

BOARD OF EDUCATION – REGULAR MEETING  
TOWN OF WEBB UNION FREE SCHOOL DISTRICT  
WEDNESDAY, MAY 21, 2014  
LIBRARY  
6:30 PM

MEMBERS PRESENT: Kathy Nahor, George Hildebrant, Sharon Evans, and Joseph Phaneuf  
ALSO PRESENT: Rex Germer, John Swick, Jennifer Dunn and Diane Kull  
OTHERS PRESENT: Anne Garbarino, Tim Leach, Casey Hamlin

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

PUBLIC COMMENTS: Sharon Evans commented that the band stands looked awesome and congratulated Kathy Nahor on attaining the four year seat by means of the write in vote. Joe Phaneuf asked about the state of the textbooks and computers at the technology building as a topic in a recent student written newspaper article. Kathy Nahor responded that the state has advised against buying new textbooks due to the changes and Common Core also acknowledged use of technology for access to most current information. Kathy Nahor acknowledged receipt a flyer announcing an upcoming NYSSBA Education Summit and Expo, High School magazine, thank you note from Grace Rice for the support of the BOCES budget, receipt of three letters that would be voted on during the meeting and condolences to Gayle Ritz on her sister’s passing and Anne Phinney her family loss.

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 24, 2014 regular meeting and May 13, 2014 emergency meeting.  
MINUTES 4/24 & 5/13/14  
Vote: Yes- 4 No- 0

APPROVAL: On the recommendation of the Board President, on a motion by J. Phaneuf, seconded by S. Evans, the Board voted to accept warrants and claims:  
WARRANTS & CLAIMS  
- #21 Fund A with 14 checks written for a total of \$1,724.03  
- #19 Fund C with 4 checks written for a total of \$30,087.42  
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 April 2014, as presented.  
TREASURER’S REPORT  
Vote: Yes- 5 No- 0

ACCEPTANCE: On the recommendation of the Superintendent, on a motion by S. Evans, seconded by J. Phaneuf, the Board voted to accept the following results of the May 20, 2014 balloting:  
RESULTS OF VOTING

BUDGET: IN FAVOR - 294  
AGAINST - 72

CANDIDATE: Vacant Term - May 20, 2014 – June 30, 2018 – Write-In Candidate, Kathy Nahor - 135

CANDIDATE: Term - July 1, 2014 – June 30, 2019 – Write-In Candidate, Anne Garbarino – 174

PROPOSITION – Capital Reserve Fund IN FAVOR - 273  
AGAINST - 82

TOTAL VOTES - 380

Vote: Yes - 4 No – 0

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

ACCEPTANCE:  
RESIGNATION

On a motion made by G. Hildebrant, seconded by S. Evans, the Board voted to accept Kathleen Nahor's resignation from the Town of Webb UFSD Board of Education seat and as President of the Board of Education effective May 21, 2014 .

Vote: Yes- 3 No- 0 Abstain – 1 (K. Nahor)

Kathleen Nahor was elected as a write-in to fill the May 21, 2014 - June 30, 2018 Board of Education seat.

*Administer Oath of office*  
*Elected Board Member:*

Kathleen (Kathy) Nahor was administered the oath of office by District Clerk, Diane Kull.

APPOINTMENT:  
BOARD MEMBER

On a motion made by G. Hildebrant, seconded by S. Evans, the Board voted to appoint Anne Garbarino to fill the remainder of Kathleen Nahor's Town of Webb UFSD Board of Education 5 year term seat effective May 21 – June 30, 2014.

Vote: Yes- 4 No- 0

Anne Garbarino was elected as a write-in for the 5 year term July 1, 2014 - June 30, 2019 Board of Education seat.

*Administer Oath of Office*  
*Elected Board Member:*

Anne Garbarino was administered the oath of office by District Clerk, Diane Kull.

NOMINATION:  
BOARD PRESIDENT  
KATHY NAHOR

Nomination for the vacancy due to the resignation of Kathy Nahor from the Town of Webb UFSD Board of Education 5 year term seat and as President of the Board of Education May 21 – June 30, 2014: Kathleen Nahor

On a motion made by S. Evans, seconded by Anne Garbarino, the Board voted to appoint Kathleen Nahor as Board President.

Vote: Yes- 5 No- 0

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Motion made by J. Phaneuf, seconded by S. Evans, to enter into executive session at 6:55 p.m. to discuss two personnel matters.

