The Webutuck Board of Education held their January 29, 2013 meeting at 7:00 p.m. in the Webutuck High School Library.

The following Board members were present: William McGhee, President Joanne Boyd Kristen Panzer John Perotti Judy Westfall

Also Present:

James Gratto Jr., Superintendent Therese Trotter, District Clerk David Paciencia Michael Needham Trini Stevens Ella Stevens Al Barros John Eboli Amanda Forbes

Absent:

Mary Grden, School Business Manager Judy Moran Robert Trotta

1. CALL TO ORDER

President McGhee called the Business meeting of January 29, 2013 to order at 7:03 p.m.

2. SCHOOL SAFETY

President McGhee pointed out Dover School now has police officers in their schools. He commented he would like to see an SRO in the District who implements programs beneficial to our student body.

Mike Needham from Needham Risk Management gave an overview on what the District has done to be in compliance with New York State safety regulations. He has been the District's safety consultant for the last three years. He stated that school safety is broken into three categories Prevention, Response, and Post Incident. He touched on Dignity for All Students that relates to school safety, access control and explained that they do everything for schools that a person would do for their own home security in relation to lock outs, lock ins and lock downs. As far as someone trying to harm individuals in a school, he explained that it begins by having a district-wide school safety plan. There are building level plans that address bomb threats, individual threats, and natural disasters. He spoke about specific drills that are performed and the procedures that happen, which people would be involved and follow up on how the drill went. Public Schools follow New York State Police drills when there is an intruder in the building.

He explained about the several different safety teams throughout the District. He emphasized that schools have a high level of supervision and are fundamentally safe for children. Mr. Gratto commented about the procedures that have been taking place this year as safety measures such as lock outs, lock downs, evacuations, fire drills etc. A community member commented that it is a good opportunity now to push agencies to bring back the SROs. Community members would like the Board to make the District even more secure and now is the time because the issue is hot. Mr. Gratto commented about speaking to Dutchess County Sherriff's Office about adding a resource officer. A full-time officer would cost \$63,000. It is possible to have a part-time officer for less money. Discussion ensued.

Mr. Needham spoke on what happens in other districts as far as afterschool during extracurricular events. Those include limiting access to the buildings, afterschool procedures in place and custodians checking doors. A community member commented about the school being locked down from 7:30 to 3:30 but wide open during extracurricular events. Discussion ensued.

3. DISCUSSION: School Photos

Mr. Gratto notified the Board the PTA has signed an agreement with Memory Makers to take school photos. Life Touch will continue to take high school photos while Jostens produces the yearbook. A Board member questioned the length of the agreement with Memory Makers which is an annual agreement. Discussion ensued.

Mr. Perotti made and Mrs. Boyd seconded the following motion to approve the Consent Agenda.

A consent agenda is a single vote, which approves all asterisked items. Board policy (#008a) prohibits discussion of consent agenda items. Asterisked* items can be pulled from the consent agenda for discussion by any one Board member.

Ayes 5 Nays 0 The motion carried.

*4. PERSONNEL

*A. Substitute Instructional Leave Replacement Appointment

Mr. Perotti made and Mrs. Boyd seconded the following motion:

Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education hereby approves the following substitute instructional leave replacement appointment:

Angela Luhrs Substitute Leave Replacement

Effective: approx. Feb. 15, 2013-May 31, 2013 Secondary English

Salary: Per Policy #402

Ayes 5 Nays 0 The motion carried.

*B. Substitute Instructional Appointment

Mr. Perotti made and Mrs. Boyd seconded the following motion:

Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education hereby approves the following substitute instructional appointment:

Carrie Russo

Effective: January 7, 2013

Ayes 5 Nays 0

Substitute Teacher
Salary: \$90/day
The motion carried.

*C. Substitute Support Staff Appointment

Mr. Perotti made and Mrs. Boyd seconded the following motion:

Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education hereby approves the following substitute support staff appointment:

Michelle Runge Substitute Nurse Effective: January 30, 2013 Salary: \$125/day

Ayes 5 Nays 0 The motion carried.

*D. Support Staff Appointment

Mr. Perotti made and Mrs. Boyd seconded the following motion:

Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education hereby approves the following support staff appointment:

Aimee McEnroe Bock Food Service Helper Effective: January 30, 2013 Salary: \$10.74/hr., Step 1 Replaces: Nicole Breyette

Ayes 5 Nays 0 The motion carried.

*E. Leave of Absence

Mr. Perotti made and Mrs. Boyd seconded the following motion:

Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education hereby approves the following unpaid Leave of Absence:

Shirley Ball School Monitor

Effective: Dec. 12, 2012-Jan. 21, 2013

Ayes 5 Nays 0 The motion carried.

5. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

A. WFFEE Donations: \$ 167 Anonymous

\$ 500 M. Bianco \$5000 R. Lubalin

Mr. Gratto commented on the recent donations: \$167 was designated for purchasing iPads, \$500 was designated for the One School One Book Program, and Rhoda Lubalin, a local artist donated \$5000 which will be held in the Webutuck Fund for Educational Enrichment at Berkshire Taconic. He expressed his gratitude for the donations.

B. Update on the New York Power Authority

Mr. Gratto reported the New York Power Authority will send us a report by Monday, February 4 and will have all the contracts ready to sign in three weeks. They are proposing solar panels outside EBIS between the bus garage and the building itself, as well as the elementary building. Mr. Antcil reported to Mr. Gratto they have been working with a different company and the savings are going to be significantly more than initially projects. Discussion ensued.

Mr. Gratto reported Mr. Lounsbury's concern with the baseball fields not being dry enough, particularly the right field. Mr. Zenz contacted the Town of Amenia to inquire if the District could use their fields for the upcoming season. Engineers are examining it, it is not a septic system issue because that was shut off last baseball season. It is a drainage system problem. Discussion ensued.

Mr. Gratto reported the School was out of water here late in the day today. One of the lines had a crack in it. There is a temporary fix until tomorrow when the company comes to replace the line. Discussion ensued.

Mr. Gratto commented on merging with Dover High School's football team with our students joining their team. Mr. Zenz will provide cost figures which will be in the upcoming Board packet. Title IX questions arose in relation to the number of girls' teams and boys' teams in the District. Discussion ensued.

6. PUBLIC COMMENT

The following topics were commented on by the public:

- -Audience member thanked Board members for discussion
- -Math and Science Night is March 21

7. EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mr. Perotti made and Mrs. Boyd seconded a motion to adjourn to executive session at 8:54 pm for the purpose of discussing the employment history of a particular person or persons.

Ayes 5 Nays 0 The motion carried.

8. RECONVENE PUBLIC SESSION

Mr. Perotti made and Mrs. Westfall seconded a motion to adjourn the executive session and to reconvene the public session at 9:40 pm.

Ayes 5 Nays 0 The motion carried.

9. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Mr. Perotti made and Mrs. Panzer seconded a motion to adjourn the meeting of January 29, 2013 at 9:41 pm.

Ayes 5 Nays 0 The motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Therese M. Trotter District Clerk