

BOARD OF EDUCATION – REGULAR MEETING
TOWN OF WEBB UNION FREE SCHOOL DISTRICT
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 20, 2018
LIBRARY
6:30 PM

MEMBERS PRESENT: Joseph Phaneuf, George Hildebrant, Sharon Evans, Anne Garbarino and Philip Petty
ALSO PRESENT: Rex Germer, John Swick, Jennifer Dunn and Diane Kull
OTHERS PRESENT: Jen Lis

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

PUBLIC COMMENTS: The 2018-2019 Instructional Calendar was discussed and by consensus it was added to the agenda for approval.

G. Hildebrant entered 6:48 pm Jennifer Dunn reviewed the 1st Draft 2018-2019 Budget.

APPROVAL: On the recommendation of the Board President, on a motion by G. Hildebrant, seconded by S. Evans, the Board voted to approve the minutes of the regular meeting held on February 6, 2018.
MINUTES 2/6/18

Vote: Yes- 5 No- 0

APPROVAL: On the recommendation of the Board President, on a motion by A. Garbarino, seconded by G. Hildebrant, the Board voted to accept the warrants:
WARRANTS
- #16 Fund A with 59 checks written for a total of \$105,950.65
- #12 Fund C with 8 checks written for a total of \$2,145.17

Vote: Yes- 5 No- 0

APPROVAL: On the recommendation of the Board President, on a motion by P. Petty, seconded by A. Garbarino, the Board voted to approve the Treasurer’s Monthly Report for January 2018 as presented.
TREASURER’S REPORT

Vote: Yes- 5 No- 0

APPROVAL: On the recommendation of the Committee on Special Education, on a motion by G. Hildebrant, 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.
CSE RECOMMENDATION

Vote: Yes - 5 No – 0

APPROVAL: On the recommendation of the Superintendent, on a motion by A. Garbarino, seconded by P. Petty, the following resolution was adopted by the Board of Education:
WOODGATE LIBRARY
FUNDING INCREASE

WHEREFORE, this Board of Education has duly received a request, by the Board of Trustees of the Woodgate Free Library, a duly chartered library by the Regents of the State of New York, situated within this district pursuant to Section 259 of the Education Law, for an increase to the approved annual appropriation of necessary funds to meet the estimated expenditures of said library by an amount of \$20,000 to make the annual appropriation of funds to be raised by levy and collection of taxes upon the real property of the school district in an amount of \$50,075.

BE IT THEREFORE resolved that the following shall be placed upon the ballot at the annual school district election as a separate proposition to be held May 15, 2018.

RESOLVED: Shall the proposition be approved to authorize the Board of Education of the Town of Webb Union Free School District to increase the annual levy of taxes of the district presently approved by an amount of \$20,000 for the necessary funds to meet the estimated expenses of the appropriation of \$50,075 and to pay over such monies to the Trustees of the Woodgate Free Library for their annual operating expenses.

Vote: Yes - 5 No – 0

APPROVAL:
OLD FORGE LIBRARY
FUNDING INCREASE

On the recommendation of the Superintendent, on a motion by G. Hildebrant, seconded by A. Garbarino, the following resolution was adopted by the Board of Education:

WHEREFORE, this Board of Education has duly received a request, by the Board of Trustees of the Old Forge Library, a duly chartered library by the Regents of the State of New York, situated within this district pursuant to Section 259 of the Education Law, for an increase to the approved annual appropriation of necessary funds to meet the estimated expenditures of said library by an amount of \$60,000 to make the annual appropriation of funds to be raised by levy and collection of taxes upon the real property of the school district in an amount of \$170,000.

BE IT THEREFORE resolved that the following shall be placed upon the ballot at the annual school district election as a separate proposition to be held May 15, 2018.

RESOLVED: Shall the proposition be approved to authorize the Board of Education of the Town of Webb Union Free School District to increase the annual levy of taxes of the district presently approved by an amount of \$60,000 for the necessary funds to meet the estimated expenses of the appropriation of \$170,000 and to pay over such monies to the Trustees of the Old Forge Library for their annual operating expenses.

