

BOARD OF EDUCATION – REGULAR MEETING  
TOWN OF WEBB UNION FREE SCHOOL DISTRICT  
THURSDAY, APRIL 24, 2014  
LIBRARY  
6:30 PM

MEMBERS PRESENT: Kathy Nahor, George Hildebrant, Sharon Evans, Joseph Phaneuf  
ALSO PRESENT: Rex Germer, John Swick, Jennifer Dunn and Diane Kull  
OTHERS PRESENT: Megan Ulrich, Don Gooley, Brad Donovan

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

PUBLIC COMMENTS: Kathy Nahor mentioned that the newspaper made an error reporting about the memorial field. It should be noted that the memorial will be at the school athletic field. Ms. Nahor then read a Letter to the Editor by Ron Smith that would be printed in the current edition of the Adirondack Express.

Don Gooley expressed his opinion of Ron Smith’s letter to the Editor.

SPECIAL TOPIC: Property Tax Report Card Discussion was presented by Jenn Dunn

APPROVAL: On the recommendation of the Board President, on a motion by G. Hildebrant, seconded by J. Phaneuf, the Board voted to approve the minutes of the April 1, 2014 regular meeting, as corrected.

Vote: Yes- 4 No- 0

APPROVAL: On the recommendation of the Board President, on a motion by S. Evans, seconded by J. Phaneuf the Board voted to accept warrants and claims:

WARRANTS & CLAIMS

- #19 Fund A with 77 checks written for a total of \$208,256.29
- #10 Fund C with 10 checks written for a total of \$4,479.01
- #20 Fund TA with 21 checks written for a total of \$308,687.93
- #21 Fund TA with 1 check written for a total of \$25,987.07

Vote: Yes- 4 No- 0

APPROVAL: On the recommendation of the Board President, on a motion by G. Hildebrant, seconded by J. Phaneuf, the Board voted to approve the Treasurer’s Monthly Report for March 2014 as presented.

TREASURER’S REPORT

Vote: Yes- 4 No- 0

APPROVAL: On the recommendation of the Superintendent, on a motion by J. Phaneuf, seconded by S. Evans, the board voted to approve the property tax report card for 2014- 2015.

PROPERTY TAX REPORT CARD

Vote: Yes - 5 No – 0

APPROVAL: On the recommendation of the Committee on Special Education, on a motion by G. Hildebrant, seconded by J. Phaneuf, the Board voted to approve the authorization of funds to implement the special education programs and services consistent with such recommendations, as needed.

CSE RECOMMENDATION

Vote: Yes - 4 No – 0

APPROVAL: On the recommendation of the Board President, on a motion by S. Evans, seconded by G. Hildebrant, the board voted to approve the following resolution:  
2014-2015 BOCES BUDGET RESOLVED: that the Town of Webb Union Free School District hereby approves the 2014-2015 proposed administrative budget, \$3,838,354, 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 - 4 No – 0

APPROVAL:  
BOCES CANDIDATES

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:  
RESOLVED: that the Town of Webb Union Free School District hereby casts one ballot for 3 candidates:

- Mrs. Alice Draper (incumbent)
- Mrs. Barbara Lofink (incumbent)
- Mrs. Grace Rice (incumbent)

The term of office for each vacancy is (3) three years beginning July 1, 2014 and concludes on June 30, 2017 on the Jefferson-Lewis BOCES Board of Cooperative Educational Services.

Vote: Yes - 4 No – 0

APPROVAL:  
COURSE CREDIT  
RECOMMENDATION

On the recommendation of the Course Credit Committee at a meeting held on April 24, 2014, on a motion by J. Phaneuf, seconded by G. Hildebrandt, the Board voted to approve the Education Course Credit Request as submitted by Robert Fountain “Supervision of Instruction”, for three credits each.

Vote: Yes - 3 No – 1 (Evans)

APPROVAL:  
CSEA SICK BANK  
REQUEST

On the recommendation of the Town of Webb UFSD CSEA Sick Bank Committee at a meeting held on April 24, 2014, on a motion by J. Phaneuf, seconded by S. Evans, the Board voted to approve 3 CSEA Sick Bank days for Chris Stanley.

