

BOARD OF EDUCATION – REGULAR MEETING
TOWN OF WEBB UNION FREE SCHOOL DISTRICT
TUESDAY, APRIL 19, 2016
LIBRARY
6:30 PM

MEMBERS PRESENT: Kathy Nahor, George Hildebrant, Sharon Evans, Joseph Phaneuf and Anne Garbarino
Casey Hamlin– Student Representative

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

OTHERS PRESENT: Brad Donovan, Jen Lis, Diane Amos

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

PUBLIC COMMENTS: Kathy Nahor acknowledged receipt of a letter that would be voted on during the meeting. Kathy Nahor extended condolences to Lisa and Chelsea Hanford on the passing of their mother/grandmother.

SPECIAL TOPIC: The 2016-2017 Property Tax Report Card was presented by Jennifer Dunn.

APPROVAL: On the recommendation of the Board President, on a motion by J. Phaneuf, seconded by A. Garbarino, the Board voted to approve the minutes of the regular meeting held on April 5, 2016.

Vote: Yes- 5 No- 0

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

WARRANTS

- #21 Fund A with 73 checks written for a total of \$188,570.81
- #17 Fund C with 7 checks written for a total of \$2,519.27
- BC/BS April 2016 with 1 check written for a total of \$26,598.02
- Benefits April 2016 with 1 check written for a total of \$743.35

Vote: Yes- 5 No- 0

APPROVAL: On the recommendation of the Board President, on a motion by J. Phaneuf, seconded by A. Garbarino, the Board voted to approve the Treasurer’s Monthly Report for March 2016 as presented.

TREASURER’S REPORT

Vote: Yes- 5 No- 0

APPROVAL: On the recommendation of the Superintendent, on a motion by S. Evans, seconded by J. Phaneuf, the board voted to approve the Property Tax Report Card for 2016-2017.

PROPERTY TAX REPORT CARD

Vote: Yes – 5 No – 0

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

CSE RECOMMENDATION

Vote: Yes - 5 No – 0

APPROVAL: On the recommendation of the Board President, on a motion by J. Phaneuf, seconded by S. Evans, the board voted to approve the following resolution:

2016-2017 BOCES BUDGET

RESOLVED: that the Town of Webb Union Free School District hereby approves the 2016-2017 proposed administrative budget, \$3,991,504, of the Jefferson-Lewis-Hamilton-Herkimer-Oneida Board of Cooperative Educational Services as mailed to component districts and presented at the Annual Meeting.

Vote: Yes - 5 No – 0

APPROVAL:
BOCES CANDIDATES

On the recommendation of the Board President, on a motion by S. Evans, seconded by J. Phaneuf, the board voted to approve the following resolution:

RESOLVED: that the Town of Webb Union Free School District hereby casts one ballot for James L. Lawrence, Jr., one ballot for Marianne Opela and one ballot for Michael J. Kramer, the term of office for each vacancy is (3) three years beginning July 1, 2016 and concludes on June 30, 2019 on the Jefferson-Lewis BOCES Board of Cooperative Educational Services.

Vote: Yes - 5 No – 0

APPOINTMENT:
TENURE HANNAH PAYNE

On the recommendation of the Superintendent, on a motion by J. Phaneuf, seconded by A. Garbarino, the Board voted to approve the tenure appointment of the following effective August 31, 2016:

- (a) Name of appointee: Hannah Payne
- (b) Tenure area: Elementary Teacher
- (c) Date of commencement of Service on Tenure: 9/1/13
- (d) Certification status: Initial- Early Childhood Education Birth-2, Initial- Childhood Education 1-6

Vote: Yes - 5 No – 0

APPOINTMENT:
TENURE EMILY HERRMANN

On the recommendation of the Superintendent, on a motion by J. Phaneuf, seconded by A. Garbarino, the Board voted to approve the tenure appointment of the following effective August 31, 2016:

- (a) Name of appointee: Emily Herrmann
- (b) Tenure area: Music Teacher
- (c) Date of commencement of Service on Tenure: 9/1/13
- (d) Certification status: Professional- Music (all grades)

Vote: Yes- 5 No- 0

APPOINTMENT:
TENURE MEGAN PFEIFER

On the recommendation of the Superintendent, on a motion by J. Phaneuf, seconded by S. Evans, Board voted to approve the tenure appointment of the following effective August 31, 2016:

- (a) Name of appointee: Megan Pfeifer
- (b) Tenure area: English Teacher
- (c) Date of commencement of Service on Tenure: 9/1/13
- (d) Certification status: Initial English Language Arts 7-12

Vote: Yes- 5 No- 0

ACCEPTANCE:
RESIGNATION

On the recommendation of the Superintendent, on a motion by S. Evans, seconded by J. Phaneuf, the Board voted to accept the resignation of Todd Luther as part-time health teacher, part-time physical education teacher & Athletic Director, effective June 30, 2016.

