

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

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

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

OTHERS PRESENT: Heather Levensailor, Jessica DeHart, Jennifer Hartsig, Don Gooley, Barbara Fetterman, Brad Donovan

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

PUBLIC COMMENTS: Kathy Nahor acknowledged receipt of two letters of resignation that would be voted on during the meeting. Kathy Nahor also mentioned an invitation to the annual BOCES Dinner Meeting on April 4, 2014 at the Howard G. Sackett Technical Center and information regarding Jefferson Lewis School Boards Workshop on InterMunicipal Agreements/Expanded Legal Service to be held on March 20, 2014.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Motion made by G. Hildebrant, seconded by J. Phaneuf, to enter into executive session at 6:34 p.m. at the parent’s request to discuss a student’s plan.

*S. Evans entered 6:35 p.m.*

Vote: Yes -4 No – 0

A student’s plan was discussed, no action was taken.

REGULAR SESSION: Motion made by G. Hildebrant, seconded by J. Phaneuf, the Board voted to return to regular session at 6:42 p.m.

Vote: Yes - 4 No – 0

PUBLIC FORUM: J. Hartsig asked about a procedure/plan for students that refuse to participate in the state testing. A letter was sent earlier in the year expressing her family’s desire not to participate in the state testing and is confirming that the student’s refusal to take the test will not be a disruption to the teacher and class. Mr. Swick explained that there is no longer the opt out option and that the student will have the test placed in front of them - be given the opportunity to test, the student refused, is coded as refuse to test and the student will be allowed to read quietly in the back of the room.

SPECIAL TOPIC: The 2014-2015 budget was reviewed.

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

MINUTES 3/4/14

Vote: Yes- 4 No- 0

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

WARRANTS & CLAIMS

- #16 Fund A with 61 checks written for a total of \$107,571.56,
- #15 Fund C with 7 checks written for a total of \$5,232.63,
- #6 Fund F with 2 check written for a total of \$4,705.77
- #17 Fund TA with 1 check written for a total of \$1,277.99

Vote: Yes- 4 No- 0

APPROVAL: 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 2014 as presented.

TREASURER’S REPORT

Vote: Yes- 4 No- 0

APPROVAL: On the recommendation of the Committee on Special Education, on a motion by G. Hildebrant, seconded by S. Evans, the Board voted to approve the authorization of funds to implement the special education programs and services consistent with such recommendations, as needed.

CSE RECOMMENDATION

Vote: Yes - 4 No – 0

APPROVAL:  
CSEA SICK BANK  
REQUEST

On the recommendation of the Town of Webb UFSD CSEA Sick Bank Committee at a meeting held on March 18, 2014, on a motion by J. Phaneuf, seconded by S. Evans, the Board voted to approve 3 CSEA Sick Bank days for Bonnie Tracy.

Vote: Yes – 4 No – 0

ACCEPTANCE:  
RESIGNATION FOR  
RETIREMENT

On the recommendation of the Superintendent, on a motion by G. Hildebrant, seconded by S. Evans, the Board voted to accept the resignation for retirement of Patricia Harwood, Special Education teacher, with regret and appreciation for her 29 years of service at the Town of Webb UFSD/33 years in education, effective June 30, 2014.

Vote: Yes- 4 No- 0

ACCEPTANCE:  
RESIGNATION

On the recommendation of the Superintendent, on a motion by G. Hildebrant, seconded by J. Phaneuf, the Board voted to accept the resignation of Maryellen Denio, as Board Member with regret and appreciation for her service to the Town of Webb UFSD, effective immediately.

Vote: Yes - 4 No – 0

Board discussed the vacancy of the Board Seat and by consensus members decision was not to fill the position until the Annual Meeting Budget Vote on May 20, 2014.

APPOINTMENT:  
COACHES

On the recommendation of the Superintendent, on a motion by G. Hildebrant, seconded by S. Evans, the Board voted to approve the appointment of Kerrin Ehrensbeck as Volunteer to Assist the Modified Baseball Coach for the 2013-2014 school year.

