

BOARD OF EDUCATION – REGULAR MEETING
TOWN OF WEBB UNION FREE SCHOOL DISTRICT
TUESDAY, OCTOBER 7, 2014
LIBRARY
6:30 PM

MEMBERS PRESENT: Kathy Nahor, George Hildebrant, Sharon Evans, Joseph Phaneuf and Anne Garbarino
ALSO PRESENT: Rex Germer, John Swick, Jennifer Dunn and Diane Kull
OTHERS PRESENT: Mike Cunningham, Megan Ulrich

The meeting was called to order at 6:33 p.m. by President, Kathy Nahor.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: Kathy Nahor acknowledged receipt of a packet of information from Karen Morosko regarding a Travel Club proposal to travel to Puerto Rico during spring break, a letter from Mark Reitz school from The Ferrara Firorenza law firm announcing his retirement effective December 31, 2014 and a letter that needs to be reviewed to determine if it would be appropriate to discuss in public session.

John Swick informed board members about a discussion he has had with the community Scholarship Fund membership regarding graduation. The idea of only having academic awards handed out without memorial scholarships during the ceremony was discussed. The idea of recognizing the recipients of the memorial scholarships in a different way is the direction that the conversation went.

SPECIAL TOPIC: Reviewed the CSE Report as prepared by Mary Starring highlighting the 2013-2014 statistics.
Board Policy review of Section 500 – 504.7.

APPROVAL: On the recommendation of the Board President, on a motion by G. Hildebrant, seconded by S. Evans, the Board voted to approve the minutes of the September 16, 2014 regular meeting.

Vote: Yes- 5 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 warrants and claims:

WARRANTS & CLAIMS

- #4 Fund A with 7 checks written for a total of \$1,494.84
- #5 Fund A with 69 checks written for a total of \$355,025.18
- #4 Fund C with 8 checks written for a total of \$3,664.87
- #6 Fund TA with 19 checks written for a total of \$300,677.68
- #7 Fund TA with 1 check written for a total of \$27,970.68

Vote: Yes- 5 No- 0

APPROVAL: On the recommendation of the Committee on Special Education, on a motion by J. Phaneuf, 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 - 5 No – 0

APPOINTMENT: On the recommendation of the Superintendent, on a motion by G. Hildebrant, seconded by J. Phaneuf, the Board voted to approve the following as 2014-2015 winter sports coaches:

COACHES

Boys Varsity Basketball	Nate Smith	7 th year - \$4,835
Boys JV Basketball	Andrew Kalil	20 th year - \$3,516
Boys Modified Basketball	Thomas Greco	3 rd year - \$1,759
Girls Varsity Volleyball	Jessica Brownsell	6 th year - \$4,835
Girls JV Volleyball	Kristen Armendola	7 th year - \$3,516
Girls Modified Volleyball	Mary Starring	3 rd year - \$1,759
Girls Varsity Basketball	Travis Kiefer	4 th year - \$4,395
Alpine Skiing	Tom Down	7 th year - \$4,835
Nordic Skiing	John Leach	Top step - \$4,835
Terry Murray	Volunteer to Assist the Alpine Ski Coaches	Vote: Yes- 5 No- 0

APPROVAL:
SURPLUS BIDS

On the recommendation of the Board President, on a motion by G. Hildebrant, seconded by S. Evans, the Board voted to accept the surplus bids:

- 1 rack of folding metal chairs – Lori Zellweger \$25.
- 2 racks of folding metal chairs – H. Stuart decamp \$120 (\$60 each rack).

Vote: Yes - 5 No – 0

APPOINTMENT:
SUBSTITUTES

On the recommendation of the Superintendent, on a motion by G. Hildebrant, seconded by J. Phaneuf, the Board voted to appoint the following as substitutes effective 10/8/14:

Substitute Teachers: Elisha Pylman at the rate of \$80 day

Anne Rundell at the rate of \$70 day

Substitute Teacher Aides: Elisha Pylman at the rate of \$9.75/hour

Anne Rundell at the rate of \$9.75/hour

Vote: Yes - 5 No – 0

APPROVAL:
SCHOOL VOLUNTEERS

On the recommendation of the Superintendent, on a motion by S. Evans, seconded by J. Phaneuf, the Board voted to appoint the following 2014-2015 school volunteers: Ximena Gardner, Erik and Denise Knudsen, Michele Kalil, Jennifer Lis and Walter Parent Jr.

