We were reinspected on Monday, February 3, 2014 and all violations were satisfied.

- Cafeteria Review- The administrative review, dictated to happen by the State once every 3 years, is due to begin on March 12, 2014. Paul has been in contact with the State agency and both of us have gone to a workshop outlining this review and the components being scrutinized.
- New York State United Teachers has expressed their “no confidence” Commissioner King and repealed their support of Common Core. Changes are expected.
- A parent has requested that we offer some business courses within our master schedule.
- A community member has expressed their opinion regarding the budget – “that we hold the line” and questioned the decreases in taxes that happened in the past.

CLERK PRO TEMP: Motion to appoint R. Germer as Clerk Pro Temp made by M. Denio, seconded by S. Evans.

Vote: Yes –4 No – 0

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Motion made by S. Evans, seconded by M. Denio, to enter into executive session at 8:24 p.m. to discuss litigation related to the former Superintendent; collective negotiations related to the TOWTA and CSEA contracts; a student’s health and safety; and the employment history of 9 members of the teachers unit, 1 member of CSEA and 2 members of the admin unit.

Vote: Yes -4 No – 0

Litigation related to the former Superintendent; collective negotiations related to the TOWTA and CSEA contracts; a student’s health and safety; and the employment history of 9 members of the teachers unit, 1 member of CSEA and 2 members of the admin unit were discussed, no action was taken.

REGULAR SESSION: Motion made by J. Phaneuf, seconded by M. Denio, to return to regular session at 9:03 p.m.

Vote: Yes - 4 No – 0

ADJOURNMENT: Motion made by S. Evans, seconded by M. Denio, to adjourn the meeting at 9:04 p.m.

Vote: Yes - 4 No – 0

Clerk Pro Temp

District Clerk