

BOARD OF EDUCATION – REGULAR MEETING
TOWN OF WEBB UNION FREE SCHOOL DISTRICT
TUESDAY, APRIL 4, 2017
LIBRARY
6:30 PM

- MEMBERS PRESENT: Joseph Phaneuf, George Hildebrant, Anne Garbarino and Philip Petty
Carter Kelly– Student Representative
- ABSENT: Sharon Evans
- ALSO PRESENT: Rex Germer, John Swick, Jennifer Dunn and Diane Kull
- OTHERS PRESENT: Jennifer Hartsig, Brad Donovan, Katie Langworthy, Kendra Hopsicker, Jamie Russell,
Jeremiah Best

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

PUBLIC COMMENTS: Jennifer Hartsig asked what the plans were for the property located at 139 Park Avenue that is being put before the voters. J. Phaneuf explained that there are a few options as the house currently has a one year lease/ purchase in with another party. Due to the lease/purchase the voters will be asked if the board should proceed with this opportunity. Ms. Hartsig then asked how the purchase of the house fits in the mission of the Board. J. Phaneuf spoke on behalf of the members in that this opportunity may not come around again anytime soon and the strategic plan for this property has not been developed yet. The voters will get to express their opinion about pursuing this opportunity.

SPECIAL TOPICS:

- 2017 – 2018 Budget Review
- Jenn Dunn – Property Tax Report Card Discussion
- Jeremiah Best gave a presentation regarding his 5th grade student’s participation in an outdoor laboratory tapping trees and producing maples syrup. At this point he is gathering information from other schools/communities on how to proceed and grow a student/community program interesting students in real world work opportunities that we have locally.

APPROVAL:
MINUTES 3/21/17 On the recommendation of the Board President, on a motion by G. Hildebrant, seconded by A. Garbarino, the Board voted to approve the minutes of the regular meeting held on March 21, 2017.

Vote: Yes- 4 No- 0

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

- #18 Fund A with 42 checks written for a total of \$166,696.19
- Benefits April 2017 with 2 checks written for a total of \$30,279.68
- #16 Fund C with 7 checks written for a total of \$2696.54
- #4 Fund F with 1 check written for a total of \$398.00
- Cash Disb March PR with 17 checks written for a total of \$307,575.14

Vote: Yes- 4 No- 0

APPROVAL:
SCHOOL HOLIDAY On the recommendation of the Superintendent, on a motion by P. Petty, seconded by G. Hildebrant, the Board voted to approve a school holiday on Friday, June 23 using one unused emergency closing day, unless needed earlier. If an emergency day is needed before June 23rd, we would have school on that day.

Vote: Yes- 4 No- 0

APPROVAL:
CSE RECOMMENDATION On the recommendation of the Committee on Special Education, on a motion by P. Petty, seconded by A. Garbarino, 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 509.7

On the recommendation of the Superintendent, on a motion by G. Hildebrant, seconded by P. Petty, the Board voted to approve the following Board Policy: 509.7 – Emergency Interventions.

Vote: Yes- 4 No- 0

APPROVAL:
ADMINISTRATIVE REG.
5509.1 – DOUBLING UP
TO GRADUATE EARLY

On the recommendation of the Superintendent, on a motion by A. Garbarino, seconded by G. Hildebrant, the Board voted to approve the revised Administrative Regulation: 5509.1 Doubling Up to Graduate Early.

Vote: Yes- 4 No- 0

APPROVAL:
2017-2018 BUDGET

On the recommendation of the Superintendent, on a motion by G. Hildebrant, seconded by A. Garbarino, the Board voted to approve the 2017-2018 school district budget in the amount of \$8,828,260 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:
PROPERTY TAX REPORT
CARD

On the recommendation of the Superintendent, on a motion by G. Hildebrant, seconded by P. Petty, the board voted to approve the Property Tax Report Card for 2017-2018.

Vote: Yes – 4 No – 0

APPROVAL:
ELECTION INSPECTORS

On the recommendation of the Superintendent, on a motion by G. Hildebrant, seconded by A. Garbarino, the Board voted to approve the appointment of election inspectors/poll watchers for the May 16, 2017 Annual Budget Vote, at a stipend of \$85.00 as follows:

Dora Burnett Carol Clark
Mona Lincoln Joan Spring
Jane Tormey Anne Hasby

Alternate Election Inspectors –Joan Liddle and Lois Lowenberg

Vote: Yes- 4 No- 0

APPROVAL:
BOARD OF VOTER
REGISTRATION MTG.
MAY 11, 2017

On the recommendation of the Superintendent, on a motion by P. Petty, seconded by A. Garbarino, 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 11, 2017 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 9, 2017 at 7:00 p.m. in the Town of Webb UFSD gymnasium, and that the Budget Vote be established May 16, 2017 from 2-9:00 p.m. in the Town of Webb UFSD gymnasium.

Vote: Yes- 4 No- 0

DECLARE SURPLUS:
SEWING MACHINES

On the recommendation of the Superintendent, on a motion by A. Garbarino, seconded by P. Petty, the Board voted to approve and declare surplus :

- Singer Sewing Machine– Scholastic Model 6704 with cabinet
- Singer Sewing Machine – Scholastic Model 724 with cabinet

Vote: Yes- 4 No- 0

WITHDRAW
APPOINTMENT:

On the recommendation of the Superintendent, on a motion by G. Hildebrant, seconded by P. Petty, the Board voted to withdraw the appointment of Mark Johnston as Boys' Varsity Baseball Coach, effective March 24, 2017. The Boys' Varsity Baseball Team will not exist for the 2016-2017 school year.

