

Wapsie Valley Community School District
Board of Education Regular Meeting
December 21, 2009 7:00 p.m.
Jr./Sr. High School Media Center

1. Call to order: Board President Woods called the meeting to order at 7:02 at the Jr./Sr. High School Media Center. In attendance: Board President Randy Woods, Board Member Merlyn Duffy, Board Member Jerry VanDaele, Superintendent Chad Garber, Principal Gregg Eschweiler, Board Secretary Carol Foster, Jodi Edwards, Lexie Morse, Brandon Hyde, Maddie Garber, Marshall McElhose, Jake Boevers, Carrie Garber, Mark Boevers. **ABSENT: Board Member Donna Costello, Board Member Scott LaRue.**
2. Communications, Consideration of Additional Items for the Agenda: Mr. Garber gave the board the IASB handout regarding the ABCs of Education.
3. Approval of Agenda: Motion was made by Duffy and seconded by VanDaele to approve the agenda as presented. Motion passed.
4. Student and Student Presentation: National Day on Writing: Jodi Edwards and a group of 6th grade students from Readlyn Elementary who are part of a project organized through AEA 267 called the National Day on Writing presented their web pages and other assignments that they are working on associated with this project. Students will be blending technology and the writing process to prepare a final product that demonstrates their knowledge on a topic of their own choosing. Examples demonstrated by the students included web pages that function as time capsules, traveling Iowa from a teen's perspective, and service projects for young people.
5. Approval of Minutes: Motion was made by Duffy to approve the minutes with the noted review of Item 10. Motion was seconded by Jerry. Motion passed.
6. Business Services:
 - A. Motion was made by VanDaele 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. Mr. Garber discussed the concept of the regular program district cost and the three variable that have a significant impact on the RPDC: enrollment, allowable growth and general fund expenditures.
7. Public Comments: none.
8. Personnel: none

9. Open Enrollment: Motion was made by Duffy to approve open enrollment for Zach Arthur into the district until January 8, 2010. Motion was seconded by VanDaele. Motion passed.
10. Principal Report: Principal Eschweiler discussed the Healthy Kids Act; speaker Rick Nielsen, Parent/Teacher conferences; financial aid night; RAMS Center in Oelwein; FFA Appreciation breakfast on December 22; Student/At Risk meetings; Winter Concerts; students raising money to support local families; playground supervision; peer coaching; Mimeo training; CPR training; STOP classes for bus drivers; and the WVEF fundraiser.
11. Wapsie Valley Elementary Schools Construction Update: Superintendent Garber described the notes from the last job conference meeting on December 10, 2009. He also reviewed the progress made by the interiors committee and explained some of the choices in interior wall colors, terrazzo colors, carpet tiles, and other elements of the new elementary buildings. Discussion was also held regarding the pick-up and drop-off lane construction in Fairbank. Mr. Garber will continue conversations with Swisher and Cohrt to determine how best to approach that project.
12. Wapsie Valley Schools Fall MAP Data: Principal Eschweiler shared our District's MAP (Measures of Academic Progress) data from the fall testing dates.
13. Board Policy Review: Policy 409.3 (2nd Reading): Motion was made by Duffy and seconded by VanDaele to approve the 2nd reading of Policy 409.3 regarding Family and Medical Leave for Certified Employees. Motion passed.
14. Board Policy Review: Policy 407.6 (1st Reading): Motion was made by Duffy and seconded by VanDaele to approve the 1st reading of Board Policy 407.6 regarding early retirement. Motion passed.
15. Wapsie Valley Rural School Chapter 12 Exemption Request: Motion was made by Duffy and seconded by VanDaele to approve Mr. Garber's request for exemption to allow our rural school teachers to provide instruction to students in grades 7 and 8 with a K-6 classroom endorsement. Motion was passed.
16. Iowa Demonstration Fire Safety Grant Application: Motion was made by Duffy giving Superintendent Garber approval to submit an Iowa Demonstration Fire Safety Grant to pay for a share of replacement of doors throughout the Jr./Sr. High School. Motion was seconded by VanDaele. Motion passed.
17. Adjournment: Motion was made by VanDaele to adjourn. Motion was seconded by Duffy. This motion passed and the board adjourned at 10:02 p.m.

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