Vote: Yes -5 No – 0

Two personnel matters were discussed, no action was taken.

REGULAR SESSION:

Motion made by G. Hildebrant, seconded by J. Phaneuf, to return to regular session at 7:10 p.m.

Vote: Yes - 5 No – 0

APPOINTMENT:  
TENURE

On the recommendation of the Superintendent, on a motion by G. Hildebrant, seconded by J. Phaneuf, the Board votes to approve the tenure appointment of the following effective May 31, 2014:

- (a) The name of appointee: Mary Starring
- (b) Tenure area: School Psychologist
- (c) Date of Commencement of Service on Tenure: 6/1/11
- (d) Certification Status: NYS Provisional

Vote: Yes - 5 No – 0

APPOINTMENT:  
TENURE

On the recommendation of the Superintendent, on a motion by G. Hildebrant, seconded by J. Phaneuf, the Board votes to approve the tenure appointment of the following effective August 31, 2014:

- (a) The name of appointee: Timothy Leach
- (b) Tenure area: 6-12 English Language Arts
- (c) Date of Commencement of service on tenure: 9/1/12
- (d) Certification Status: Extension Professional 5-6 ELA & Professional 7-12 ELA, Extension Professional 5-6 Social Studies, Professional 7-12 Social Studies

Vote: Yes - 5 No – 0

APPROVAL  
RESCIND RESIGNATION

On the recommendation of the Superintendent, on a motion by S. Evans, seconded by G. Hildebrant, the Board voted to accept a letter from Philip Petty rescinding his intent to retire, effective immediately.

Vote: Yes - 5 No – 0

APPROVAL:  
BOARD OF VOTER  
REGISTRATION

On the recommendation of the Superintendent, on a motion by S. Evans, seconded by G. Hildebrant, the Board voted to approve the appointment of Margaret Daiker, Wilma Russell and Marion Gibson as members of the Board of Voter Registration for the 2014-2015 school year at the rate of \$85 per election.

Vote: Yes - 5 No – 0

DECLARE SURPLUS:  
SURPLUS ITEMS

On the recommendation of the Superintendent, on a motion by G. Hildebrant, seconded by J. Phaneuf, the Board voted to approve and declare the following items as surplus:

- Yamaha Keyboard – Model CE25 – Serial # 2841
- Ludwig Bass Drum – Serial # 99
- Sony 10X Mavica Camera - Serial #332996
- Sony FD Mavica Camera - Serial # 43700
- Sharp Sync System - Serial #890514545
- Bell & Howell 16mm projector - Serial #11173
- Philips TV - Serial # 12904896
- Panasonic VCR - Serial # COKN0348
- Panasonic VCR - Serial # COKN03821
- Panasonic VCR - Serial # COKN03856
- JVC VCR - Serial # 087X4155

Vote: Yes - 5 No – 0

POSTPONED:  
COMBINING NORDIC  
SKI TEAM

On the recommendation of the Board President, on a motion made by J. Phaneuf, seconded by A. Garbarino, the board voted to postpone the motion to approve combining Cooperstown Central HS Nordic Ski Team with the Town of Webb UFSD (host) at the modified level for the 2014-2015 school year until the June 3, 2014 meeting.

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 Adirondack Scenic Railroad for the use of buses and drivers:

- July 12 – August 30, 2014 & September 13 – October 1 – Thursdays and Saturdays, one or two buses, from Thendara Train Station to various locations in town, and return to Thendara Station.
- August 3 – August 31, 2014 - Sundays, one or two buses, from Thendara Train Station to various locations in town, and return to Thendara Station.

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.

Vote: Yes -5 No – 0

APPROVAL:  
USE OF SCHOOL  
BUS

On the recommendation of the Superintendent, on a motion by S. Evans, seconded by A. Garbarino, the Board voted to approve the request from the Mohawk Valley Chamber of Commerce for the use of:

- Two (2) buses and drivers to transport visitors from Thendara Train Station to Thendara Golf Course for a golf outing on Friday, August 15, 2014 at 9:30 a.m. and return to the Train Station at 4:30 p.m.. The Mohawk Valley Chamber of Commerce bearing all related costs and upon provision of a certificate of insurance naming the school district as an additional insured and pending driver availability. Also, as stated in the letter no golf bags will be transported on the school buses, only passengers.