Vote: Yes- 4 No- 0

ACCEPTANCE:
RESIGNATION FOR
RETIREMENT

On the recommendation of the Superintendent, on a motion by P. Petty, seconded by G. Hildebrant, the Board voted to accept the resignation for retirement of Kevin Connell, as Microcomputer Repair Technician, with regret and appreciation for his 11+ years of service at the Town of Webb UFSD, effective April 21, 2017.

Vote: Yes- 4 No- 0

APPROVAL:
INDEPENDENT AUDITOR On the recommendation of the Superintendent, on a motion by P. Petty, seconded by A. Garbarino, the Board voted to accept the Proposal for External Audit Services from Stackel and Navarra, CPA, PC, 216 Washington St., Suite 402, Watertown, NY 13601 as Independent Auditor:

- 2017-2018 school year at a rate of \$10,225
- 2018-2019 school year at a rate of \$10,480
- 2019-2020 school year at a rate of \$10,740

Vote: Yes- 4 No- 0

APPROVAL:
LEGO WEDO 2.0 CLUB On the recommendation of the Superintendent, on a motion by P. Petty, seconded by A. Garbarino, the Board voted to approve the creation of a LegoWeDo 2.0 Club, effective September 1, 2017.

Vote: Yes- 4 No- 0

APPROVAL:
JR. BAND TRIP On the recommendation of the Superintendent, on a motion by G. Hildebrant, seconded by P. Petty, the Board voted to approve the Jr. Band Trip to Washington, DC from May 11-May 14, 2017.

Vote: Yes – 4 No – 0

APPROVAL:
TOWTA MEMO OF UNDERSTANDING 16-19 On the recommendation of the Superintendent, on a motion by P. Petty, seconded by A. Garbarino, the Board voted to approve the July 1, 2016- June 30, 2019 Town of Webb Teachers’ Association Memorandum of Understanding:

Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board hereby ratifies the attached Memorandum of Understanding for settling a collective bargaining agreement July 1, 2016 – June 30, 2019 with the Town of Webb Teachers’ Association and authorizes the Superintendent to sign the new collective bargaining agreement.

Vote: Yes – 4 No – 0

APPROVAL:
INTER- MUNICIPAL AGREEMENT-INLET STUDENTS IN 7-12 On the recommendation of the Superintendent, on a motion by P. Petty, seconded by A. Garbarino, the Board voted to approve the Inter-Municipal Cooperation Agreement with Inlet Common School and authorizes the Superintendent of Schools to execute the contract for Educational and related services for students in 7-12 for the 2017 –2018 school year.

Vote: Yes- 4 No- 0

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

- State budget extender brings uncertainty as school districts prepare for budget votes on May 16. School Aid for the 2017-2018 is uncertain but payments for the remainder of the 2016-2017 will take place.
- Thank you to all the students, teachers, staff and community members that came together to make this year’s production this past weekend a great success. It was wonderful to listen to this showcase of student voices as they sang all the numbers within the Broadway Review under Mr. Kovalovsky’s direction.
- We wish everyone a great break as we begin our annual two week vacation from school at the end of the day on Friday. If you are traveling please do so safely. Please be aware that staffing at school is limited during the break if you need to be in contact with the school.
- We did have the tree removed from the front of the school that was so badly damaged by ice this year. It certainly changes the landscape out front but unfortunately for safety and maintenance reasons it needed to come down. We will look to have the stump ground down and have the ground settle before making any plans for replacement plantings.
- Jeremiah Best, our fifth grade teacher, has been making contacts in several different areas and forging partnerships with organizations looking to benefit our students through experiences and a more interconnected learning experience. Cornell Cooperative Extension has come in and met with us already and offered us monies to start a garden. We have some plans in place to begin this project on a small scale to start with. He has also had the students out tapping maple trees on Maple Ridge and recording data associated with that process. There are other items in the pipeline which are sure to add excitement and real world learning opportunities for the whole school.

BOARD COMMENTS: G. Hildebrant commented that the students did a good job in the Musical Review and J. Phaneuf mentioned that the groups had disciplined voices.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Motion made by G. Hildebrant, seconded by A. Garbarino, to enter into executive session at 7:35 p.m. to discuss the employment history of a particular former CSEA employee; pending litigation; employment history of several TOWTA employees, Administrator’s contract and employees covered by a Memorandum of Understanding.

Vote: Yes -4 No – 0

The employment history of a particular former CSEA employee; pending litigation; employment history of several TOWTA employees, Administrator’s contract and employees covered by a Memorandum of Understanding were discussed, no action was taken.

REGULAR SESSION: Motion made by G. Hildebrant, seconded by P. Petty, to return to regular session at 7:59 p.m.

Vote: Yes - 4 No – 0

ADJOURNMENT: Motion made by P. Petty, seconded by G. Hildebrant, to adjourn the meeting at 8:00 p.m.

Vote: Yes - 4 No – 0

District Clerk