

BOARD OF EDUCATION – REGULAR MEETING
TOWN OF WEBB UNION FREE SCHOOL DISTRICT
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 15, 2015
LIBRARY
6:30 PM

- MEMBERS PRESENT: Kathy Nahor, George Hildebrant, and Anne Garbarino
ABSENT: Sharon Evans and Joseph Phaneuf
ALSO PRESENT: Rex Germer, John Swick, Jennifer Dunn and Diane Kull
OTHERS PRESENT: Giselle Kress, Kelly Hunkins, Deborah Brosemer, Jon Brosemer, Laurie Schmid

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

- ANNUAL REVIEW: The members in attendance reviewed the following:
- Annual Review of Annual Professional Performance Review (APPR)
 - Board Policy 505 - Code of Conduct
 - Board Policy 701 - Purchasing
 - Board Policy 702 – District Investments

PUBLIC COMMENTS: Kathy Nahor acknowledged receipt of voting delegate information for the Annual NYSSBA Convention in October. The Board Members attending the Annual Convention will not be in attendance at the Annual Business Meeting and instructed the District Clerk to decline the invitation.

Giselle Kress expressed her belief that the District needs a grief counselor at the school. Mrs. Kress gave statistics regarding elementary and secondary students that are exposed to grief on a daily basis. Laurie Schmid, Kelly Hunkins and Deborah Brosemer also spoke of their concerns and the need in the community for mental health support/services.

Board President, Kathy Nahor responded that the need is not just with school age students but is a community wide issue.

Superintendent, Rex Germer also replied to this commentary that he has been in contact with officials, the local medical facility director and our local BOCES trying to provide a mental health professional for our community. This problem has not gone unnoticed.

Deborah Brosemer also asked how things were going regarding the changes that were made for this year in response to parent’s concerns regarding curriculum and instruction as discussed at previous meetings.

Principal, John Swick commented on the changes for this school year: the time change to the afternoon of homebase; communication with 6 & 7 grade students over the interpretation of MASSH (Mandatory After School Study Hall) and how to avoid it and the importance of the Athletic Code; and three parent nights are to be held to explain the value of Google Classroom use.

APPROVAL:
MINUTES 8/28 & 9/1/15

On the recommendation of the Board President, on a motion by G. Hildebrant, seconded by A. Garbarino, the Board voted to approve the minutes of the August 28, 2015 emergency meeting and the September 1, 2015 regular meeting.

Vote: Yes- 3 No- 0

APPROVAL:
WARRANTS

On the recommendation of the Board President, on a motion by A. Garbarino, seconded by G. Hildebrant, the Board voted to accept the warrants and claims:

- #3 Fund A with 47 checks written for a total of \$183, 818.09
- #3 Fund C with 8 checks written for a total of \$1,444.78
- BC/BS Fund TA with 1 check written for a total of \$30,451.42

Vote: Yes- 3 No- 0

APPROVAL:
TREASURER’S REPORT

On the recommendation of the Board President, on a motion by G. Hildebrant, seconded by A. Garbarino, the Board voted to approve the Treasurer’s Monthly Report for August 2015 as presented.

Vote: Yes- 3 No- 0

APPOINTMENT:
COACHES

On the recommendation of the Superintendent, on a motion by G. Hildebrant, seconded by A. Garbarino, the Board voted to approve the appointment of the following as 2015-2016 winter sports coaches:

Boys Varsity Basketball	Thomas Greco	4 th year - \$4,395
Boys JV Basketball	Andrew Kalil	21 st year - \$3,516
Girls Varsity Volleyball	Jessica Brownsell	7 th year - \$4,835
Girls JV Volleyball	Kristen Armendola	8 th year - \$3,516
Girls Modified Volleyball	Mary Starring	4 th year - \$1,759
Girls Varsity Basketball	Travis Kiefer	5 th year - \$4,835
Alpine Skiing	Terry Murray	1 st year - \$3,956
Nordic Skiing	John Leach	Top step - \$4,835
Tom Down	Volunteer to Assist the Alpine Ski Coaches	
William Fenton	Volunteer to Assist the Boys Varsity Basketball Coach	

Vote: Yes- 3 No- 0

APPROVAL:
SCHOOL VOLUNTEERS

On the recommendation of the Superintendent, on a motion by G. Hildebrant, seconded by A. Garbarino, the Board voted to appoint the following 2015-2016 school volunteers: Sara Alves, Amy & Lawrence Bartel, Lisa Bennett, Erin & Bill Burns, Anne DeFilipps, Margaret & Bob DiOrio, Gwen & Chris Tracy-Duess, Ana Greene, Ann and William Greene, Kelly Greene, Amiee Haring and Paul Giessler, Lori Herron, Andrea Hollister, Jacki Holmes-Hodge, Kendra & Andy Hopsicker, Sue and Phil Huber, Michelle and Ronald Johnston, Katie Langworthy, Georgia Levi, Jen Lis, Amanda and Jon Little, Father Shane Lynch, Bridget Matteson, Susan and Mark Mayer, Walter Parent Jr, Denise Payne, Kelly Pratt, Alisha Robinson, Barbara Uzdevinis.