Vote: Yes- 5 No-0

APPROVAL:
COURSE CREDIT
RECOMMENDATION

On the recommendation of the Course Credit Committee, on a motion by S. Evans, seconded by A. Garbarino, the Board voted to approve the Education Course Credit Request as submitted by Robert Fountain “Special Education Program Administration” for three credits .

Vote: Yes - 5 No – 0

APPROVAL:
TRAVEL CLUB TRIP –
PUERTO RICO

On the recommendation of the Superintendent, on a motion by G. Hildebrant, seconded by A. Garbarino, the Board voted to approve the proposed Travel Club Trip to Puerto Rico for March 25-31, 2015.

Vote: Yes – 5 No – 0

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT:

John Swick, Principal reviewed the following:

- Thank you to Kinney Drug and Pharmacy for their school supply donation this year.
- Our seniors along with their Adviser/Teacher, Mr. Cunningham visited SUNY-IT on Wednesday, September 17th, where they were given a tour of the school's facilities as well as a presentation related to the near and long term development of Nanotech and other Tech careers in the area. The seniors also participated in a lecture and discussion with the Director of Career Planning, Sim Covington, who focused on resume development, interview strategies and internships. Students were also given a presentation about how their on-line and social media presence may affect their future employment. This is the second year in a row Mr. Cunningham's Senior English classes have visited SUNY-IT, and the lectures are part of the English 12 Speech Curriculum which includes real world speech skills.
- Picture day took place on Friday, 9/26 for all students and staff.
- Fall Ball took place at the Thendara Golf Club on Saturday, 9/27, with 105 students attending from grades 7-12.
- The Webb Word of the Day has been posted on the daily announcements, TOW UFSD website and announced in the elementary wing to expose students to more Tier 2 vocabulary on a daily basis.
- Looking forward to a great weekend of soccer sports at the Columbus Day 2014 Soccer Tournament hosted by TOW UFSD Varsity Club and their Adviser/Athletic Director Dave Leach.
- Kandis Griffin along with Steve Bradish took the 9th grade class on a field trip to the Watertown Arena the Career Jam/Hands-On Career Day on Wednesday, 9/17. Mrs. Griffin also took the seniors accompanied by Loretta Gaffney to Jefferson Community College as their Higher Education Day for a tour, a college presentation, and a college fair with over 90 colleges on Monday, 9/29.
- Fourth grade and Mrs. Gaige took a field trip touring the Fulton Chain leaving Old Forge pond traveling to Alger Island as the students learned local history through a guided tour on Friday, 9/26.

- Robert Fountain accompanied Studio Art, Drawing-Painting, Independent Students on a field trip to View to evaluate and discuss the National Watercolor Exhibition on Tuesday, 9/30.

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

- The District has begun meeting with the teachers' union for both formal negotiations and to agree upon a new APPR plan.
- The Kyle Riedman memorial stone and sculpture have been erected at the baseball field.
- The Regents are supposed to have a vote this month that will likely change graduation requirements in the future allowing a 4+1 model of Regents requirement for graduation. This would give alternate paths to achieve the receipt of a diploma instead of the currently required 5 Regents exams. Details are currently limited but it sounds like they are beginning to hear the need to move away from a finite cookie cutter model.
- I have had several parents meet with me regarding specific curriculum and common Core concerns at the mid level grades. These concerns have been heard and are being looked at for opportunities to better or resolve them.
- Columbus Day activities will be in full swing this weekend. The Eskimos will continue their traditions beginning Friday night with our bonfire and alumni game. We hope to see a great turnout to support our students outside of their academic activities.

BOARD CONCERNS: S. Evans concerned about the impact the proposed Smart School Bond Act will have on our school.

CLERK PRO TEMP: Motion to appoint R. Germer as Clerk Pro Temp made by G. Hildebrant, seconded by A. Garbarino.

Vote: Yes –5 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 the Superintendent; employment history of a particular teacher and collective negotiations related to the TOWTA Contract.

Vote: Yes -5 No – 0

The litigation related to the former the Superintendent; employment history of a particular teacher and collective negotiations related to the TOWTA Contract were discussed, no action was taken.

REGULAR SESSION: Motion made by G. Hildebrant, seconded by J. Phaneuf, to return to regular session at 7:55 p.m.

Vote: Yes - 5 No – 0

ADJOURNMENT: Motion made by G. Hildebrant, seconded by J. Phaneuf, to adjourn the meeting at 7:56 p.m.

Vote: Yes - 5 No – 0

Clerk Pro Temp

District Clerk