

Wapsie Valley Community School District
Board of Education Regular Meeting
January 18, 2010 7:00 p.m.
Jr./Sr. High School Media Center

1. Call to order: Board President Woods called the meeting to order at 7:00 at the Jr./Sr. High School Media Center. In attendance: Board President Randy Woods, Board Member Donna Costello, Board Member Merlyn Duffy, Board Member Scott LaRue, Board Member Jerry VanDaele, Superintendent Chad Garber, Principal Gregg Eschweiler, Principal Tara Estep, Board Secretary Carol Foster, Troy Matthaideess, Trevor Matthaideess and Chad VanDaele.
2. Communications, Consideration of Additional Items for the Agenda: none.
3. Approval of Agenda: Motion was made by Duffy and seconded by LaRue to approve the agenda as presented. Motion passed.
4. Staff Presentation: Elmo Technology in HS Math Classroom: Troy Matthaideess, high school math instructor, demonstrated for the Board his use of an Elmo projector in his high school math courses. This is one example of how staff members are using technology as part of their instruction.
5. Approval of Minutes: Motion was made by Duffy and seconded by LaRue to approve the minutes as presented for the regular board meeting on December 21, 2009 and the special board meeting on January 13, 2010. Motion passed.
6. Business Services:
 - A. Motion was made by LaRue to approve the warrants as presented. Motion was seconded by Duffy. Motion passed.
 - B. Motion was made by VanDaele and seconded by Duffy to approve the Budget and Treasurer's Report as presented. Motion passed.
 - C. Superintendent Garber reviewed his line item budget summary with the Board.
7. Public Comment: None
8. Personnel: None
9. Wapsie Valley Elementary Schools Construction Update: Superintendent Garber discussed the updates from the January 14, 2010 job conference. He also showed some video of the interior and exterior of the new buildings. An update regarding information from Steve Weidner, Beth Grob, and Gary Schwartz regarding the possibility of sharing the cost of widening 5th Street in front of the new building to allow for a pick-up and drop-off lane was provided. Motion was made by Duffy and seconded by VanDaele directing

Superintendent Garber to proceed with drafting a 28E agreement that outlines the specifications of the sharing agreement. Motion passed.

10. Wapsie Valley Budget Discussion: Superintendent Garber began the FY2011 budget certification process by presenting some data that will set the stage for discussion of the Aid and Levy worksheet and eventual budget for FY2011 at the February meeting.
11. Principal Reports: Principal Estep discussed professional development for the elementary staff, ITBS data, the Building Leadership Team, professional development in the teaching of writing and reading, and the District's mentoring and induction program. Principal Eschweiler talked about the end of the semester, professional development regarding E2020, ITED/ITBS testing, CPR training, teacher training for Mimeo Interactive White Boards, the District's special education compliance review, District Large Group Speech contest and the NICL Vocal Festival.
12. Wapsie Valley Schools Fall BRI Data: Principal Estep discussed BRI (Basic Reading Inventory) data, which is an assessment for students in grades 3-6. She talked about the data that was collected and shared the strengths, areas of need, and plans the elementary building has to address those needs.
13. Board policy review: Policy 407.6 (2nd Reading): Motion was made by Duffy and seconded by LaRue to approve the second reading of Board Policy 407.6 Early Retirement Incentive Plan. Motion passed.
14. Resolution to Request Modified Allowable Growth-Enrollment Increase: Motion was made by Duffy to approve the resolution to request modified allowable growth-enrollment increase for FY2010. Motion was seconded by LaRue. Motion passed.
15. Adjournment: Motion was made by VanDaele and seconded by LaRue to adjourn. The motion passed and the meeting was adjourned at 9:37 p.m.

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