

BOARD OF EDUCATION – REGULAR MEETING
TOWN OF WEBB UNION FREE SCHOOL DISTRICT
TUESDAY, MARCH 19, 2013
LIBRARY
6:30 PM

MEMBERS PRESENT: Patricia Josephson, Kathy Nahor, George Hildebrant, Sharon Evans, Joseph Phaneuf and Colin Criss– Student Representative

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

OTHERS PRESENT: Bob McCoy

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

PUBLIC COMMENTS: Kathy Nahor acknowledged receipt of April newsletter; NYSSBA Reform Agenda; and a parent letter that was forwarded to the members from Mr. Swick and Germer. P. Josephson mentioned the student production of Bye Bye Birdie was good entertainment and thanked all who volunteered to on this endeavor.

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 5, 2013 regular meeting.
MINUTES 3/05/13

Vote: Yes- 5 No- 0

APPROVAL: On the recommendation of the Board President, on a motion by S. Evans, seconded by P. Josephson the Board voted to accept warrants and claims:
WARRANTS & CLAIMS

- #17 Fund A with 70 checks written for a total of \$74,493.17,
- #15 Fund C with 6 checks written for a total of \$3,075.89,
- #19 Fund TA with 1 check written for a total of \$2,049.59

Vote: Yes- 5 No- 0

APPROVAL: On the recommendation of the Board President, on a motion by G. Hildebrant, seconded by S. Evans, the Board voted to approve the Treasurer’s Monthly Report for February 2013 as presented.
TREASURER’S REPORT

Vote: Yes- 5 No- 0

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

AUTHORIZATION: On the recommendation of the Superintendent, on a motion by P. Josephson, seconded by J. Phaneuf, the Board voted to approve the authorization of Rex A. Germer to sign the Memorandum of Agreement with St. Elizabeth Medical Group for Medical Services for the period July 1, 2013- June 30, 2014 for an annual fee of \$9000.
R. GERMER TO SIGN
MOU W/ST. ELIZABETH
MEDICAL GROUP

Vote: Yes – 5 No – 0

APPROVAL: On the recommendation of the Superintendent, on a motion by P. Josephson, seconded by J. Phaneuf, the Board voted to approve the 2013-2014 school district budget in the amount of \$7,918,132 and the Board of Education be authorized to levy the necessary tax on the real property of the district.
2013-2014 BUDGET

Vote: Yes – 5 No – 0

SPECIAL TOPIC: The Board discussed the 2013-2014 Budget. A draft of the budget documents that will be presented to the public at the Budget Hearings via power point slides was reviewed. Robert McCoy representing the Webb Property Owners Association (WPOA) asked questions regarding the Common Core Curriculum and its impact on the budget.

Mr. Germer commented on the impact of the Common Core Curriculum and these mandates have impacted budget by the purchase of new textbooks at each grade level, testing and staff training.

K. Nahor commented from a teacher perspective it has been described as “initiative overload”. As far as schools are concerned it has had a major impact.

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

- Thank you to Kim Casselman for coming out to work with our teachers yesterday with their Smart Board skills.
- BOCES Planetarium program visited on Tuesday, 2/26 with 5 grades taking part. BOEHM concepts (1st grade) Star Patterns (2nd grade)
- Indian Legends (4th grade) Constellations (5th grade) Plate Tectonics (7th grade) Sun & Seasons (9th grade)
- Thank you to Val Gaudin and the entire cast of “Bye Bye Birdie” for putting on a great show this past weekend!
- PARP Finale was well organized with special thank you to Judy Ehrensbeck and Kirsten Down. Activities included Chop Stick Race,
- Chinese Lanterns, Tangram Puzzles, Pick A Duck and Face Painting. Thank you to PTC for providing snacks, drinks, and helping out! Thank you to the four NHS students who chaperoned each of the activities.
- Thank you to Kari Horn for working with our Grade 3-5 teachers today with the new ELA Common Core Curriculum.
- Thank you to Diane Amos for holding LinkIt training after school last Wednesday.
- Thank you to Jennifer Parzych for holding Google Docs training yesterday for teachers.
- Thank you to Tracey Down’s class for inviting me to listen to the stories written by second graders.
- This week Student Council is hosting Spirit Week for students in grades 6-12. The Spirit Week assembly will be held Friday at 1pm.
- Spirit Week Elementary Style ~ Key Club has seized an opportunity to get the elementary kids involved with raising school pride during Spirit Week. They have arranged many fun and interesting activities each day culminating with color dress of white and maroon on Friday, 3/22 for the assembly. Key Club is rewarding each elementary student with an ice cream coupon to be used at our school cafeteria.
- Thank you to The Strand Theatre for showing The Bully Project to grades 6-12 yesterday. Thank you to Kandis Griffin, our Dignity for All Student Act coordinator, for working with the theatre to make this happen. Mr. Card relayed to our office that our students’ behavior was exceptional and the Strand was left clean and neat!

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

- “Guest column” in the paper - this was actually written as a series of responses to questions from the paper and they turned it into a column.
- The State budget is still in the works. Both sides have proposed increases in funding including restoration of part to all of the high tax aid. I have spoken to Senator Farley and Assemblyman Butler and both are optimistic about seeing some increases in aid but they are unsure what this will mean to us in terms of our district.
- Our schedule for 2013-2014 is being provided to you as a preliminary view. Any changes in funding or final budget could drastically impact what this schedule looks like and as such it is being considered a basic framework for budgetary purposes.
- Ms. Gaudin did another great job with her students and the Bye Bye Birdie production this past weekend. Thank you to all those that helped make our annual play a possibility!
- Ballpark quotes have been received on the replacement plow truck for next year. We are still looking into the possibility of a lease but if that is our best option it would require a referendum.
- The new webpage template has been approved. We are hoping to have the new page live when we return from break. The full data migration will begin after a snapshot is taken of our current site.

COMMITTEE REPORTS: Discussed the Audit Committee Charter. After review of the Audit Committee Charter and the change in number of board members, it was decided that the whole board would make up the Audit Committee. Also, discussed the external audit should contain a review of procedures, payroll and cafeteria.

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

Vote: Yes –5 No – 0

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Motion made by G. Hildebrant, seconded by J. Phaneuf, to enter into executive session at 7:27 p.m. to discuss potential litigation related to a former employee; collective negotiations related to the TOWTA Contract; a teacher, tuitioned students and the Superintendent's evaluation.

Vote: Yes -5 No – 0

Potential litigation related to a former employee; collective negotiations related to the TOWTA Contract; employment histories of 5 particular individuals, a teacher, tuitioned students and the Superintendent's evaluation were discussed, no action was taken.

REGULAR SESSION:

Motion made by P. Josephson, seconded by J. Phaneuf, to return to regular session at 8:40 p.m.

Vote: Yes - 5 No – 0

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion made by J. Phaneuf, seconded by S. Evans, to adjourn the meeting at 8:41 p.m.

Vote: Yes - 5 No – 0

Clerk Pro Temp

District Clerk