Vote: Yes - 5 No – 0

APPOINTMENT:
SAT PREP INSTRUCTOR

On the recommendation of the Superintendent, on a motion by A. Garbarino, seconded by S. Evans, the Board voted to approve the appointment of Kathleen Nahor as SAT Prep Instructor for 6 hours at the rate of \$35/hour, January 22- May 4, 2018.

Vote: Yes – 5 No – 0

APPOINTMENT:
COACHES

On the recommendation of the Superintendent, on a motion by G. Hildebrant, seconded by A. Garbarino P. Petty, the Board voted to approve the following as 2017-2018 spring sports coaches:

Girls' Varsity Softball - (split position) Jessica Brownsell 3/4 % - 9th yr. - \$2,585.25
and Kristen Armendola 1/4 % -10th yr. - \$861.75
Girls' Modified Softball - Tracy Deis 1st yr. – \$2,057
Boys' Varsity Baseball - Jason Perkins 4th yr. - \$2,984
Boys' Modified Baseball - TBA
Coed Varsity Golf - John Ehrensbeck 17th yr. - \$2,884
Girls' Varsity Track - Don Allen top - \$3,447
Boys' Varsity Track - Tim Leach 13th yr. - \$3,447
Volunteer to Assist Varsity Golf - Don Haehl
Volunteer to Assist Varsity Golf – Stefan Reddick
Volunteer to Assist the Track Coaches – Alicia Burnett
Volunteer to Assist the Softball/Baseball Coaches – Jennifer Dunn
Volunteer to Assist the Track Coaches – Phil Huber

Vote: Yes - 5 No – 0

APPROVAL:
FUEL OIL BID
2018-2019

On the recommendation of the Superintendent, on a motion by A. Garbarino, seconded by P. Petty, the Board voted to approve the 2018-2019 fuel oil bid at the fixed price at \$2.1250/gallon – MX Petroleum Corp.

Vote: Yes - 5 No – 0

APPROVAL:
PROPANE BID
2018-2019

On the recommendation of the Superintendent, on a motion by G. Hildebrant, seconded by P. Petty, the Board voted to approve the 2018-2019 propane bid from Suburban Propane, at the fixed price at \$1.4200/gallon.

Vote: Yes - 5 No – 0

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

- Herbert Schmid as substitute Bus Driver at the rate of \$14.25/hour
- Substitute Teacher: Forest Williams - at the rate of \$85 day
- Substitute Teacher Aide: Forest Williams - at the rate of \$11.50/hour

Vote: Yes - 5 No – 0

ACCEPTANCE: On the recommendation of the Superintendent, on a motion by G. Hildebrant, seconded.
INTENT TO RETIRE by S. Evans, the Board voted to accept the letter intent for purposes of retirement from Kathleen Connell, Speech Teacher, with regret and appreciation for her 17 years of service, effective August 3, 2018.

Vote: Yes - 5 No – 0

APPOINTMENT: On the recommendation of the Superintendent, on a motion by A. Garbarino, seconded
VOLUNTEERS by S. Evans, the Board voted to appoint Christina Bartlett & Doug Bartlett as 2017-2018 school volunteers.

Vote: Yes- 5 No- 0

APPROVAL: On the recommendation of the Superintendent, on a motion by A. Garbarino, seconded by
BID – ROOF G. Hildebrant, the Board voted to accept the low bidder EV Roofing, 35 Seymour Lane,
RECONSTRUCTION Westmoreland, NY 13490 for the base bid of \$133,000 & Alternate No. 1 \$39,500 & Alternate No.2 \$24,000 for Roof Reconstruction - #21-19-01-02-0- 001-023 .

Vote: Yes - 5 No – 0

APPROVAL: On the recommendation of the Superintendent, on a motion by P. Petty, seconded
2018-2019 INSTRUCTIONAL by G. Hildebrant, the Board voted to approve the 2016-2017 instructional school calendar.
SCHOOL CALENDAR

