

BOARD OF EDUCATION – REGULAR MEETING
TOWN OF WEBB UNION FREE SCHOOL DISTRICT
TUESDAY, APRIL 3, 2018
LIBRARY
6:30 PM

MEMBERS PRESENT: Joseph Phaneuf, George Hildebrant, Sharon Evans and Philip Petty
Ryan Johnston– Student Representative

ABSENT: Anne Garbarino

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

OTHERS PRESENT: Diane Amos, Zachary Kotwica, Jamie Organski, Kendra Hopsicker

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

PUBLIC COMMENTS: Joseph Phaneuf acknowledged receipt of a letter from Sandra Klindt running for re-election to the Jefferson-Lewis School Board & that election takes place on Wednesday, April 18th.

SPECIAL TOPIC: Jenn Dunn gave an overview of the proposed 2018-2019 Budget.

APPROVAL: On the recommendation of the Board President, on a motion by S. Evans, seconded by P. Petty, the Board voted to approve the minutes of the regular meeting held on March 13, 2018.

Vote: Yes- 4 No- 0

APPROVAL: On the recommendation of the Board President, on a motion by G. Hildebrant, seconded by P. Petty the Board voted to accept the warrants:

WARRANTS

- #18 Fund A with 62 checks written for a total of \$38,366.46
- Benefits April 2018 with 1 checks written for a total of \$1,478.49
- #14 Fund C with 5 checks written for a total of \$404.50
- #2 Fund F with 1 check written for a total of \$24.79
- #21 Fund TA with 16 checks written for a total of \$329,522.66

Vote: Yes- 4 No- 0

APPROVAL: On the recommendation of the Superintendent, on a motion by G. Hildebrant, seconded by S. Evans, the Board voted to approve the SEQRA -Main Building Toilet Room Alterations & Renovations resolution:

SEQRA – TOILET ROOM PROJECT

WHEREAS, the Board of Education of the Town of Webb Union Free School District (the “Board”) has considered the effect upon the environment of the proposed work at:

“Main Building Toilet Room Alterations & Renovations”, SED Control #21-19-01-02-0-001-025

WHEREAS, the Board has received and reviewed the Scope of the Proposed Project prepared and submitted in connection with the Project, and has further received and considered the advice of its Architects and Engineers with regard to the environmental impact of the Project; now therefore

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Education of the Town of Webb Union Free School District as follows:

1. The Board hereby determines in accordance with Article 8 (State Environmental Quality Review Act - SEQRA) of the Environmental Conservation Law that the Project is a Type II action which will not have a significant impact on the environment and is not subject to review under SEQRA.
2. The Project is hereby approved and the Superintendent of Schools and all officers and employees of the District are authorized and directed to perform all actions and execute all documents necessary or appropriate to obtain the necessary funding, complete the Project and to carry out the intent of this resolution.

Vote: Yes- 4 No- 0

APPROVAL:
CSE RECOMMENDATION

On the recommendation of the Committee on Special Education, on a motion by S. Evans, 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.

Vote: Yes - 4 No – 0

APPROVAL:
BOARD POLICY 503.12

On the recommendation of the Superintendent, on a motion by P. Petty, seconded by G. Hildebrant, the Board voted to approve the Board Policy: 503.12 – Disclosure of Student School Disciplinary Records to Post-Secondary Institutions

Vote: Yes- 3 No- 1 (Evans)

APPROVAL:
BOARD POLICY 503.12

Motion by S. Evans, seconded by, the Board voted to approve the Board Policy: 503.12 – Disclosure of Student School Disciplinary Records to Post-Secondary Institutions by eliminating the following paragraph:

“The Board of Education realizes that such information may disproportionately affect students of color and students with disabilities as there are noted disparities in the imposition of disciplinary sanctions.”

The motion failed due to a lack of a second.

APPROVAL:
2018-2019 BUDGET

On the recommendation of the Superintendent, on a motion by G. Hildebrant, seconded by P. Petty, the Board voted to approve the 2018-2019 school district budget in the amount of \$8,868,460 and the Board of Education be authorized to levy the necessary tax on the real property of the district.

