

BOARD OF EDUCATION – REGULAR MEETING
TOWN OF WEBB UNION FREE SCHOOL DISTRICT
TUESDAY, APRIL 25, 2017
LIBRARY
6:30 PM

MEMBERS PRESENT: George Hildebrant, Sharon Evans, Anne Garbarino and Philip Petty

ABSENT: Joseph Phaneuf

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

OTHERS PRESENT: Robert McCoy, Jamie Russell, Mary Starring, Brad Donovan

The meeting was called to order at 6:32 p.m. by Vice-President, Anne Garbarino.

SPECIAL TOPIC: Special Education Statistical Update – presented by Mary Starring.
Board Policy Review Section 505-515.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: Robert McCoy asked about the proposition regarding possible purchase of 139 Park Avenue and clarification regarding reserve funds - the maximum dollar amount and 20 year lifetime of the funds. Mr. McCoy also expressed his concern that there is no planned definitive use of 139 Park Avenue if approved by voters and purchased and asked for assurances that the public would have a chance to have their use ideas heard.

APPROVAL: On the recommendation of the Board Vice-President, on a motion by G. Hildebrant, seconded by P. Petty, the Board voted to approve the minutes of the regular meeting held on April 4, 2017.
MINUTES 4/05/17

Vote: Yes- 4 No- 0

APPROVAL: On the recommendation of the Board Vice-President, on a motion by G. Hildebrant, seconded by S. Evans, the Board voted to accept the warrants:
WARRANTS

- #19 Fund A with 54 checks written for a total of \$44,549.71
- #17 Fund C with 5 checks written for a total of \$497.36
- #5 Fund F with 1 check written for a total of \$8,328.92

Vote: Yes- 4 No- 0

APPROVAL: 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.
CSE RECOMMENDATION

Vote: Yes - 4 No – 0

APPROVAL: On the recommendation of the Board Vice-President, on a motion by S. Evans, seconded by G. Hildebrant, the board voted to approve the following resolution:
2017-2018 BOCES BUDGET

RESOLVED: that the Town of Webb Union Free School District hereby approves the 2017 - 2018 proposed administrative budget, \$4,011,629, 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: On the recommendation of the Board Vice-President, on a motion by G. Hildebrant, seconded by S. Evans, the board voted to approve the following resolution:
BOCES CANDIDATES

RESOLVED: that the Town of Webb Union Free School District hereby casts one ballot for Mrs. Grace H. Rice, one ballot for Mrs. Alice Draper and one ballot for Mrs. Barbara Lofink, the term of office for each vacancy is (3) three years beginning July 1, 2017 and concludes on June 30, 2020 on the Jefferson-Lewis BOCES Board of Cooperative Educational Services.

Vote: Yes - 4 No – 0

APPOINTMENT:
TENURE TRACY DEIS

On the recommendation of the Superintendent, on a motion by P. Petty, seconded by G. Hildebrant, the Board voted to approve the tenure appointment of the following effective August 31, 2017:

- (a) Name of appointee: Tracy Deis
- (b) Tenure area: Special Education Teacher
- (c) Date of commencement of service on tenure: 9/1/14
- (d) Expiration date of the appointment: 8/31/17
- (e) Certification status: Permanent- Special Education; Pending - Initial Childhood Education 1-6

Vote: Yes - 4 No – 0

APPROVAL:
MAD-ONEIDA BOCES
JOINT BID - COMMODITIES

On the recommendation of the Board Vice-President, on a motion by G. Hildebrant, seconded by S. Evans, 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 2017-2018 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

ACCEPTANCE:
DONATION

On the recommendation of the Board Vice-President, on a motion by P. Petty, seconded by G. Hildebrant, the Board voted to accept the donation from Rex Germer for the value of materials needed to construct the raised garden bed (\$307.42).

Vote: Yes - 4 No – 0

APPROVAL:
TOWTA SICK BANK
REQUEST

On the recommendation of the Town of Webb UFSD CSEA Sick Bank Committee at a meeting held on April 25, 2017, on a motion by P. Petty, seconded by G. Hildebrant, the Board voted to approve up to a maximum of 14 CSEA Sick Bank days for Loretta Gaffney.

Vote: Yes -4 No –0

APPOINTMENT:
SUMMER CLEANER
AARON NERSCHOOK

On the recommendation of the Superintendent, on a motion by G. Hildebrant, seconded by S. Evans, the Board voted to approve the appointment of Aaron Nerschook as a summer cleaner at the rate of \$10.00 per hour, effective June 27, 2017.