Vote: Yes- 3 No- 0

DECLARE SURPLUS:
ITEMS

On the recommendation of the Superintendent, on a motion by S. Evans, seconded by A. Garbarino, the Board voted to approve and declare the following list of items as surplus for disposal:

- 1- Model # 1003 Cash Register – SN # 21-17618909
- 1- HP Model 121 WinSnap Touch Pad
- 1- HP Model 121 WinSnap Touch Pad with cash drawer built in

Vote: Yes- 3 No- 0

APPROVAL:
BOARD GOALS

On the recommendation of the Superintendent, on a motion by G. Hildebrant, seconded by A. Garbarino, the Board voted to approve the revised Board Goals for the 2015-16 school year.

- I. The Town of Webb UFSD Board of Education supports the ideal of offering substantial educational opportunities to the students of our district and will support the administration and staff in their efforts to identify and develop educational opportunities beyond what is currently offered, especially efforts to create alternatives to study hall.
- II. The Town of Webb UFSD Board of Education will encourage and support efforts to increase parental involvement in education and parental accessibility to the school.
- III. The Town of Webb UFSD Board of Education supports and understands the need to provide a balanced educational program and, through the administration, will seek input from multiple constituent groups in the periodic and purposeful review of policies related to athletics, academics and extracurricular activities.

Vote: Yes- 3 No- 0

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

- We joined schools across the country on Friday, 9/11/15 as we took time to recognize the men and women that defend our country every day and to remember those who gave their life for our country.
- Thank you to Author Susan Kiesel for donating a copy of her new book to each of our new kindergarten students.
- Our new teachers are racing at the Community Go Kart tournament tonight and will be in attendance at the next BOE meeting.
- I am currently meeting with each teacher of students with 3-8 ELA and Math scores to go over results and set goals for students for next year.
- Our fire drills for the year have started and we will have 8 during the fall and 4 in the spring.
- Our bus drills for K-12 have taken place within the first days of school. Buster the Bus came to visit our K-3 students!
- Seniors Privileges have been approved, signed, distributed to teachers and are in place for the year.
- Our College Now teachers attended training today at HCCC to be updated on the courses that they teach for college credit to our students.
- Mrs. Amos invited Mr. Luther and myself into her Study Skills classroom to education 6th and 7th graders about the Athletic Code and Academic Probation Eligibility.
- I would like to give my condolences to the Winslow/Gaige Family.

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

- The beginning of the year is in full swing. We are seeing great things happening already this year. There are lots of new faces from the Staff to the Kindergarten class and all of the other new students who have joined us this year. We look forward to working together as we continue to navigate the year and all of the opportunities that are available to us.
- Just a reminder that the school has 3 full time personnel that are in house counseling/support resources and who are available to our students and parents/guardians throughout the year. Brendan McGrath, Kandis Griffin and Mary Starring can all be contacted if a student needs to talk with somebody or if a parent/guardian needs help with their student. We also can offer referrals to other professionals as needed and hope to have some remote services available through BOCES soon.
- The District is reaching out to other agencies and elected officials on behalf of our school and community in an effort to secure local availability of resources we see a need for. These include professional counseling and evaluation services as well as substance abuse supports. Currently there is a shortage of mental health professionals nationwide which has limited the hiring ability of the hospital services. We will continue to work on behalf of our students to make more services accessible here. These services are not a luxury but a need and we should be supported and serviced well considering the economic generator this region is in terms of tax revenue.
- A meeting has been established with the Town Board to strengthen communication and partnership between the Town Board and the District. Our region deserves to flourish and not just survive. Together we will have to advocate, plan, budget and be willing to make important decisions about infrastructure, regional needs, shared services, partnerships and advocacies while presenting ourselves as a unified regional voice working to better the place we are lucky enough to call home...a place many more people would like to call home if provided with opportunities to support themselves both locally and through telecommuting enabled employment while their student(s) are educated within our District.
- The portable lights will be paid by the school for our Columbus Day Tournament. We have secured all teams necessary to fill the tournament schedules.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Mr. Germer reviewed the discussions from the Transportation/O & M meeting with the Board: the progress of column project, the roof nearing completion and lighting rental at North Street for Columbus Day activities.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Motion made by G. Hildebrant, seconded by A. Garbarino, to enter into executive session at 7:24 p.m. to discuss collective negotiations related to the TOWTA Contract and the CSEA contract; the employment history of 1 particular teacher and the potential future shared service agreement.

Vote: Yes -3 No – 0

CSEA collective negotiations related to the TOWTA Contract and the CSEA contract; the employment history of 1 particular teacher and the potential future shared service agreement were discussed, no action was taken.

REGULAR SESSION: Motion made by G. Hildebrant, seconded by A. Garbarino, to return to regular session at 7:52 p.m.

Vote: Yes - 3 No – 0

ADJOURNMENT: Motion made by G. Hildebrant, seconded by A. Garbarino, to adjourn the meeting at 7:53 p.m.

Vote: Yes – 3 No – 0

District Clerk