

Wapsie Valley Community School District  
Board of Education Regular Meeting  
October 19, 2009 7:00 p.m.  
Jr./Sr. High School Media Center

1. Call to order: Board Vice President Jerry VanDaele called the meeting to order at 7:02 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 Tara Estep, Board Secretary Carol Foster, Bob Wharram, Molly Juhl. **Absent:** Board President Randy Woods.
2. Communications & Consideration of Additional Items for the Agenda: None.
3. Approval of Agenda: Motion was made by LaRue and seconded by Costello to approve the agenda as presented. Motion passed.
4. Staff Presentation: Molly Juhl, K-6 counselor, and Bob Wharram, 7-12 counselor were at the meeting to share a process they are currently going through: the comprehensive K-12 guidance program framework. It is a process by which the guidance counselors can clarify their role within schools, determine steps they'll need to reach program goals, and determine the types of support they'll need in order to fulfill that role.
5. Approval of Minutes: Motion was made by Duffy and seconded by LaRue to approve the minutes from the Regular Board Meeting with the past board on September 21, 2009 and the Regular Board Meeting with the current board on September 21, 2009, and the work session on September 30, 2009 as presented. Motion passed.
6. Business Services:
  - A. Motion was made by Costello to approve the warrants as presented. Motion was seconded by LaRue. Motion passed.
  - B. Motion was made by Duffy and seconded by Costello to accept the Financial & Treasurer's Report as presented. Motion passed.
  - C. Superintendent Garber shared his knowledge of the Across the Board cuts, as well as gave an update on a few financial health indicators for the district.
7. Public Comment: none.
8. Personnel: Motion was made by Duffy and seconded by LaRue to approve the resignation of Jaci Schutte as dance team coach and Jamie Risse as JV boys' basketball coach and approve the recommendation of Jamie Risse as assistant

varsity boys' basketball coach and Garrett McGrane as JV girls' basketball coach. Motion passed.

9. Wapsie Valley Schools Annual Progress Report: Superintendent Garber shared the districts published report of our progress toward student achievement goals.
10. Bremer, Black Hawk, Fayette, and Buchanan County Conference Boards: Motion was made by Duffy to approve Scott LaRue to the Bremer County Board, Donna Costello to the Buchanan County Board, Randy Woods to the Fayette County Board and Jerry VanDaele to the Black Hawk County Board. Motion was seconded by LaRue. Motion passed.
11. Principal Reports: Principal Estep discussed the MAP and BRI/DRA testing, instructional practices in guided reading and differentiated spelling program, committee updates, mentoring and a rural school update. Principal Eschweiler discussed the ACT prep sessions, FFA National Convention, end of the first quarter, Ewalu, report cards, fire alarm in Readlyn Elementary, NICL Professional Development Day, and the mimeo board presentation.
12. Wapsie Valley Elementary Schools construction update: Superintendent Garber discussed the update from the October job conference and shared a copy of the initial time schedule and current progress in comparison to the projected progress.
13. Sunday use of facilities: Motion was made by Duffy and seconded by LaRue to approve the use of school facilities on Sunday, October 25 and Sunday, November 1 as possible evening practices to prepare for the fall musical, *Bye Bye Birdie*. Motion passed.
14. Commencement 2010: Class of 1960 Request: Board Member Duffy made a motion to approve the request from the Class of 1960 to be recognized at the 2010 commencement ceremony with approval from the Class of 2010. Motion was seconded by Costello. Motion passed.
15. Board Policy Review schedule: Superintendent Garber discussed the policies that the Board of Education will be reviewing this school year.
16. Adjournment: Motion was made by LaRue and seconded by Duffy to adjourn. The motion passed and the meeting was adjourned at 9:03 p.m.

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