Vote: Yes- 4 No- 0

APPROVAL:
ELECTION INSPECTORS

On the recommendation of the Superintendent, on a motion by P. Petty, seconded by G. Hildebrant, the Board voted to approve the appointment of election inspectors/poll watchers for the May 15, 2018 Annual Budget Vote, at a stipend of \$85.00 as follows:

Joan Liddle	Carol Clark
Mona Lincoln	Joan Spring
Jane Tormey	Anne Hasby
Alternate Election Inspectors –Sheila White	

Vote: Yes- 4 No- 0

APPROVAL:
BOARD OF VOTER
REGISTRATION MTG.

On the recommendation of the Superintendent, on a motion by P. Petty, seconded by S. Evans, the Board voted to approve that the Town of Webb Union Free School District Board of Registration shall meet in the schoolhouse of said district located at 3002 NYS Rt. 28, Old Forge, New York on May 10, 2018 from 4:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. for the purpose of preparing the final voter registration register of the school district for the Annual Budget Vote and, that a Budget Hearing be established for May 8, 2018 at 7:00 p.m. in the Town of Webb UFSD gymnasium, and that the Budget Vote be established May 15, 2018 from 2-9:00 p.m. in the Town of Webb UFSD gymnasium.

Vote: Yes- 4 No- 0

APPOINTMENT:
St. ELIZABETH MEDICAL
CENTER - Medical Services

On the recommendation of the Superintendent, on a motion by S. Evans, seconded by G. Hildebrant, the Board voted to approve the appointment of St. Elizabeth Medical Center for Medical Services at the rate of \$9,000.00 for the period 7/1/18-6/30/19.

Vote: Yes - 4 No – 0

DECLARE SURPLUS:
TYPEWRITER

On the recommendation of the Superintendent, on a motion by S. Evans, seconded by P. Petty, the Board voted to approve and declare surplus Model KA 1 Smith Corona Word Smith Typewriter.

Vote: Yes - 4 No – 0

APPOINTMENT:
SUBSTITUTES

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

- Substitute Bus Driver Jeff Casper - at the rate of \$14.25/hour
- Substitute Cleaner: Hazel Hawkins - at the rate of \$10.50/hour

Vote: Yes - 4 No – 0

APPROVAL:
USE OF SCHOOL
BUS

On the recommendation of the Superintendent, on a motion by S. Evans, seconded by P. Petty, the Board voted to approve the request from the Greater Utica Chamber of Commerce for the use of buses and drivers:

- Friday, August 17, 2018 - Two (2) buses and drivers to transport golfers from Thendara Train Station to Thendara Golf Course for a golf outing and return to the Thendara Train Station.

The Greater Utica Chamber of Commerce bearing all related costs and upon provision of a certificate of insurance naming the school district as an additional insured and pending driver availability. Also, as stated in the letter no golf bags will be transported on the school buses, only passengers.

Vote: Yes - 4 No – 0

APPROVAL:
LEAD EVALUATOR

On the recommendation of the Superintendent, on a motion by G. Hildebrant, seconded by P. Petty, the board voted to approve the following resolution:

BE IT RESOLVED THAT, the Board of Education for the Town of Webb UFSD has determined and finds that Rex Germer is hereby certified as Qualified Lead Evaluator of Building Principals and Teachers having successfully completed the following training requirements prescribed in 8 NYCRR §30-2.9 (b):

1. The New York State Teaching Standards and their related elements and performance indicators and the Leadership Standards and their related functions.
2. Evidence-based observation techniques that are grounded in research.
3. Application and use of the student growth percentile model and the value-added growth model as defined in 8 NYCRR §30-2.2.
4. Application and use of the New York State-approved rubrics selected by Town of Webb UFSD for use in the evaluation of building principals and teachers, including training on the effective application of such rubric to observe building principals/teachers practice.
5. Application and use of the assessment tools that Town of Webb UFSD utilizes to evaluate its building principals.
6. Application and use of the New York State-approved, locally selected measures of student achievement used by the Town of Webb UFSD to evaluate its principals/teachers.
7. The scoring methodology utilized by the State Education Department and Town of Webb UFSD to evaluate principals/teachers under 8 NYCRR §30-2 including:
 - i. How scores are generated for each subcomponent and the composite effectiveness score of principals/teachers, and
 - ii. Application and use of the scoring ranges prescribed by the Commissioner for the four designated rating categories used for the overall rating of principals/teachers and their subcomponent ratings.
8. Specific considerations in evaluating principals/teachers of English language learners and students with disabilities.