Vote: Yes- 4 No- 0

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT:

John Swick, Principal reviewed the following:

- Maddie Phaneuf visited on Wednesday, 3/22, to put on assemblies for K-12 as a member of the US National Biathlon Team and as a representative of the Protect Our Winters program.
- Kindergarten went to SHARP/Niccolls for a field trip on Wednesday, 3/22.
- Our seniors read to our K-4 as part of PARP on Wednesday, 3/29. PARP ended with a celebration on Wednesday, 4/5 with students making treats to take home. Prizes were distributed to students who read each day for 15 minutes during PARP.
- The PTC Book Fair took place Wednesday, 3/29 - Friday, 3/31 with a parent and community night held on Thursday, 3/30. There was \$1,900 in book sales.

- Students completed the NYS 3-8 ELA exams on Thursday, 3/30 with Math exams taking place next week.
- The musical took place on Friday, 3/31 and Saturday, 4/1 under the direction of Mr. Kovalovsky and Mrs. Herrmann.
- The third quarter ended on 3/31 and report cards were mailed before spring break.
- Spirit Week took place prior to Spring Break with an assembly on Friday, 4/7, put on by Student Council.
- A. Hopsicker was selected as the Herkimer County ARC Project Respect Essay Contest Winner from the Town of Webb UFSD.
- The Neighborhood Center is sending home Early Recognition Assessments for parents and families to complete on a voluntary basis. This is a free screening service offered because of our partnership with their office in our building. Parents/guardians who choose to complete the screening send the packet and the letter of consent with their child in a sealed private envelope that will be reviewed directly by TNC counselors. The Neighborhood Center will contact families directly if concerns are flagged in the screening and they will mail a letter as acknowledgement of receipt either way.
- Three students were chosen from the Town of Webb as ‘Students of the Quarter’ at the HGSTC BOCES. Congratulations to T. Pittarelli - Auto Body Technology I, V. Slone - Integrated Production & Design Technology, and L. Rubyor - Visual Communications II for being selected. 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:

- The door project will be beginning on Monday, May 1st. A meeting was held yesterday to determine the order and timing of work to minimize disruptions and noise. The project will take approximately a month and will cause different exterior doors to go “off line” during different portions of the project. Included in the project are door and slab work at the main entry and rear gym entry of the school that will likely be the areas that will impact people the most as the work is done.
- The budget brochure was sent out to the printer before break and without any additional candidates for the school board coming in by the deadline we were able to give the go ahead for these to be printed. The layout of the document is a little different this year simply due to the number of propositions on the ballot this year. These will be mailed out as soon as we get them back from the printer to inform the voters what they will be asked to vote on when coming in to vote.
- The annual vote will take place on May 16th, 2017 from 2-9pm in the school gymnasium and the ballots will be paper again this year in compliance with the state’s regulations. We will have a budget hearing on May 9th, 2017 beginning at 7pm in the gymnasium. We invite anybody interested to attend this hearing so that any questions you have about the budget or propositions can be answered prior to the vote on May 16th.
- There are three candidates running for the two open seats on the Board of Education. One seat open is being filled for the remainder of its term which will be from the time the results of the vote are calculated through June 30, 2018. This seat is currently filled by Sharon Evans who was appointed to fill this vacancy until this vote. Shari Pronobis is also a candidate for this seat on the Board of Education. The second seat open is the seat currently filled by Joseph Phaneuf and is for a 5 year term. Mr. Phaneuf is running unopposed for this open seat and will be the only name appearing on the ballot for this opening.
- Besides the budget proposition and the two propositions for the seats on the Board of Education you will also see propositions for the following:
 - #4: Real Property Purchase
 - #5: Roof Repair Project
 - #6: Establishment of a Bus Purchase Reserve Fund
 - #7: Establishment of a Maintenance Reserve Fund

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Motion made by P. Petty, seconded by S. Evans, to enter into executive session at 7:40 p.m. to discuss pending litigation, the employment history of several TOWTA employees, the Administrator’s Contract and one Administrative employee and the employment memos and several associated employees.

Vote: Yes -4 No – 0

Pending litigation, the employment history of several TOWTA employees, the Administrator’s Contract and one Administrative employee and the employment memos and several associated employees were discussed, no action was taken.

REGULAR SESSION: Motion made by P. Petty, seconded by S. Evans, to return to regular session at 8:14 p.m.

Vote: Yes - 4 No – 0

ADJOURNMENT: Motion made by P. Petty, seconded by S. Evans, to adjourn the meeting at 8:14 p.m.

Vote: Yes - 4 No – 0

District Clerk