Vote: Yes -5 No – 0

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

- Varsity basketball finished the season with an impressive record of 14-7.
- Senior night for volleyball took place on Friday, 2/2, honoring 2 seniors.
- January 25th was our Family Math Night and we had a great turnout with almost 50% of families attending from the K-5.
- Congratulations to our 2nd Quarter Webb Wall of Distinction student, R.Johnston.
- Congratulations to A.Mekkri for being selected as the Student of the Quarter at the HGSTC BOCES for the 2nd quarter. A.Mekkri competed at the Skills USA Regional Competition at SUNY Morrisville and took 1st place.
- Our Senior Class went to the OHM BOCES job fair on Tuesday, 2/6, to interview with potential employers in the Utica area.
- Our 7th and 8th grade class went skiing at McCauley Mountain on Wednesday, 2/7, with their PE teachers for an introduction to skiing.
- Mrs. Amos and Mr. Kinney held the annual 8th Grade Immigration Luncheon on Friday, 2/16.
- Our students grades 8-12 (twenty) involved in Sources of Strength traveled to Glenfield BOCES on Thursday, 2/15 with Mr. McGrath, Ms. Starring and Mrs. Deis for a refresher training coupled with the Lowville SOS team members.
- K-5 parent/teacher conferences took place on Friday, 2/2/18, and Monday, 2/5/18 with the conclusion of the 2nd quarter.
- Congratulations to the *Girls' Nordic Ski Team* for taking 1st place on Friday at Sectionals. The boys finished in 3rd place in Section III. E.Green was named Girls Nordic Section III Champion. The following members from the Nordic teams qualified for the state competition next week: J.Rivet, T.Rudolph, E.Greene, L.Levi, E.Rudolph.
- Congratulations to the *Girls' Alpine Ski Team* for taking 1st place on Tuesday at Sectionals. The boys finished in 3rd place in Section III. A.Sutherland was named Girls Alpine Section III Champion and C.Uzdavinis was named Boys Alpine Section III Champion. The following members from the Alpine Teams qualified for the State competition next week: C.Uzdavinis, A.Sutherland, A.Hollister, H.Kane.
- In light of recent events in the news, we want to remind everyone of the resources that we have available in our School Counselor, Mrs. Griffin, our School Psychologist, Mary Starring, our Herkimer County Catholic Charities Counselor, Brendan McGrath, The Neighborhood Center Satellite Office in our building, and our School Resource Officer, Chief Andrew Kalil.

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

- We are currently sitting on approvals for our VOIP and PA Project and our Roof Project. We have every intention of completing these by June 30th. The architect has worked up drawings for our bathroom remodel and will be submitting them in the March time frame in anticipation of having budget approval to get this done as our next capital outlay project. The early submission will position us better to get the work done by the annual timelines if the voters approve the budget which contains the capital outlay project.
- We still have not received approvals for our network replacement that is our Smart Schools Bond Act project. This project has been sitting in review for many months without action by the committee to move it forward. We were hoping to have this done much sooner than now and prior to our VOIP/PA project. This is the project funded through the Governor's Smart School Bond where each school was given an allowance for work a couple of years ago.
- Congratulations to Maddie Phaneuf on her success in being named to the Olympic Biathlon Team. We wish her health would have cooperated more but her real accomplishment was earning a place on the team. She has been an inspiration to our school and community and has created many learning opportunities along the way already.
- The roofing bid we awarded tonight will allow us to get the main bid section done along with the two alternate sections. This will allow us to have all roofing surfaces back under warranty with a more deliberate and defined replacement schedule to keep the warranties in place moving forward.

BOARD CONCERNS:

S. Evans congratulated the sports teams and wished the Drama Department well on their upcoming production.

A discussion was brought up regarding taking a proactive approach and reviewing our policies/procedures and school safety. It was discussed that we should bring Chief Johnston into talk with the board and have an outside agency do a physical campus and policy review. Discussion also focused on the SRO and his work time and arming.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Motion made by G. Hildebrant, seconded by P. Petty, to enter into executive session at 7:42 p.m. to discuss student health and safety, contract negotiations with CSEA and the employment history of several TOWTA members.

Vote: Yes -5 No – 0

Student health and safety, contract negotiations with CSEA and the employment history of several TOWTA members were discussed, no action was taken.

REGULAR SESSION:

Motion made by G. Hildebrant, seconded by P. Petty, to return to regular session at 7:53 p.m.

Vote: Yes - 5 No – 0

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion made by G. Hildebrant, seconded by P. Petty, to adjourn the meeting at 7:53 p.m.

Vote: Yes - 5 No – 0

District Clerk