

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

1. Call to order: Board President Randy Woods called the meeting to order at 7:00 at the Jr./Sr. High School Media Center. In attendance: Board Member Donna Costello, Board Member Scott LaRue, Board Member Merlyn Duffy, Board Member Jerry VanDaele, Superintendent Chad Garber, Principal Gregg Eschweiler, Principal Jolaine Mast, Board Secretary Carol Foster, Christy Fagerlind, Tiffany McConnelee, Melissa Sander, Tim Barnes, Cathy Close, Bailey Close, and Corbin Barnes.
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. Student Driving Permit Information: Principal Eschweiler discussed some of the rules and regulations associated with having a school permit.
5. Staff Presentation: Christy Fagerlind (pre-school teacher in Fairbank), Melissa Sander (special education pre-school teacher in Fairbank), and Tiffany McConnellee (pre-school teacher in Readlyn) joined the board meeting to update the Board on the start of the pre-school year, discuss how they've been getting to know their kids and families, how they are working together, and visit about the trainings they are currently involved in as part of the statewide voluntary pre-school program (SWVPP) grant.
6. Approval of Minutes: Motion was made by Duffy and seconded by Costello to approve the minutes from the Regular Board Meeting with the past board on September 20, 2010 and the Regular Board Meeting with the current board on September 20, 2010 as presented. Motion passed.
7. Business Services:
 - A. Motion was made by Costello to approve the warrants as presented. Motion was seconded by Duffy. Motion passed.
 - B. Motion was made by Costello and seconded by Duffy to accept the Budget & Treasurer's Report as presented. Motion passed.
 - C. Superintendent Garber discussed the line item budget and certified enrollment.

8. Federal Education Jobs Fund Dollars:
In August, 2010, the Federal Education Jobs bill appropriated funding to the State of Iowa to help school districts retain, recall, rehire, or hire employees. Superintendent Garber discussed his intention to utilize the funds allocated to Wapsie Valley to retain current teaching staff members, using the funds for current staff salaries.
9. Public Comment: None
10. Personnel:
Resignation: none
Recommendations: Motion was made by Duffy to approve Taylor Cowell as Freshmen's girls basketball coach and Amanda Grady as JV girls' basketball coach. Motion was seconded by LaRue. Motion passed.
11. Elementary Schools Construction Update: Motion was made by Duffy to approve the change order to relocate the sound system equipment at Fairbank Elementary and Readlyn Elementary from the table storage room to the physical education office. Superintendent Garber also discussed the progress of work in each of the elementary buildings. Motion was seconded by LaRue. Motion passed.
12. Board Policy Review: Motion was made by Duffy to approve board policies 400: Role of and Guiding Principles for Employees; 401.1 Equal Employment Opportunity; 401.3: Nepotism; 401.4: Employee Complaints; 401.6: Transporting of Students by Employees; 401.8: Recognition for Service of Employees; and 401.9: Employee Political Activity as is with no changes and to approve the first reading of board policies 401.2: Employee Conflict of Interest; 401.5: Employee Records; 401.7: Employee Travel Compensation, with noted changes. Motion was seconded by VanDaele. Motion passed. The Board planned to have additional discussion regarding Board Policy 408.1 Licensed Employee Professional Development before reviewing/revising this policy.
13. Bremer, Black Hawk, Fayette, and Buchanan County Conference Boards:
Motion was made by Duffy to appoint Scott LaRue to the Bremer County Conference Board; Jerry VanDaele to the Black Hawk County Conference Board; Randy Woods to the Fayette County Conference Board and Donna Costello to the Buchanan County Conference Board. Motion was seconded by LaRue. Motion passed.
14. Wapsie Valley Schools Annual Progress Report: Superintendent Garber presented data that is a part of the district's annual progress report that is published on our website. The report documents information about our school district from the 2009-10 school year.

15. Open Enrollment: No requests at this time.
16. Principal Reports: Principal Mast discussed the Preschool QPPS training, field trip to Fontana, the K-6 the mobile computer lab, the Ewalu trip for 5th grade students, and the technology in-service at UNI. In regard to the Rural Schools she discussed writer's workshop, rural schools' Wednesday PLC meeting, and Dr. Kehe working with the teachers on Reading strategies. Mr. Eschweiler discussed MAP testing, academic letters, end of the quarter, and the Readlyn fundraiser.
17. Sunday Use of Facilities: Motion was made by LaRue and seconded by Duffy to approve the use of the school on Sunday, October 24, 2010 for a final practice of "Wapsie's Got Talent".
18. Adjournment: Motion was made by VanDaele and seconded by Costello to adjourn. The motion passed and the meeting was adjourned at 9:17 p.m.

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