Training on the use of the Statewide Instructional Reporting System, also required by 8 NYCRR §30-2.9 (b), will be provided once the New York State Education Department makes available the information required for such training. This certification has been issued in accordance with the process for certifying lead evaluators in accordance with the Town of Webb UFSD Annual Professional Performance Review Plan.

Vote: Yes- 4 No- 0

APPROVAL: On the recommendation of the Superintendent, on a motion by S. Evans, seconded
SCHOOL SAFETY OFFICER by G. Hildebrant, the Board voted to approve the following resolution:
KALIL -CARRY WEAPON

WHEREAS, the Board of Education is interested in enhancing the ability of the District’s School Safety Officer, sometimes known as a School Resource Officer, to provide security and protection to the Students, Staff, and community members while on District property;

WHEREAS, the Board of Education believes that the School Safety Officer (“SSO”) can also provide a uniformed presence within the school as a deterrent to criminal behavior on the school campus and to promote a greater sense of safety and security within the school environment; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Education may authorize a School Safety Officer to carry and possess a weapon on school property while in the performance of his or her duties.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that pursuant to the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education hereby authorizes the following:

1. The Board of Education provides its affirmative written permission to Andrew Kalil for him to possess and carry a properly registered personal firearm as approved by the Superintendent of Schools while on school property and while in the performance of his duties for the District in accordance with Article 265 of the New York State Penal Law.
2. Mr. Kalil must currently possess and continue to maintain a valid New York State Pistol Permit pursuant to the requirements New York Penal Law §400.00.

Mr. Kalil is only authorized to possess and carry a duly, properly registered, and licensed pistol and nothing herein shall be construed as approving or granting written permission for the possession or carrying of any other weapon other than a handgun.

Vote: Yes- 3 No- 1 (Petty)

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

- A meeting was had with Senator Tedisco. He has requested we notify him of safety and security needs we have so that he can attempt to help us through legislation and funding in the future.
- BOCES came in and conducted a campus safety audit. We should be seeing a report from that in the near future. The audit began with questions of the administration and included a full inspection of the campus.
- Raquette Lake Union Free School has approved sending their elementary students to the Town of Webb UFSD pending successful negotiation of a tuition agreement between the districts. The agreement to be negotiated would commence with the 2018-2019 school year. Transportation for Raquette Lake has already been contracted through the Town of Webb UFSD for a couple of years.
- The State budget was approved at the deadline last week. The budget, as has been done in the past, includes a number of non budgetary items that have now annually become part of the political landscape of how to get new legislation and mandates through. Inclusive in this year’s budget there is a mandate for schools to have a new reporting and approval process for building level per pupil expenses. There is a lot that is yet unknown about this process that was thought to originally be only for districts that had a certain number of buildings and had more than 50% of their funding coming from the state but it was put through as a phase that was inclusive of all districts in three years. Unfortunately the budget process now has us constantly looking for not just funding potentials but for new mandates and requirements each year.

Although it is touted as a record increase in funding we should keep in mind that many of the monies included in the increase are not available to the Town of Webb UFSD or to North Country Schools in general.

BOARD CONCERNS: S. Evans expressed her belief that the candidate running for her board seat in the May 15, 2018 election should be a parent of a student. It gives insight into events at the school.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Motion made by G. Hildebrant, seconded by S. Evans, to enter into executive session at 7:20 p.m. to discuss the collective negotiations related to the CSE contract; employment history of several particular TOWTA members and a potential future contract.
Vote: Yes -4 No – 0

Collective negotiations related to the CSE contract; employment history of several particular TOWTA members and a potential future contract were discussed, no action was taken.

REGULAR SESSION: Motion made by G. Hildebrant, seconded by P. Petty, to return to regular session at 8:15 p.m.
Vote: Yes - 4 No – 0

ADJOURNMENT: Motion made by P. Petty, seconded by G. Hildebrant, to adjourn the meeting at 8:15 p.m.
Vote: Yes - 4 No – 0

District Clerk