

Wapsie Valley Community School District
Board of Education Regular Meeting
March 15, 2010 7:00 p.m.
Wapsie Valley Jr./Sr. High School Media Center

1. Call to order: Board President Woods called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. at the Wapsie Valley 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, Taylor Anderson, Jill Bjorklund, Dirk Conner, SuzAnn Conner, Rex Ramsay. Keith Oltrogge joined the meeting at 7: 25 p.m.
2. Delegations, Communications, Consideration of Additional Items for the Agenda: Superintendent Garber notified the Board that the District had received a grant through the Iowa Demonstration Construction Grant Program, Fire Safety Grant. The grant application requested \$25,000 to replace classroom doors at the jr./sr. high school.
3. Approval of Agenda: Motion was made by Duffy and seconded by LaRue to approve the agenda as presented. Motion passed.
4. Staff Presentation: Use of Skype in the Classroom: Jill Bjorklund and Taylor Anderson were present to talk about how they are using web cams and the free software Skype in their classrooms. Jill uses Skype to facilitate conversations between 6th grade classes as they share their wikispaces. Taylor is using Skype to bring in a NASA engineer to his 5th and 6th grade science classroom. They used Skype to contact Jenifer Dise to show how the program works. Jenifer explained how she is experimenting with Skype to teach band lessons to high school students from one of the elementary schools.
5. Approval of Minutes: Motion was made by Duffy and seconded by Costello to approve the board minutes from the Regular Meeting on February 15, 2010. Motion passed.
6. Business Services:
 - A. Warrants: Board Member Duffy made a motion to pay the warrants as presented. Motion was seconded by VanDaele. Motion passed.
 - B. Budget & Treasurer's Report: Motion was made by Duffy and seconded by Costello to approve the Budget and Treasurer's Report. Motion passed.
 - C. Information: Superintendent Garber shared information regarding the District's line item budget.
7. Public Comment: none
8. Consideration of sealed bids for general obligation bonds opened and reviewed by the Superintendent of Schools, Secretary of the Board, and Financial Consultant: Piper Jaffray consultant Rex Ramsay presented the bond sale bids which were received earlier in the day.
9. Resolution Directing Sale of Bonds: Motion was made by Duffy to adopt the resolution directing sales of Bonds for the \$2,600,000 general obligation school bonds, series 2010. This motion was seconded by LaRue and the roll call vote went as follows: Aye: LaRue, Duffy, Woods, VanDaele, Costello.
10. Wapsie Valley Community Schools Audit, FY 2009: Keith Oltrogge was here to present the 2009 audit. Motion was made by Duffy and seconded by LaRue to accept the 2009 audit as presented. Motion passed.

11. Personnel: Motion was made by Costello to accept the resignation of Armand McCormick as wrestling coach, and to approve the resignations of Chris Davis and Sharon Davis through early retirement. Motion was seconded by Duffy and the motion passed.
12. Open Enrollment: Motion was made by Duffy to recommend the open enrollment of Ben Gruenbacher who is currently a 6th grade student in Readlyn but has moved to Oelwein and Nathan Westemeier, a student from Dunkerton who is currently attending Ag classes in our District. Motion was seconded by VanDaele. Motion passed.
13. Wapsie Valley Elementary Construction Update: Superintendent Garber handed out a copy of the March job conference notes. He informed the board that in Fairbank they have about ½ of the storm sewer finished and they plan to have it done next week. They are also nearly done with the interior block walls and steel stud framing on the interior. Drywall and taping has been started in much of the Fairbank building. In Readlyn, painting and tiling has started in classrooms and restrooms. The steel stud framing is complete, and the ceiling grid has been started. Mr. Garber also reminded Board members of the days that had been set aside for staff members to tour the new buildings as well.
14. 28E Agreement with the City of Fairbank : Motion was made by Duffy to approve the 28E agreement between the City of Fairbank and the Wapsie Valley Community School District. Motion was seconded by VanDaele. Motion passed.
15. Wapsie Valley Schools ITBS and ITED Data: Principals Eschweiler and Estep presented 2009 ITBS and ITED scores for the District. Across the District, Estep and Eschweiler noted that most students were performing above their current grade level in math, reading, and science, but some inconsistencies in the trend line data was noted for some classes.
16. FY 2011 Certified Budget: Superintendent Garber proposed the budget for FY2011. The discussion for Board centered on state projections for the FY2011 budget year, the District's cash balance and spending authority, and the impact of the management, cash reserve, debt service, and PPEL levies on the overall tax rate.
- 17.. Discussion of Sharing Opportunities with Other Districts: Superintendent Garber began an open discussion with the Board regarding questions or concerns that the Board may have about sharing staff members and administrators with other districts. No specific sharing opportunities were discussed, but the Board and Superintendent Garber discussed the positive aspects and drawbacks for the District that come with sharing agreements.
18. Approve 2010-2011 Contract for School Business Manager: Motion was made by Duffy and seconded by Costello to approve the salary freeze of the business manager for 2010-11 school year. Motion passed.
19. Superintendent Contract: Motion was made by Duffy to approve the salary freeze of Superintendent Garber for the 2010-11 school year with a fixed stipend of \$250.00 per month for expenses. Motion was seconded by LaRue. Motion passed.
20. Adjourn: Motion was made by VanDaele to adjourn. Motion was seconded by LaRue and the meeting adjourned at 10:30 p.m.

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