Vote: Yes – 4 No – 0

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT:

John Swick, Principal reviewed the following:

- NYS 3-8 ELA testing concluded before break with flexibility and hard work from everyone involved. Scoring took place on Monday, 4/21 with our 3-8 teachers traveling to Lowville.
- NYS 3-8 Math testing will take place Wednesday, 4/30, Thursday, 5/1 and Friday, 5/2 of next week. Parents are encouraged to make sure their children get 8 hours of sleep and eat a healthy breakfast in the morning.
- On Tuesday night, 4/23 Deb Church was announced as the award winner from Jefferson-Lewis BOCES as Educational Office Professional of the Year. Kandis Griffin and I went to speak on her behalf at an awards dinner in Watertown.
- Bus drills were completed this week for K-12 and are finished for the year.
- The first book study meeting took place today for the group of faculty/staff who are reading, “*How Full is Your Bucket?*”
- The K-5 students met their PARP goal for reading this year. Mr. Germer and I squared off in an archery competition the day before break with a packed audience. The outcome is still being disputed by our judges!
- Kandis Griffin took 11th grade students for a tour of Onondaga and LeMoyne colleges today with Nate Smith.
- On Tuesday, 4/22 Mr. T. Leach accompanied five students on a field trip to the Herkimer County Courthouse to present Herkimer County Legislators with a proposal to improve the roadways in the county.
- Grades K-2 were treated to a tour of the Town of Webb’s Highway and Police vehicles as part of their transportation unit on Thursday, 4/3 in our front bus circle.
- Students in grades 9-12 were given a presentation on the dangers of distracted driving by Brendan McGrath and Kandis Griffin on 4/2. Students were challenged to not text and drive and to encourage others to do the same.

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

- Information is beginning to be further disseminated regarding the tax rebate that has been put in place. It is being fairly widely stated that if Districts stay under the tax levy limit (“cap”) the taxpayers of the District will see a rebate in the form of a check for the amount they saw as an increase associated with this year’s proposed tax levy increase most likely right around election time this November.
- Congratulations to the Teachers, Students, support staff and the entire school community for again being recognized as one of US News and World Reports top High Schools in their annual ranking and report. We were awarded a silver badge which only 9% of schools in the nation receive. They rank 19,400 schools in the nation and we were ranked #1,426 in the nation and #116 in the state. This is the second time in three years that we have been recognized with a silver badge. The support afforded our school by the entire school community is what makes it possible for our students and teachers to achieve what they do.

- The annual school report card issued by the state is due to be released on April 29<sup>th</sup>. This report will look at accountability in many different areas including student achievement. Once released the report will be available for public review at various locations. The report will be for the 2012-13 academic year.
- A reminder that we have **budget hearings** coming up in May at **Big Moose Fire Hall on May 5<sup>th</sup>, Woodgate Library on May 7<sup>th</sup> and here in our music room on May 13<sup>th</sup>. The hearings will begin at 7pm.** All taxpayers are encouraged to attend as we want them to be fully informed voters when they go to the polls on May 20<sup>th</sup> to vote on the budget, capital reserve proposition and the candidates for the two BOE seats that will be elected through write-ins this year.

CLERK PRO TEMP:

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

Vote: Yes -4 No - 0

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Motion made by G. Hildebrant, seconded by J. Phaneuf, to enter into executive session at 7:27 p.m. to discuss the litigation related to the former Superintendent; collective negotiations related to the TOWTA, CSEA, the Administrative unit's contracts and employees with independent memos of understanding; and the employment history of one non-affiliated person and one particular teacher.

Vote: Yes -4 No - 0

The employment history of 5 particular teachers; litigation related to the former the Superintendent; collective negotiations related to the , CSEA, the Administrative unit's contracts and employees with independent memos of understanding; and the employment history of one non-affiliated person and one particular teacher were discussed, no action was taken.

REGULAR SESSION:

Motion made by G. Hildebrant, seconded by J. Phaneuf, to return to regular session at 7:47 p.m.

Vote: Yes - 4 No - 0

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion made by J. Phaneuf, seconded by S. Evans, to adjourn the meeting at 7:48 p.m.

Vote: Yes - 4 No - 0

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Clerk Pro Temp

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District Clerk