

BOARD OF EDUCATION – REGULAR MEETING
TOWN OF WEBB UNION FREE SCHOOL DISTRICT
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 18, 2014
LIBRARY
6:30 PM

MEMBERS PRESENT: Kathy Nahor, George Hildebrant, Sharon Evans, Joseph Phaneuf and Maryellen Denio
Connor Glasser– Student Representative

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

OTHERS PRESENT: Megan Ulrich, Brad Donovan

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

PUBLIC COMMENTS: Kathy Nahor acknowledged receipt of information from: BOCES regarding a meeting, Lake Shore Central School regarding GAP Elimination, an invitation to attend a meeting Herkimer County Health consortium and Veteran’s Property Adjustment.

MOTION: On a motion by J. Phaneuf, seconded by G. Hildebrant, the Board voted to review the Veteran’s Property Tax Exemption in the fall after public input is compiled.

WAIT TO REVIEW
VETERAN’S PROPERTY
TAX EXEMPTION

Vote: Yes- 5 No- 0

SPECIAL TOPIC: Board Review of the 2014-2015 School Lunch Budget and the Real Property Tax Cap were discussed.

APPROVAL: On the recommendation of the Board President, on a motion by M. Denio, seconded by J. Phaneuf, the Board voted to approve the minutes of the February 4, 2014 regular meeting.

MINUTES 2/4/14

Vote: Yes- 5 No- 0

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

WARRANTS & CLAIMS

- #15 Fund A with 67 checks written for a total of \$91,038.23
- #13 Fund C with 2 checks written for a total of \$892.36
- #4 Fund F with 1 check written for a total of \$3,013.00

Vote: Yes- 5 No- 0

APPROVAL: On the recommendation of the Board President, on a motion by M. Denio, seconded by J. Phaneuf, the Board voted to approve the Treasurer’s Monthly Report for January 2014, as presented.

TREASURER’S REPORT

Vote: Yes- 5 No- 0

APPROVAL: On the recommendation of the Committee on Special Education, on a motion by J. Phaneuf, seconded by G. Hildebrant, 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 - 5 No – 0

APPOINTMENT: On the recommendation of the Superintendent, on a motion by G. Hildebrant, seconded by J. Phaneuf, the Board voted to approve the following as 2013-2014 spring sports coaches:

COACHES

Girls' Varsity Softball -	Travis Kiefer	3 rd yr. - \$2,637
Girls' Modified Softball -	Kristen Armendola	6 th yr. - \$2,197
Boys' Varsity Baseball -	Douglas Riedman	7 th yr. - \$3,076
Boys' Modified Baseball -	Nate Smith	6 th yr. - \$2,197
Coed Golf -	John Ehrensbeck	13 th yr. - \$2,637
Girls' Track -	Don Allen	top - \$3,076
Boys' Track -	Tim Leach	9 th yr. - \$3,076
Volunteer to Assist -	Don Haehl	

