

BOARD OF EDUCATION – REGULAR MEETING
TOWN OF WEBB UNION FREE SCHOOL DISTRICT
TUESDAY, MAY 03, 2016
LIBRARY
6:30 PM

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

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

OTHERS PRESENT: Diane Amos, Skyler Madtes, Nicholas Olsen, Jen Lis, Caitlin Russell

The meeting was called to order at 6:32 p.m. by President, Kathy Nahor.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: Mrs. Amos, Key Club Advisor, Skyler Madtes, Nicholas Olson and Caitlin Russell presented Board Members thank you notes signed by the Key Club Members recognizing the Board’s dedication to the students and staff.

APPROVAL: On the recommendation of the Board President, on a motion by S. Evans, seconded by A. Garbarino, the Board voted to approve the minutes of the regular meeting held on April 19, 2016.

Vote: Yes- 3 No- 0

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

WARRANTS

- #22 Fund A with 37 checks written for a total of \$121,919.36
- #23 Fund A with 2 checks written for a total of \$315.86
- #BC/BS May 2016 with 1 check written for a total of \$26,281.02
- #18 Fund C with 7 checks written for a total of \$3,084.31
- #2 Fund F with 3 checks written for a total of \$15,927.12
- #24 Fund TA with 18 checks written for a total of \$303,623.40

Vote: Yes- 3 No- 0

APPROVAL: On the recommendation of the Committee on Special Education, on a motion by A. Garbarino, seconded by S. Evans, 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 - 3 No – 0

ACCEPTANCE: On the recommendation of the Superintendent, on a motion by S. Evans, seconded by A. Garbarino, the Board voted to accept the resignation for retirement of Susan Smith, Science Teacher, with regret and appreciation for her 30 years of service at the Town of Webb UFSD/33 years in education, effective October 21, 2016.

RESIGNATION FOR RETIREMENT

Vote: Yes- 3 No- 0

ACCEPTANCE: On the recommendation of the Superintendent, on a motion by A. Garbarino, seconded by S. Evans, the Board voted to accept as low bidder H.J. Brandeles Corporation, 300 Lafayette St. (Box 529), Utica, NY 13503 for the base bid of \$62,000, for the heating upgrade – phase 2.

HEATING UPGRADE BID - Phase 2

Vote: Yes- 3 No- 0

APPROVAL: On a motion by S. Evans, seconded by A. Garbarino, the board voted to approve the following resolution:

WATER TOWER CONSTRUCTION TEMPORARY EASEMENT

Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education hereby approves the attached temporary construction easement with the Town of Webb and Old Forge/Thendara Water District for the reasons and term indicated in the agreement.

Vote: Yes- 3 No- 0

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT: John Swick, Principal reviewed the following:

- Webb Way distributed rewards last week for students who did not have a referral for the entire 3rd quarter and for students who received a chain link or ice cube.
- K-12 report cards were mailed/mailed for the 3rd Quarter on Friday, 4/22.
- Grades 3-8 enjoyed an assembly entitled, “Freedom Train” about the life of Harriet Tubman.
- Teachers were trained by Garra Lloyd-Lester from the NYS Office of Mental Health in a safeTALK training. The entire staff was trained in a QPR (Question, Persuade, Refer) training.
- View graciously opened their doors and were able to host the afternoon of our Superintendent’s Conference Day on Monday, 4/25.
- The 10th and 11th grade went to View for a field trip on Friday, 4/22, presented by the ADK Shakespeare performing arts company presented another of their Songs of the Iroquois.
- The PTC hosted a three day Book Fair event during school hours. Thank you to all the parents who donated their time in the library helping students choose books! This concluded with a Family Book Fair Night on Thursday, 4/21.
- Bryan Fairbrother from the RIC came to meet with teachers on Friday, 4/29, to help them set up their Teach Accounts for NYS.
- The May Eskimos of the Month were announced yesterday and they are displayed in the elementary hallway.
- The AP Environmental Science exam was administered yesterday morning. Scores will come out this summer.

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

- After the budget hearing on May 10, 2016 we will open a meeting to hear from a BOCES representative, as requested, about the Tri County Solar Consortium proposal and expectations as the Board looks to make a decision at the next Board meeting about joining the consortium during this initial offering and phase development. The hearing and meeting are open to the public.
- Reminder:
 - Our budget hearing will be next Tuesday at 7pm in the gymnasium. You should have received the budget brochure in the mail already. All of our budgetary documents are available on our webpage along with other statistical information that you may find interesting.
 - The Budget Vote will take place on Tuesday, May 17th across the state. You will have the opportunity to vote on the 2016-17 school budget and on one candidate for the Board of Education seat open for a 5 year term. Voting will take place from 2pm-9pm in the school gymnasium. Paper ballots will be used this year.
 - The next Board of Education meeting will take place on Wednesday, May 18, 2016 at 6:30pm in the school library.
- Just a reminder that school is currently scheduled to be closed on Thursday, May 26th and Friday, May 27th to use emergency days not needed previously. School will also be closed on Monday, May 30th in observance of Memorial Day. If an emergency day is needed prior to those dates an adjustment will be made to the calendar.
- As a follow up to the previous capsule and write up in the local paper I wanted to clarify that there is no plan to replace the school at this time. There are maintenance and repair items that have been identified through the required Building Condition Survey that prompted us to engage the public moving forward to best meet the needs of the school and community. This is simply a time to engage in conversation to share thoughts and ideas and strategically plan for our collective future as a school and community. A process will be developed to formally solicit input in the near future to ensure that the voices and ideas of the community are heard and incorporated into future plans that will address the identified needs of the BCS and beyond.
- We currently have a number of positions posted both locally and on OLAS (online). Applications are coming in with some positions seeing a great deal of interest and others seeing none. We are also always looking for substitutes so if you have any interest in substituting as a teacher, aide, maintenance worker, cafeteria worker or bus driver please contact us or submit an application.
- The Board of Education will begin a review of the Athletic Code of Conduct through a representative committee of stakeholder groups. A person will be identified and contacted from each stakeholder group and asked to bring together a group to discuss their ideas and thoughts regarding the current code and what they would like the successor code to incorporate. These groups will share their thoughts and ideas through a group-chosen representative at the Athletic Code Review Committee. This committee will work to create a successor Athletic Code of Conduct based on the feedback brought forward from the stakeholder groups. Please look for information soon regarding the stakeholder groups and the person to contact if you are interested in participating in this process. If you would like express your interest earlier you can contact the District Office at 369-3222 x 2102 and your name will be shared with the group.

BOARD CONCERNS: S. Evans asked if the senior's were on track to graduate. Mr. Swick gave assurance that the senior's progress towards graduation is being monitored.

BOARD COMMENT: K. Nahor mentioned that it was Teacher Appreciation week and expressed that the Board appreciates our teachers and all their hard work that goes into their job.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Motion made by S. Evans, seconded by A. Garbarino, to enter into executive session at 6:50 p.m. for discussion related to potential future hires.

Vote: Yes -3 No – 0

Potential future hires were discussed, no action was taken.

REGULAR SESSION: Motion made by S. Evans, seconded by A. Garbarino, to return to regular session at 7:58 p.m.

Vote: Yes - 3 No – 0

ADJOURNMENT: Motion made by A. Garbarino, seconded by S. Evans, to adjourn the meeting at 7:59 p.m.

Vote: Yes - 3 No – 0

District Clerk