

BOARD OF EDUCATION – REGULAR MEETING
TOWN OF WEBB UNION FREE SCHOOL DISTRICT
WEDNESDAY, APRIL 24, 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: Diane Gaige, Ryan Hatch

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

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Motion made by J. Phaneuf, seconded by P. Josephson, to enter into executive session at 6:30 p.m. to obtain legal advice.

Vote: Yes -5 No – 0

Obtained legal advice regarding litigation related to a former employee, no action was taken.

REGULAR SESSION: Motion made by S. Evans, seconded by G. Hildebrant, to return to regular session at 7:36 p.m.

Vote: Yes -5 No – 0

PUBLIC COMMENTS: Kathy Nahor acknowledged receipt of a conference report from Kandis Griffin regarding her attendance at the Associated Colleges of the St. Lawrence Valley Academic Counselors Conference.

APPROVAL:
MINUTES 4/09/13 On the recommendation of the Board President, on a motion by G. Hildebrant, seconded by P. Josephson, the Board voted to approve the minutes of the April 9, 2013 regular meeting.

Vote: Yes- 5 No- 0

APPROVAL:
WARRANTS & CLAIMS On the recommendation of the Board President, on a motion by G. Hildebrant, seconded by J. Phaneuf the Board voted to accept warrants and claims:

- #19 Fund A with 33 checks written for a total of \$63,930.42
- #17 Fund C with 4 checks written for a total of \$1,029.40

Vote: Yes- 5 No- 0

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

Vote: Yes- 5 No- 0

APPROVAL:
CSE RECOMMENDATION On the recommendation of the Committee on Special Education, on a motion by P. Josephson, seconded by S. Evans, the Board voted to approve the authorization of funds to implement the special education programs and services consistent with such recommendations, as needed.

APPROVAL:
2013-2014 BOCES BUDGET On the recommendation of the Board President, on a motion by P. Josephson, seconded by J. Phaneuf, the board voted to approve the following resolution:

RESOLVED: that the Town of Webb Union Free School District hereby approves the 2013-2014 proposed administrative budget, \$3,758,626, 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 J. Phaneuf, seconded by P. Josephson, the board voted to approve the following resolution:
RESOLVED: that the Town of Webb Union Free School District hereby casts one ballot for 3 candidates: Michael Kramer; James L. Lawrence, Jr.; Peter Monaco; the term of office for each vacancies is (3) three years beginning July 1, 2013 and concludes on June 30, 2016 on the Jefferson-Lewis BOCES Board of Cooperative Educational Services.

Vote: Yes - 5 No – 0

APPROVAL:
AREA 5 CANDIDATE

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

RESOLVED: that the Town of Webb Union Free School District Board of Education nominates William Miller for a two year term as Area 5 Director of New York State School Boards Association for January 1, 2014 to December 31, 2015.

Vote: Yes - 5 No – 0

APPROVAL:
USE OF SCHOOL
BUS

On the recommendation of the Superintendent, on a motion by G. Hildebrant, seconded by J. Phaneuf, the Board voted to approve the request from the Girls Scouts NYPENN Pathways, Inc./Old Forge Camping Resort for the use of:

- One (1) bus and driver to transport Girl Scouts from Old Forge Camping Resort to Lock-N-Dam and back to Old Forge Camping Resort on Saturday, May 18, 2013. Old Forge Camping Resort bearing all related costs and upon the provision of a certificate of insurance by Old Forge Camping Resort naming the school district as an additional insured and pending driver availability.

The Board of Education understands that this is benefitting the Girl Scouts.

Vote: Yes - 5 No – 0

APPROVAL:
USE OF SCHOOL
BUS

On the recommendation of the Superintendent, on a motion by P. Josephson, seconded by G. Hildebrant, the Board voted to approve the request from the Adirondack Scenic Railroad for the use of buses and drivers to transport visitors from Thendara Train Station to various locations, with the Adirondack Scenic Railroad bearing all related costs and upon provision of a certificate of insurance naming the school district as an additional insured and pending driver availability.

- July 6 – August 31, 2013 & September 12 – October 19 – Thursdays and Saturdays, one or two buses, from Thendara Train Station to various locations in town, and return to Thendara Station.
- August 4 - September 1, 2013 - Sundays, one or two buses, from Thendara Train Station to various locations in town, and return to Thendara Station.
- Tentative additional dates, July 13 (one bus from Big Moose Station to the Glenmore) and November 29 & 30 (one or two buses from Thendara Station to Old Forge).

