

BOARD OF EDUCATION – REGULAR MEETING
TOWN OF WEBB UNION FREE SCHOOL DISTRICT
WEDNESDAY, APRIL 18, 2018
LIBRARY
6:30 PM

MEMBERS PRESENT: Joseph Phaneuf, George Hildebrant, Sharon Evans, and Philip Petty
ABSENT: Anne Garbarino
ALSO PRESENT: Rex Germer, John Swick, Jennifer Dunn and Diane Kull
OTHERS PRESENT: Zachary Paul Kotwica, Jamie Organski, Jennifer Fenton Lis, Madeline Fenton, Kendra Hopsicker

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

SPECIAL TOPIC: Jenn Dunn, District Treasurer gave an overview of the 2018-2019 Property Tax Report Card.
Rex Germer, Superintendent had a discussion related to school snow day/delay determination.

APPROVAL:
MINUTES 4/3/18 On the recommendation of the Board President, on a motion by P. Petty, seconded by G. Hildebrant, the Board voted to approve the minutes of the regular meeting held on April 3, 2018.

Vote: Yes- 4 No- 0

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

- #19 Fund A with 31 checks written for a total of \$111,579.88
- #20 Fund A with 1 check written for a total of \$6.00
- April Benefits with 2 checks written for a total of \$25,335.43
- #15 Fund C with 7 checks written for a total of \$2,512.86
- #3 Fund F with 1 check written for a total of \$607.30

Vote: Yes- 4 No- 0

APPROVAL:
TREASURER'S REPORT On the recommendation of the Board President, on a motion by G. Hildebrant, seconded by P. Petty, the Board voted to approve the Treasurer's Monthly Report for March 2018 as presented.

Vote: Yes- 4 No- 0

APPROVAL:
PROPERTY TAX REPORT CARD On the recommendation of the Superintendent, on a motion by S. Evans, seconded by P. Petty, the board voted to approve the Property Tax Report Card for 2018-2019.

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:
2018-2019 BOCES BUDGET On the recommendation of the Board Vice-President, on a motion by G. Hildebrant, seconded by P. Petty, the board voted to approve the following resolution:
RESOLVED: that the Town of Webb Union Free School District hereby approves the 2018 - 2019 proposed administrative budget, \$4,119,360, of the Jefferson-Lewis-Hamilton-Herkimer-Oneida Board of Cooperative Educational Services as mailed to component districts and presented at their Annual Meeting.

Vote: Yes - 4 No – 0

APPROVAL:
BOCES CANDIDATES

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

RESOLVED: that the Town of Webb Union Free School District hereby casts one ballot for Lynn Murray, one ballot for Michael Young and one ballot for Dr. Sandra Young-Klindt, the term of office for each vacancy is (3) three years beginning July 1, 2018 and concludes on June 30, 2021 on the Jefferson-Lewis BOCES Board of Cooperative Educational Services.

Vote: Yes - 4 No – 0

APPROVAL:
MAD-ONEIDA BOCES
JOINT BID - COMMODITIES

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

WHEREAS, it is the plan of a number of PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICTS and the MADISON-ONEIDA BOCES (the ‘BOCES’) during the 2018-2019 school year to bid jointly for the purchase of various types of computers and technology commodities (the ‘‘Commodities’’); and

WHEREAS, the Town of Webb Union Free School District (‘‘the School District’’) is desirous of participating in the joint bidding of the Commodities, as authorized by General Municipal Law, Article 5-G; and

WHEREAS, this Board of Education has received and reviewed the Cooperative Bid Procedures (‘‘the Procedures’’) governing its rights and responsibilities should it elect to participate in the joint bidding of the Commodities; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that in accordance with Cooperative Bid Procedures the Board of Education agrees to award bid purchase item purchases according to the recommendation of the BOCES if such award is in the best interest of the school district.

Vote: Yes - 4 No – 0

APPROVAL:
ST. LAWRENCE/LEWIS
CO-OP. PROGRAMS

On the recommendation of the Board President, on a motion by S. Evans, seconded by G. Hildebrant, the Board votes to authorize the Superintendent to agree to participate in the St. Lawrence/Lewis Cooperative Purchasing Programs in accordance with the guidelines set forth in the ‘‘Cooperative Purchasing Agreement’’ for the 2018-2019 school year.

Vote: Yes - 4 No – 0

APPROVAL:
USE OF SCHOOL BUS

On the recommendation of the Superintendent, on a motion by G. Hildebrant, seconded by P. Petty, the Board voted to approve the request from Camp Gorham for the use of a bus and driver to transport campers from Camp Gorham:

- Tuesday, July 24, 2018 – Campers and staff to and from Beaver Brook Outfitters Rafting Base in Weavertown, NY.
- Monday, August 6, 2018 Campers and staff to Adirondack Extreme in Bolton Landing and then on to Durant Lake State Camp Ground leaving the campers.
- Thursday, August 9, 2018 - Campers and staff from Raquette Lake Hotel to Camp Gorham.

Camp Gorham bearing all related costs and upon provision of a certificate of insurance naming the school district as an additional insured and pending driver availability.

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 - Myron Douglas Bartlett - at the rate of \$14.25/hour

Vote: Yes – 4 No – 0

APPROVAL:
SCHOOL VOLUNTEERS

On the recommendation of the Superintendent, on a motion by S. Evans, seconded by P. Petty, the Board voted to appoint Christopher Herrmann as 2017-2018 school volunteer.

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 April 18, 2018, on a motion by S. Evans, seconded by P. Petty, the Board voted to approve up to a maximum of 5.75 CSEA Sick Bank days for John Abdo.