Vote: Yes -5 No – 0

APPOINTMENT: On the recommendation of the Superintendent, on a motion by J. Phaneuf, seconded by  
SUBSTITUTE G. Hildebrant, the Board voted to appoint Siobhan Levere as substitute teacher at the rate  
of \$70.00/day.

Vote: Yes -5 No – 0

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

- The Artist of the 3rd Quarter was L. Beckingham. Her pottery piece is displayed in the office for all to enjoy.
- Community Pride day was a success this year. Our 2nd grade won the K-5 division collecting 39.5 lbs of garbage. Our 6th grade won the 6-12 division collecting 140 pounds of garbage! As a school we collected 607 pounds of garbage!
- The *No Magic in Drugs* Assembly took place on Wednesday 5/7 for students in grades 4-6. This was put on with the help of the Kiwanis of Old Forge.
- Our spring fire drills have been completed and we have met our yearly requirements.
- On Thursday evening, 5/9 we enjoyed out Jr./Sr. and Stage Bands perform along with three Inlet students in the Cabaret Concert under our instrumental director, Emily Herrmann.
- Congratulations to our Senior C.Liddle as her Digital Photograph portfolio was accepted into the Tri-County Art Show in Watertown, NY on Saturday, 5/10 receiving 3rd place within all of the photo portfolios submitted. Of the 15 works that were submitted four were awarded 1st place awards at the opening reception. (Congratulations to A.Fallon, A.Evans, A.Cooper and C.Barkauskas)
- Kindergarten screening took place on Monday 5/12 and Tuesday 5/13. We are looking forward to welcoming our new class of students in the fall!
- Assembly on Monday, 5/19 presented by Arts Power entitled, Laura Engalls Wilder - Growing Up on the Prairie, for our grades 3-5.
- Assembly on Monday, 5/19 presented by Paul Failla, a motivational speaker for grades 6-12.
- There were over 130 applicants for the special education position that was posted. The first round of interviews starts next week.
- The Wellness Committee has begun reviewing the Wellness Policy to submit to the BOE with updates.
- The golf team qualified for sectionals on Monday, 5/19 with great wins over Holland Patent and Oriskany.
- The Webb Way would like to thank Adirondack Bank for selecting them as a recipient of the donations from their Charity Golf Tournament. The money will be used to reward student's positive behavior at several end of the year events.

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

- Thank you to the voters who came out in support of our students and our school yesterday approving both our 2014-15 Budget and Capital Reserve Fund Establishment. Thank you also for those individuals willing to be write-in candidates for the open Board of Education seats. Hopefully next year we will have candidates on the ballot rather than having to rely on write-ins which made the process much more difficult this year.
- Congratulations and thank you to Kathy Nahor for her willingness to continue her work on the Board of Education and congratulations and welcome to Board Member, Anne Garbarino.
- The health insurance consultant has concluded their meetings with the unions in the school district. The content of these meetings will now become part of negotiations as we continue to meet with the units in an effort to come to consensus on successor agreements for the three contracts expiring at the end of June.
- Thank you to the Woodgate Library and the Big Moose Fire Hall for allowing us to use their facilities for our budget hearings. These budget hearings are held in various locations in an effort to make the information more easily accessible to the taxpayers across our very large district (larger in terms of square mileage).
- Our architect has put out to bid and is handling the bids for the repair that needs to happen to the courtyard wall. This is work that will get done over the summer due to the failure of the structure of the façade discovered while doing masonry maintenance.

BOARD COMMENT: Board Members welcomed Anne Garbarino as a Board Member.

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 J. Phaneuf, to enter into executive session at 7:39 p.m. to discuss litigation related to the former Superintendent; contract negotiations for the TOWTA, CSEA, the Administrative units and employees with independent memos of understanding; Health and Safety of Students and the employment history of a particular memo employee.

Vote: Yes -5 No – 0

The litigation related to the former Superintendent; contract negotiations for the TOWTA, CSEA, the Administrative units and employees with independent memos of understanding; Health and Safety of Students and the employment history of a particular memo employee were discussed, no action was taken.

*G. Hildebrant left 8:27 pm*

REGULAR SESSION:

Motion made by J. Phaneuf, seconded by A. Garbarino, to return to regular session at 8:32 p.m.

Vote: Yes - 4 No – 0

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion made by J. Phaneuf, seconded by S. Evans, to adjourn the meeting at 8:34 p.m.

Vote: Yes - 4 No – 0

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Clerk Pro Temp

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District Clerk