Vote: Yes- 5 No- 0

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

- The Adirondack Museum came to visit on Tuesday 2/11 with their exhibit *Gadgets and Gizmos*. Each grade level K-5 were able to spend almost an hour at this exhibit.
- The Webb Way Challenge for the second semester: Students in grades 6-12 have two opportunities to enter the end-of-the-year Webb Way raffle. If you do not get a discipline referral during the second semester, your name will be entered in the raffle for prizes. If you do not get put on the Mandatory After School Study Hall in any of the 5 week progress report periods, your name will also be entered. That means that you may have as many as 5 chances to win a prize at the end of the year!
- We had 11 students qualify for the NYS Ski Racing Championships after their strong Section III performances. From **Alpine Boys**: C. Down, C. Barkauskas, C. Lawrence, H. Lawrence, C. Glasser, G. Kleps and J. Gaffney as alternate. From **Alpine Girls**: C. Barkauskas, M. Gaffney, A. Cooper, and alternate L. Beckingham.
- From Nordic we had 5 students qualify the the NYS Ski Racing Championships. **Nordic Boys**: T. Williams **Nordic Girls**: M. Green, E. Green, A. Brosemer, O. Phaneuf. The girls won distance event on Wednesday, 2/12 and the relay on Saturday. The boys finished third place on Wednesday in the distance event and second in the relay (T. Williams, T. Rudolph, M. Ritz-Kinney).
- Mr. Cunningham/Miss Plumley traveled to View with the 10th grade class along with seven other students to take part in a creative writing workshop on Tuesday, 2/11.
- Mr. Fountain along with the Independent/Advanced Art, Drawing-Painting and Studio Art students traveled to View to evaluate the “Winter Air” exhibit on Thursday, 2/13.
- Our Kindergarten class traveled to the Senior Living Center in Old Forge to sing a collection of songs on Valentine’s Day under the direction of their teacher, Hannah Payne and their music teacher, Val Gaudin.
- A. Brosemer won the Principal’s Art Award for the second quarter marking period. Miss Brosemer’s art piece is displayed in the main office.
- The band concert on Thursday, 2/6 was a success with our Junior Band, Stage Band, and Senior High Band performing.
- The Superintendent’s conference day was a success today. The schedule of the day included instruction from trainers at Model Schools as well as help from our own Tim Leach and Megan Plumley.

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

- Consulting Agreement – Dates for the consultant to meet with the union heads have been chosen. They are planning on meeting twice during the month of March.
- Veteran’s Tax Cut – We are hearing a number of different things across the state. Many schools are holding off as they can’t possibly gather all the information by the deadline. The potential breaks have much more impact than just the veterans as the other tax payers would have to take on the burden of the lost revenue. The loss in Star monies is also problematic and would have further impact. Although conceptually the tax credit is admirable there was not enough time given by the state to fully allow districts to make a fully informed decision at this time.
- GEA (Gap Elimination Adjustment) - There is a request that has gone out across the state to have all schools take action demanding that the GEA be repealed and restore full funding to districts. In the 5 years GEA has been in place we have “lost” \$745,080 of funding from the state. In our BOCES there are 3 schools that have lost over \$10 million with everyone else in the \$1.5 to \$8 million range.
- Changes at State level- we are continuing to keep our ears open regarding changes to APPR and Common Core implementation. The Board of Regents has taken action to make changes and have since gone back on one area. Final guidance is yet to come and full impact on the school is not yet known.
- Counseling – We want to extend a thank you to Adirondack Central School for providing us with extra counselors to help work with our students who encountered an accident February 7th on their way to school. Their help is greatly appreciated!

BOARD CONCERNS:

K. Nahor NYSSBA flyer regarding Student Achievement Institute Seminar. K. Nahor expressed sympathy to bus driver, Shawn Chesbro’s on her mother’s death and to baseball coach, Doug Reiedman’s on his son’s death.

- CLERK PRO TEMP: Motion to appoint R. Germer as Clerk Pro Temp made by S. Evans, seconded by J. Phaneuf.
Vote: Yes –5 No – 0
- EXECUTIVE SESSION: Motion made by M. Denio, seconded by J. Phaneuf, to enter into executive session at 7:44 p.m. to discuss litigation related to the former the Superintendent; collective negotiations related to the TOWTA Contract and health and safety of students.
Vote: Yes -5 No – 0
- The litigation related to the former the Superintendent; collective negotiations related to the TOWTA Contract and health and safety of students were discussed, no action was taken.
- REGULAR SESSION: Motion made by G. Hildebrant, seconded by M. Denio, to return to regular session at 8:26 p.m.
Vote: Yes - 5 No – 0
- ADJOURNMENT: Motion made by G. Hildebrant, seconded by J. Phaneuf, to adjourn the meeting at 8:27 p.m.
Vote: Yes - 5 No – 0

Clerk Pro Temp

District Clerk