Vote: Yes -4 No –0

APPROVAL:
PHOTOCOPIER BID
4 YEARS 2018-7/30/2022

On the recommendation of the Superintendent, on a motion by S. Evans, seconded by P. Petty, the Board voted to accept the photocopier bid and authorized the Superintendent to sign the contract with Usherwood Technology, to provide the four year maintenance of three copiers purchased through MORIC for \$50,590 for the purpose of aid generation.

Vote: Yes- 4 No- 0

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT:

John Swick, Principal reviewed the following:

- A.Basile(1st) and L.Rieth(3rd) won the 5th Grade Family Life Art and Essay Contest of the Scottish Rite Masons of Utica, NY.
- Modified Sports started on Monday, 4/2, for students.
- Mr. Germer and I hosted administrators from HCCC to further discuss HCCC classes being held in our area and open to all community members. A tour of the facility was given as well as a tour of View with Jeff Grimshaw for potential classroom locations.
- Our Juniors traveled to HCCC for a college fair on 4/3 with Mrs. Griffin.
- D.DeAngelo was selected for the All-CNY Winter Volleyball Small School Team and as an All-Mohawk Valley All-Star for the 2nd year in a row.
- Mandatory April bus drills took place on Monday, 4/9 (K-5 grades) and Tuesday, 4/10 (6-8 grades). Our bus drills are complete for the year.
- NYS ELA testing grades 3-8 took place 4/11-12/18. A “Smart Cookies” support poster and cookies were shared with 3-5 grades by their peers in grades K-2! K-2 created cookie coupons wishing our grades 3-5 “good luck” as well!
- Quarter 3 concluded on Friday, 4/13/18.
- Five TOW UFSD students represented our school in the Senior Chorus at Bi-County: S.Beck C.Clark C.Clark C.Clark L.Delano.
- Four TOW UFSD students represented our school in the Senior High Band at Bi-county: R.Johnston, T.Rudolph, N.Brownsell, D.Dunn.
- Our students are taking part in the 4H Government Internship this Spring at the Herkimer County Courthouse.
- Congratulations to A.Eddy for creating the design chosen for the 2018 Community Pride T-shirt!
- Our 4th/5th grade students sent letters to the US Air Force’s 336th Fighter Squadron while the squadron was serving in Syria and Iraq. Our 4th/5th grade classes received a flag that was proudly flown over an F-15E Strike Eagle. Thank you to Lt. Col. Adam ‘Jester’ Court and Capt. Matthew ‘Bain’ Garvey!
- V.Slone was selected as the HGSTC BOCES Student of the Quarter for his work in his Engineers & Design program.

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

- Earlier this year I received the BOE’s verbal approval to investigate future partnership opportunities for the community. SHARP was one of the organizations we spoke about. SHARP has taken action to show their interest in relocating their activities to the school district as soon as we can provide them space to do so. One of the spaces we initially looked at was the Distance Learning Room but the group was concerned because of the lack of natural sunlight and sink there. A space they are very hopeful to be able to use as a “home” is one of our current elementary rooms on the main entry hallway. This space would give them access to natural light with a direct view of our new garden area, a sink and basic cabinetry and across the hall access to handicap bathroom facilities. The hope would be, with the BOE’s approval, to take the initial steps to start creating a community space within the entry hall of the school where SHARP could have this space to gather and hold events. They would be accessible for intergenerational activities and could receive hot meals through our cafeteria. Ideally we would replace or enhance current doorways to divide the public space from the student occupied space as much as possible without doing major

construction at this point. The entrance would be a good entry point for the public with the main entrance there to monitor the comings and goings of community members and between the hours of 10am-2pm there could be parking in the front circle for ease of entry.

The school is also currently in conversation with HCCC to hopefully offer access to credited and non-credited courses in the future within this community space. There is a planned survey that should go out to community members in the near future to gauge interest to develop possible offerings.

This means there would be an opportunity to realign classroom space and move several current elementary classrooms to other locations in the building. We are looking at a couple of potential options if we want to move ahead with this that would create a mini elementary hallway elsewhere in the building to keep at least a couple of elementary classes next to each other and out of the full activities of our older students.

I am hopeful, with the BOE’s blessing, that this will be the first steps in utilizing our current space to best meet the needs of our community in a different way.

- We have received word that the Adirondack Foundation has approved a grant in the amount of \$5,000 to purchase furniture or help create a website to further support the efforts for SHARP and a future Community Center. If we move forward with locating a room for SHARP within the school we will use the monies of this grant to purchase furniture to help initially set up this room.
- Best wishes to the three candidates that will appear on the ballot to fill a five year seat on the Board of Education. Kendra Hopsicker, Zachary Kotwica and Shari Pronobis have all submitted the required documents to the BOE Clerk and will appear on the ballot on May 15th during the annual budget vote. Thank you to these candidates for being willing to serve in this capacity for our students.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Motion made by G. Hildebrant, seconded by P. Petty to enter into executive session at 7:24 p.m. to discuss collective negotiations related to the CSEA Contract and the employment history of several particular TOWTA members. John Swick was asked to be present.

Vote: Yes -4 No – 0

The collective negotiations related to the CSEA Contract and the employment history of several particular TOWTA members were discussed, no action was taken.

John Swick left 7:51 pm

REGULAR SESSION:

Motion made by G. Hildebrant, seconded by P. Petty, to return to regular session at 7:54 p.m.

Vote: Yes - 4 No – 0

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion made by G. Hildebrant, seconded by P. Petty, to adjourn the meeting at 7:54 p.m.

Vote: Yes - 4 No – 0

District Clerk