Vote: Yes – 5 No – 0

APPROVAL:
TOWTA SICK BANK
REQUEST

On the recommendation of the Town of Webb UFSD TOWTA Sick Bank Committee at a meeting held on April 12, 2016, on a motion by A. Garbarino, seconded by S. Evans, the Board voted to approve up to a maximum of 20 TOWTA Sick Bank days for Jolene Finn.

Vote: Yes -5 No –0

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT:

John Swick, Principal reviewed the following:

- Spring sports are underway with several home games this week and next. Please come out to support our teams.
- NYS ELA, Math testing for grades 3-8 have concluded and all make-ups were completed.
- English 10 & 11 went on a field trip to View on Friday, 4/15 with Mr. Cunningham and Mr. Leach to see a Shakespeare production.
- Bus Drills K-12 were completed on Friday, 4/8, for grades K-12.
- Emily Herrmann took 21 band students to a NYSSMA Solo Fest., on Saturday, 4/9.
- The 3rd quarter officially ended on Friday, 4/15. We are now in the 4th quarter of this current school year.

- The Community Pride Day t-shirt was designed in a contest by A.Sutherland. This design will be featured for all who partake in the Community Pride Day.
- We have added a Superintendent’s Conference Day planned for Monday, April 25th. No students will be in attendance.
- Teachers in grades 3-8 are scoring NYS ELA exams this week and the State has projected scores much sooner than the typical August release date.
- Students in grades 3-8 celebrated a week of testing with a scavenger hunt around the school property on Friday, 4/15.
- Rebecca Sessions was added to the Webb Wall of Distinction on Friday, 4/15.
- Judy Taster from Hospice met with the elementary teachers on Wednesday, 4/13, to help give strategies on helping students dealing with grief or loss.

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

- We currently have a number of jobs posted on our website and on OLAS as well as in the local papers. We have an immediate opening for a Microcomputer Repair Technician with the current employee leaving at the end of the month. We also will be looking to have a new Athletic Director in place at the beginning of the summer. Several teaching positions have been posted for anticipated vacancies including an Elementary Teacher, Industrial Technology Teacher (shop), Vocal Music Teacher and Chemistry/Earth Science Teacher. Applications have started to come in. The teaching positions close on May 15th and we will look to conduct interviews within a few weeks of that end date. Several of these positions are expected to be difficult to fill.
- Just a reminder that we will only be having one budget hearing this year. It is scheduled for Tuesday, May 10th in the school gymnasium. If a group would like a smaller presentation we are willing to set this up if requested. Please contact the District Office if you have any interest in having a group presentation scheduled.
- The Tri-County Solar Consortium is looking to have an actual commitment from participants as they have vendors looking to secure lands and move forward with the future build out of the solar fields. These fields will all be up in the northern part of our BOCES with credits shared across those participating in the consortium. As with anything there is a risk to joining into a consortium if the energy prices were to drop below the contractual rate charged back from the vendor. Current projections show a potential savings for the District of between \$4,000 and \$15,000 annually. The savings would be smaller if the fields only get partially built. The vendor is responsible for the build out and maintenance and the land lease costs are included in the rate they charge us back. If the fields never come online there is no cost to the consortium. The consortium will benefit from the fields once they are generating electric but have no responsibility for the build and connection costs. The contracts with the vendors would be for 20 years or longer. The consortium would control the ability and costs for participants to enter and leave the consortium during the contractual limits.
- Are we interested in being part of this? Would the BOE like a presentation from BOCES representatives on the specifics of the project scope and function?

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Motion made by G. Hildebrant, seconded by J. Phaneuf, to enter into executive session at 7:00 p.m. to discuss the employment history of 5 particular teachers and one memo employee.

Vote: Yes -5 No – 0

The employment history of 5 particular teachers and one memo employee were discussed, no action was taken.

REGULAR SESSION:

Motion made by G. Hildebrant, seconded by J. Phaneuf, to return to regular session at 7:27 p.m.

Vote: Yes - 5 No – 0

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion made by G. Hildebrant, seconded by J. Phaneuf, to adjourn the meeting at 7:27 p.m.

Vote: Yes - 5 No – 0