



Board of Education
Andrea Robare, President
Craig Jackson, Vice President
Phyllis Klein
Scott Sayward
Bruce Hale

Willsboro Central School
Board of Education

Regular Meeting-Minutes
July 14, 2009

Members Present: Andrea Robare, President
Craig Jackson, Vice President
Phyllis Klein
Scott Sayward
Bruce Hale

Others Present: Stephen Broadwell, Superintendent of Schools
Brandy Sweatt, District Clerk

Meeting was called to order at 6:11pm, by Andrea Robare.

Approval of Minutes

Motion Bruce Hale, seconded by Phyllis Klein, voted and carried (5-0) to approve the minutes as amended from the regular meeting held on 6/23/09.

Business & Finance

Motion by Bruce Hale, seconded by Scott Sayward, voted and carried (5-0) to approve the claims audit report dated 7/9/09.

New Business

Motion by Craig Jackson, seconded by Bruce Hale, voted and carried (5-0) to approve Superintendent Stephen Broadwell to transfer 3.5 unused days of personal time to sick time, at no financial cost to the district.

Old Business

Motion by Bruce Hale, seconded by Craig Jackson, voted and carried (5-0) to approve the 2009-10 student handbook as amended.

Personnel Agenda

Motion by Craig Jackson, seconded by Bruce Hale, voted and carried (3-0-2) to approve Maria Evens for tenure, effective September 2, 2009.

Motion by Scott Sayward, seconded by Phyllis Klein, voted and carried (5-0) to approve Sue Daly as Key Club advisor, at a stipend of \$1,964.

Board Discussion

Mr. Broadwell discussed a proposal by Derrick Hopkins regarding an elementary drama club. The board endorsed the idea and would like Mr. Broadwell to pursue the options.

Mr. Broadwell brought to the Board's attention information regarding the Excel Bond (\$121,000). If there is additional fund balance in this year's budget we could use it to pay all or a portion of the balance; this will save the district money by reducing the interest. This was recommended by the district's fiscal advisor. We will still get state aid and show as revenue for us. When the tax rate is set at the end of August; Mr. Broadwell will have more information for the board on the exact process.

Reports from Superintendent

- Mr. Broadwell reported that the school had used the shared services with Keene. They borrowed the lift for a few days. Mr. Broadwell would like to keep shared services open. Mr. Broadwell mentioned the work that Charmaine Flynn is doing on the garden. Ms. Flynn advertised for donations of soil, wood, etc..... Someone from Cornell will be working with Charmaine to set-up the garden. Next year, Ms. Flynn hopes to be able to sell their produce at the Farmers Market.
- The maintenance staff has been cleaning out the old barn out back. There will be new garage doors put on the barn. The barn needs to be brought up to state mandates including a fire inspection. We are in the process of completing all the necessary paperwork and requirements, including concrete floor.
- The old storage shed out back is in need of some repairs, Mr. Broadwell asked the board their opinion what should be done with it, tear it down, fix it up, sell and have someone move it at their own expense. If we keep the building it to will have to be brought up to state mandates.
- They are getting ready to start the maintenance on the athletic fields, the baseball field was done and now they would like to work on the infield of the softball field. Mr. Callahan went to a workshop and brought back the concept of buying turf for the field, the turf will cost approximately \$1,100. The board agreed that it would be a good idea to use the turf, based on the expense. The field will also be available for use sooner with the sod, as a opposed to later if we re-seed it ourselves.
- Mr. Broadwell would like to start another mentor program to work with the CFES. He is asking teachers, board members and community members if they would be interested in becoming a mentor.
- Mr. Broadwell gave the board a list of potential district goals for the 2009-10 school year.

Adjournment

Motion by Scott Sayward, seconded by Phyllis Klein, voted and carried (5-0) to adjourn the meeting at 7:25pm.

Brandy Sweatt, District Clerk