Vote: Yes- 5 No- 0

APPROVAL:
USE OF SCHOOL

On the recommendation of the Superintendent, on a motion by S. Evans, seconded by P. Josephson, the Board voted to approve the request from the Town of Webb Recreation Program for the use of bus and drivers to transport the summer playschool program to and from different recreation activities from June 24 – August 9, 2013. Approval of this request is contingent upon provision of a certificate of insurance naming the school district as additional insured and pending driver availability.

Vote: Yes- 5 No- 0

APPROVAL:

USE OF SCHOOL BUS

On the recommendation of the Superintendent, on a motion by S. Evans, seconded by G. Hildebrant, the Board voted to approve the request from Camp Gorham for the use of 2 buses and drivers to transport campers from Camp Gorham to the Town of Inlet for the 4th of July fireworks at 9:00 p.m., with 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- 5 No- 0

APPOINTMENT:

COACHES

On the recommendation of the Superintendent, on a motion by P. Josephson, seconded by G. Hildebrant, the Board voted to approve Travis Kiefer as 2012-2013 Volunteer to assist the softball coaches.

Vote: Yes - 5 No – 0

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT:

John Swick, Principal reviewed the following:

- At this point observations of faculty are almost complete for the year with 10 remaining and 61 completed.
- Thank you to the anonymous donor who gifted fifteen (15) MP3 Players to our students for the use of listening to audio books.
- Thank you to Kirsten Down for hosting our Night at the Book Fair on Tuesday, April 16th and scheduling classes for the event for the three days.
- Thank you to Kari Lehman for coming to work with our K-2 teachers on the Common Core Curriculum.
- Thank you to Jen Parzych for running a second training for teachers on how to use Google Docs.
- Thank you again to Mike Edwards (DWI Coordinator in Herkimer County) and Giselle Kress (parent) for coming in to speak with our Driver Education classes about the dangers of driving while distracted and driving while under the influence.
- I would like to recognize all of the Administrative Office Professionals for their work this year. It has truly been appreciated throughout my first year as Principal.
- ELA State testing went well last week with the help of all the teachers and support staff throughout the week. Great job to everyone and good luck this week with math testing!
- Faculty and parents have been reminded to prepare their students for the NYS Math tests in grades 3-8 which are ongoing through Friday. We have encouraged and reminded students to get a good night's rest along with a healthy breakfast in preparation for these tests.
- NYS Math testing for grades 3-8 will occur April 24-26.

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

- Met with representatives from Assemblyman Butler's office and Senator Griffo's office as well as Senator Farley directly on Monday in Albany. Jay Boak, BOCES District Superintendent brought three Jeff-Lewis Superintendents to Albany to have further funding conversations with our representatives.
- Employee job descriptions are being updated. We will be working through that process and hope to have updates in our Administrative Procedures for all affected employees by the end of the school year. It has been a number of years since they have been looked at and revised.
- State testing is underway. There is a great deal of concern about the tests State wide about both their content and length. Our students and teachers are doing the best they can with them especially in light of the fact that these are "new" assessments again this year.
- We will have many teachers out to regional scoring in the next couple of weeks. Not only have the tests changed but the scoring procedures have as well and require a third reader for all of the ELA exams. Our school is being required to send 8 teachers to Lowville for scoring for multiple days for the 3-8 assessment alone. The teaching time lost during both the administration and scoring is huge.
- As budget numbers get finalized across the state we are hearing more and more information about schools that will need to go out above the tax levy limit and win a super majority for their budgets.

CLERK PRO TEMP:

Motion to appoint R. Germer as Clerk Pro Temp made by G. Hildebrant, seconded by J. Phaneuf.

Vote: Yes –5 No – 0

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Motion made by G. Hildebrant, seconded by P. Josephson, to enter into executive session at 8:00 p.m. to discuss collective negotiations related to the TOWTA Contract, litigation related to a former employee; employment histories of three particular employees and discussion regarding year-end contract requirements related to SAANYYS; and the Superintendent’s contract.

Vote: Yes -5 No – 0

Collective negotiations related to the TOWTA Contract, litigation related to a former employee; employment histories of three particular individuals and discussion regarding year end contract requirements related to SAANYYS; and the Superintendent’s contract were discussed, no action was taken.

REGULAR SESSION: Motion made by S. Evans, seconded by P. Josephson, to return to regular session at 9:02 p.m.

Vote: Yes - 5 No – 0

ADJOURNMENT: Motion made by P. Josephson, seconded by J. Phaneuf, to adjourn the meeting at 9:03 p.m.

Vote: Yes - 5 No – 0

Clerk Pro Temp

District Clerk