

BOARD OF EDUCATION – REGULAR MEETING
TOWN OF WEBB UNION FREE SCHOOL DISTRICT
TUESDAY, MARCH 15, 2016
LIBRARY
6:30 PM

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

ABSENT: Anne Garbarino and George Hildebrant

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

OTHERS PRESENT: Mary Starring, Brad Donovan

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

PUBLIC COMMENTS: Kathy Nahor acknowledged receipt of a letter of resignation that would be voted on during the meeting. Ms. Nahor also mentioned the NYSSBA convention will take place on October 27-29 in Buffalo and congratulated everyone involved with the play. Wishing safe travels to those going out of town for Spring Break.

Sharon Evans praised Ms Gaudin and the cast and crew of the “Pajama Game” on how well the show was done and went off beautifully. Members thanked Jeff Evans and crew for the great sets produced. Also, the Big Frog 104’s best Central New York High School Mascot for Herkimer County is the Old Forge Eskimo.

SPECIAL TOPIC: The Special Education Statistical Update provided by Mary Starring was reviewed. The Board discussed the 2016-2017 Budget Revenue and Fund Balance. Mr. Germer reviewed the Draft Chart Comparison of Budget Proposals Impacting Education.

APPROVAL:
MINUTES 3/01/16 On the recommendation of the Board President, on a motion by S. Evans, seconded by J. Phaneuf, the Board voted to approve the minutes of the regular meeting held on March 1, 2016.

Vote: Yes- 3 No- 0

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

- #18 Fund A with 58 checks written for a total of \$87,218.18
- #19 Fund A with 5 checks written for a total of \$1,860.20
- #15 Fund C with 6 checks written for a total of \$3,029.61
- Benefits March 2016 with 1 check written for a total of \$743.35
- #21 Fund TA with 1 check written for a total of \$2,296.70

Vote: Yes- 3 No- 0

APPROVAL:
TREASURER’S REPORT On the recommendation of the Board President, on a motion by S. Evans, seconded by J. Phaneuf, the Board voted to approve the Treasurer’s Monthly Report for February 2016 as presented.

Vote: Yes- 3 No- 0

APPROVAL:
PROPANE BID
2016-2017 On the recommendation of the Superintendent, on a motion by J. Phaneuf, seconded by S. Evans, the Board voted to approve the 2016-2017 propane bid from Helmer’s Fuel & Trucking, Inc. at the refreshed fixed price at \$1.559/gallon Helmer’s Fuel & Trucking, Inc., Old Forge, NY 13420.

Vote: Yes -3 No – 0

APPROVAL:
CSE RECOMMENDATIONS On the recommendation of the Committee on Special Education, on a motion by J. Phaneuf, seconded by S. Evans, 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 - 3 No – 0

APPROVAL: On the recommendation of the Superintendent, on a motion by S. Evans, seconded by J. Phaneuf, the board voted to approve the Cooperative Educational Services Agreement entered into by Madison-Oneida BOCES and the Town of Webb UFSD effective July 1, 2016.
MADISON-ONEIDA BOCES SERVICE AGREEMENT
Vote: Yes - 3 No – 0

APPROVE/DECLARE: On the recommendation of the Superintendent, on a motion by S. Evans, seconded by J. Phaneuf, the board voted to declare Monday, April 25, 2016 as a Superintendent’s Conference day for school improvement activities, no students will be in attendance.
CONFERENCE DAY
Vote: Yes - 3 No – 0

APPROVAL: On the recommendation of the Board President, on a motion by J. Phaneuf, seconded by S. Evans, the Board voted to approve the Resolution for Payment to Superintendent:
SUPERINTENDENT’S DEFERRED COMPENSATION PLAN OR ANNUITY
The Board of Education hereby approves and authorizes a onetime payment in an amount equivalent to 1.75% of the Superintendent’s salary for the 2014-2015 school year, or \$2062.81, to be paid on behalf of the Superintendent to a deferred compensation plan or annuity of the Superintendent’s choice and directs the business office to take all appropriate steps to effectuate this resolution effective immediately.
Vote: Yes - 3 No – 0

APPOINTMENT: On the recommendation of the Superintendent, on a motion by S. Evans, seconded by J. Phaneuf, the Board voted to approve the following as a 2015-2016 spring sports coach:
COACH
Volunteer to Assist the Girls Varsity Track Coach – Alicia Burnett
Vote: Yes- 3 No- 0

APPOINTMENT: On the recommendation of the Superintendent, on a motion by J. Phaneuf, seconded by S. Evans, the Board voted to appoint the following:
SUBSTITUTE
Substitute Teacher: Kimberly Graves at the rate of \$80/day
Substitute Teacher Aid: Kimberly Graves at the rate of \$9.75/hour
Vote: Yes - 3 No – 0

