

**Westport Central School District**

**Regular Board of Education Meeting & Public Budget Hearing**

**Place: Library**

**Tuesday, May 8, 2007**

**Time: 6:30 PM/7:00 PM**

**MINUTES**

**1. Call to Order**

**at: 6:34 PM**

**by: President LaRock**

**A. Pledge of Allegiance**

**B. Roll Call**

√ Alice LaRock

√ George Maffey

√ Jim Carroll

√ David Goldwasser

√ Kathleen carterMartinez (exited 10:15 PM)

**C. Introduction of Attendees**

Also Present: Karen B. Tromblee, Superintendent    Visitors: Cheryl Phillips

Jana Atwell, District Clerk

Jim Bigley

Sheila Borden, District Treasurer

Daniel Connell

Michele Friedman, Vice Principal

Marian Heller (Budget Hearing)

Robert King, Supt. Buildings & Grounds

Astri Roemischer (Budget Hearing)

Ingrid Roemischer (Budget Hearing)

John Roemischer (Budget Hearing)

**2. Petition Presentation – Daniel Connell**

Mr. Connell, as a spokesman for a group that went through the basketball season, presented a petition to the members of the Board of Education to appoint Michael “Ike” Tyler to the position of Varsity Basketball Coach for the 2007-2008 season as they felt there could be improvement. The Board acknowledged receipt of the petition and advised that the comments will be considered. (Petition attached.)

**3. Cafeteria Discussion – Jim Bigley, Vice President HMB Consultants**

Mr. Bigley explained that he had been in previously to assess the child nutrition (cafeteria) program in our District. A copy of his report was previously distributed to members of the Board for their review. Mr. Bigley summarized his assessment and made several comments regarding the improvement of our program including the purchase of a POS (Point of Sale) system and increasing the lunch prices by \$.25 per lunch.

**4. Public Budget Hearing (7 PM)**

Superintendent Tromblee gave a power point presentation of the 2007-2008 proposed budget which also included our District’s mission statement and several successes from the 2006-2007 school year. Upon completion of her presentation Superintendent Tromblee fielded various questions from the audience.

**5. Public Comment (5 minutes)**

Our agenda offers two Public Comment sections, one at the beginning of the meeting and the other at the end. At this time we have set aside a 5 minute period giving anyone in the audience time to share their thoughts with us. Your opinions, ideas and concerns will be considered and taken under advisement. Questions or concerns needing an explanation or further information will be addressed at our next regular meeting.

Floor was opened for public comment, none voiced.

## **6. CSE Recommendations**

Resolved that the Superintendent of Schools recommends to the Board of Education the approval of the CSE recommendations for the following student number 504-06-07 (x2), 504-07-05, 504-06-05, 006-98-99 (x2), 504-03-07 (x2), 504-04-06, 004-05-06, and 008-01-02. (Recommendations attached.)

Motion: Kathleen carterMartinez      Seconded: David Goldwasser    Yes: 5    No: 0    Abstain: 0      **Accept**

## **7. Reports**

### **A. Superintendent's Report – Karen Tromblee**

- Great Adirondack Young People's Poetry Contest – Two of five scholarships to the Young Vermont Writers' Conference were offered to our students, Alyssa Carroll and Paulina Brown for their poems *Coffee Shop* and *Corner Store*. Congratulations to both students.
- 4<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> Grade NYS Science Testing – The 4<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade Science tests were facilitated and accommodations were met.
- Budget Forums – Three forums were held (Town Board, Chamber of Commerce and Fire Department). All forums went very well and questions posed were addressed.
- Curriculum Mapping – Cathy Brankman and Julie Bisselle will be attending a Conference with Superintendent Tromblee to glean information to move ahead with curriculum mapping.
- Recognition from Commissioner Mills – A letter was received from Commissioner Mills congratulating the WCS District for being recognized as one of New York State's 272 Title I districts that have met the criteria for designation as "high performing/gap closing" because we met all applicable State standards for English language arts and math during the 2005-2006 school year and also made Adequate Yearly Progress (AYP) in English language arts, mathematics, science and graduation rate during the 2004-2005 and 2005-2006 school years. Superintendent Tromblee will attend the recognition ceremony in Brooklyn on May 14<sup>th</sup>.

### **B. Business Administrator's Report – Sheila Borden**

- There are very few financial reports on this evening's agenda due to the beginning of the month and most statements have just come in.
- Expenses regarding the need for a new hot water tank and elevator repair will be addressed later on the agenda.

### **C. Superintendent of Buildings & Grounds Report – Robert King**

- Work orders and lawn work are being kept up with.
- The hot water tank must be replaced as (of Sunday) it is no longer functional. Quotes have been received and the issue is on the agenda for Board approval tonight.
- The lighting in the gym has been replaced (under warranty).