Vote: Yes- 4 No- 0

APPROVAL:  
ESTABLISH  
CAPITAL RESERVE  
FUND

On the recommendation of the Superintendent, on a motion by G. Hildebrant, seconded by J. Phaneuf, the Town of Webb UFSD Board of Education votes to approve the following proposition to be voted upon at the Annual Budget Meeting on May 20, 2014:

RESOLVED: that a proposition to establish a Capital Reserve Fund not to exceed \$1,000,000, to be funded by the District from existing appropriated funds on hand and to be expended only upon future voter approval(s), for the purpose of financing either the full or partial costs of any capital addition, improvement, or other object or purpose for which the District would otherwise be able to seek and issue bonds pursuant to the local finance law, and to replenish payments therefore for subsequent years by yearly levy upon taxable real property of the district at a rate not to exceed \$200,000 per annum, with the proposed term of such fund being twenty (20) years.

Vote: Yes- 4 No- 0

SPECIAL TOPICS:

The board discussed 2014-2015 Budget.

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT:

John Swick, Principal reviewed the following:

- Our 1pm early dismissal procedures that were due to the inclement weather went smoothly on Wednesday, 3/12.
- Mr. Tim Leach accompanied five students to the Herkimer County Courtroom on Tuesday, 3/11. This is one of the four field trips involved in this educational internship with Herkimer County Legislature. Our students will observe, learn and participate in county government.
- Mr. Bradish and the Material/Transportation class have provided some model planes that were created in class for display in our school library.
- Diane Amos provided CPR/AED training to our faculty and staff who were interested on Friday 3/7 and Monday, 3/10.
- The National Honor Society held a Blood Drive along with the Red Cross on Wednesday, 3/5.
- Our musical production is being held at 7pm this Friday, 3/21 and Saturday, 3/22, “Annie Get Your Gun”, directed by Val Gaudin. Please come and support our students!

- Robert Fountain’s 7th grade students, Independent Art, Drawing/Painting and Studio Art classes enjoyed a presentation from visiting author, RC Oster, on Tuesday, 3/18 to model some of his art work for our students.
- Kirsten Down and Judy Ehrensbeck put on a terrific PARP read-in event in our auxiliary gym on Thursday evening, 3/13 @6:30-7:30. Students brought their sleeping bags and pillows to hear stories from different readers in our community.
- Our modified spring sports started on Monday, 3/17 with our varsity teams starting last Monday, 3/10. We are looking forward to a great spring season!
- At this point in the year, there have been 53 teacher observations completed with 8 remaining.

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

- Both the State’s Assembly and House have released their proposed budgets. It sounds like the expectation remains that there will be an on time budget approved again this year. Both budgets include extra funding for schools and further restoration of the GEA although the Senate budget shunts a large amount of funding to charter schools and other items downstate. I expect to see a side by side comparison shortly that will further highlight the “truth in the numbers.”
- Thank you to Maryellen Denio her for her 8 months of service to the students of the District!
- We had a representative in from the State last Wednesday during the snowstorm to formally observe and audit the cafeteria which is on a rotational schedule with this being our year. Generally the feedback was good with one item noted that we need to update our Wellness Plan and restart regular meetings as a Wellness Committee. We will be looking to include a community member in this committee as we have done in the past.
- Our architect will be coming in to meet on March 24<sup>th</sup> to discuss the list of items O&M came up with that need attention in the building and on the campus. This initial meeting will start building the context for a potential future project that at this point has become necessary due to the larger ticket items of some of the needs as well as the inability of the budget to address these costs especially under the current constraints of the tax cap.
- Please remember our play this weekend with performances of Annie Get Your Gun on both Friday and Saturday night at 7PM. It is sure to be a great show.

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

Vote: Yes –4 No – 0

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Motion made by G. Hildebrant, seconded by J. Phaneuf, the Board voted to to enter into executive session at 7:45 p.m. to discuss the litigation related to the former Superintendent; collective negotiations related to the TOWTA Contract; the employment history of a particular Administrator’s Unit member, employment history of three particular teachers and discussion related to the potential legal action regarding to a vendor.

Vote: Yes -4 No – 0

The litigation related to the former the Superintendent; collective negotiations related to the TOWTA Contract; the employment history of a particular Administrator’s Unit member, the employment history of three particular teachers and the potential legal action regarding to a vendor were discussed, no action was taken.

REGULAR SESSION: Motion made by G. Hildebrant, seconded by J. Phaneuf, the Board voted to return to regular session at 8:53 p.m.

Vote: Yes - 4 No – 0

ADJOURNMENT: Motion made by S. Evans, seconded by G. Hildebrant, the Board voted to adjourn the meeting at 8:54 p.m.

Vote: Yes - 4 No – 0