ACCEPTANCE: On the recommendation of the Superintendent, on a motion by J. Phaneuf, seconded by S. Evans, the Board voted to accept the resignation, with regret, of Dana Pashley as Microcomputer Repair Technician effective April 29, 2016.
RESIGNATION
Vote: Yes - 3 No – 0

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

- The entire Senior Class has met the NYS requirement for hands-only CPR training. The students who are not covered will receive the training in Health Class.
- All faculty were trained on hands-only CPR during the March faculty meeting.
- The Carpentry class made standing desks for the elementary classrooms to fill a need that teachers had for this new idea to help students stay focused.
- Five Junior High students traveled to HCCC on Thursday, 3/10 to compete in the annual Drug Quiz Show. They were coached by Judy Ehrensbeck and Brendan McGrath who also chaperoned the field trip.
- The National Honor Society Students visited elementary classrooms last week during PARP to read stories to the K-5. This is the final week of PARP. We have been challenging students to read 15 minutes each night.
- Spirit Week began yesterday and hallway decorating has begun!
- The 11th grade traveled to OCC with the guidance department to attend a college fair on Thursday, 3/10.
- The 9th grade traveled today to HCCC today for Career Day with the guidance department.
- Our first Sources of Strength training took place Wednesday, 3/2, with 26 students participating. This group will be meeting twice a month and planning activities for their peers.
- The Fall/Winter Sports Awards took place on Wednesday, 3/2, in the gymnasium to celebrate the accomplishments of our sports teams so far this year.

- The modified basketball season wrapped up on Friday, 3/4. The boys finished their season with a 7-3 record.
- The Gettysburg Choir came to perform for K-12 on Monday, 3/7, after they performed at View on their Spring Break Tour.
- The Drama Department put on two tremendous performances of The Pajama Game this past weekend under the direction of Val Gaudin.

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

- Congratulations to Ms. Gaudin and all the student participants on the wonderful performances they put on this past weekend. A special thank you to Ms. Herrmann, Mr. Evans, Mrs. Amos and Mrs. DeFilipps for all of their efforts to ensure the success of the play.
- Big Frog ran a contest for the best regional mascots. The Town of Webb UFSD Eskimos won for both Herkimer County and Central NY in their online voting contest. The contest for Central NY was between the Camden Blue Devils and our Eskimos with both schools receiving over 12,000 votes.
- Thank you Dana Pashley for doing a tremendous job for us here. We truly appreciate your efforts and how far you brought us in your short time employed with the District. We wish you well as you rejoin the Town of Webb workforce.
- We have had a Cisco representative come in to look over all of our network infrastructure as we plan for expenditures of the Smart Schools Bond Act monies approved at the State level. The Town of Webb UFSD is earmarked to receive just under \$100,000 as reimbursement for expenditures related to the bond act.
- We have received an insurance check to redo the Aux Gym floor after the damage incurred from moisture. The floor unfortunately will have to wait until summer to be redone as there is a concern that the two weeks of spring break isn't enough to allow the finish to be removed and allowing the floor to dry out completely before applying the new paint and finish.
- We are currently looking at several small projects to be completed in the next few years with the \$100,000 Capital Outlay monies. The boiler burner replacement is slated to happen later this spring after the heating season. We are looking to possibly complete the glycol replacement part of that project with other funds as they would not fit within the \$100,000 project scope when the bids were received. We are also looking to develop flooring replacement, bathroom remodel/upgrade and door replacement projects for the next few years of work as all these items are on our radar and in need of considerable repairs currently.
- The master schedule is in the works. We will be making course offering decisions based on the student requests and how they are able to fit in the master schedule. The BOCES component schools have been speaking about being able to share courses more freely between schools to boost offerings for all of our students as technology is better able to create an interface that can help facilitate this sharing.
- Congratulations to Mr. Best on his upcoming nuptials which will happen during spring break.
- We hope everyone enjoys their break beginning this Saturday and that anybody traveling does so safely. Staffing at school will be light during the break so if you need anything during that time it is best to call 369-3222 x-2101 to leave a message as that phone will be checked fairly regularly.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Motion made by J. Phaneuf, seconded by S. Evans, to enter into executive session at 7:19 p.m. to discuss the employment history of four particular teachers and a potential future contractual agreement.

Vote: Yes -5 No – 0

The employment history of four particular teachers and a potential future contractual agreement were discussed, no action was taken.

REGULAR SESSION:

Motion made by S. Evans, seconded by J. Phaneuf, to return to regular session at 7:54 p.m.

Vote: Yes - 3 No – 0

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion made by J. Phaneuf, seconded by S. Evans, to adjourn the meeting at 7:54 p.m.

Vote: Yes - 3 No – 0