### **D. Board Committee Reports**

#### **- Buildings & Grounds/Safety Committee – May 2, 2007**

Goals and objectives for the 2007-2008 school year were addressed. The committee will alternate it's agenda month to month between buildings and grounds and safety.

#### **- Character Education – May 7, 2007**

The committee is winding down a very successful year. An assembly will be held on May 9<sup>th</sup> for students in grades 7 – 12 regarding tobacco use and on May 16<sup>th</sup> for Kindergarten through 6<sup>th</sup> grade "*Kids On The Block*". The Student Council Representative suggested the committee focus on two projects, one in the fall (food drive) and one in the spring (Earth Day).

## **8. Minutes**

Resolved that the Board of Education does hereby approve the minutes of the meeting of the Board of Education held on:

- **April 19, 2007** (Regular Meeting) as presented

- **April 26, 2007** (Special Meeting) as presented

Motion: Jim Carroll    Seconded: Kathleen carter Martinez    Yes: 5    No: 0    Abstain: 0    **Accept**

## **9. Unfinished Business**

### **A. Twenty Day Emergency Fingerprint Clearance**

Resolved that the Superintendent of Schools recommends to the Board of Education the approval of a twenty day emergency conditional fingerprint clearance for the following:

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| - Angie Peters     | - Steven Thorne     |
| - Thistle Carson   | - Toni Reheuser     |
| - Mathew Record    | - Melanie Bliss     |
| - Michele Friedman | - Jennifer Marshall |
| - Alice Scott      | - Kendra Pulsifer   |
| - Alyson Monaghan  | - Kathryn Sheldon   |
| - Jason Fiegl      | - Paul Fenton       |
| - Peg Goldman      | - Lynn Bubbins      |
| - George Lavin     | - Cindy Lawson      |
| - Lawrence Clark   | - James Monty       |

Motion: George Maffey    Seconded: David Goldwasser    Yes: 5    No: 0    Abstain: 0    **Accept**

## **10. New Business**

### **A. Personnel**

#### **1. Appointments – Collins, Hall**

a) Resolved that the Superintendent of Schools recommends to the Board of Education the appointment of Jodi Collins as a substitute teacher at a rate of \$60 (non-certified) per day on an emergency conditional basis pending clearance through Central Registry effective May 9, 2007.

Motion: David Goldwasser    Seconded: Kathleen carterMartinez    Yes: 5    No: 0    Abstain: 0    **Accept**

b) Resolved that the Superintendent of Schools recommends to the Board of Education the appointment of Erin Hall as a substitute teacher at a rate of \$60 (non-certified) per day on an emergency conditional basis pending clearance through Central Registry effective May 9, 2007.

Motion: Kathleen carterMartinez    Seconded: David Goldwasser    Yes: 5    No: 0    Abstain: 0    **Accept**

- 2. Intent to Retire (none at this time)**
- 3. Request to End Employment (none at this time)**
- 4. Tenure (none at this time)**
- 5. Child Rearing Leave (none at this time)**
- 6. Unpaid Leave (none at this time)**
- 7. Termination (none at this time)**
- 8. Elimination of Position (none at this time)**

### **B. Miscellaneous**

#### **1. Section VII Merger Application**

Resolved that the Superintendent of Schools recommends to the Board of Education the approval of the Section VII Merger application as submitted for Westport, Keene, Elizabethtown-Lewis and Moriah Central Schools to participate in girl's swimming, co-ed tennis and co-ed track and field for the 2007-2008 school year. (Application attached.)

Motion: Jim Carroll    Seconded: George Maffey    Yes: 5    No: 0    Abstain: 0    **Accept**



#### **14. Executive Session**

Collective negotiations pursuant to article 14 of the Civil Service Law and the medical, financial, credit or employment history of a particular person or corporation or matters leading to the appointment, employment, promotion, demotion, discipline, suspension, dismissal or removal of a particular person or corporation.

In: 9:16 PM Motion: Kathleen carterMartinez Seconded: Jim Carroll Yes: 5 No: 0 Abstain: 0  
**Accept**

Out: 10:20 PM Motion: George Maffey Seconded: Jim Carroll Yes: 4 No: 0 Abstain: 0  
**Accept**

No action taken.

#### **15. Adjournment**

Time: 10:21 PM Motion: Jim Carroll Seconded: George Maffey

**Next Meeting:** Annual Meeting, Election & Budget Vote Tuesday, May 15, 2007 12PM – 9 PM Lobby  
outside of Bulles Auditorium  
Special Meeting (CVES election) Tuesday, May 15, 2007 8AM Superintendent's Office