

Wapsie Valley Community School District  
Board of Education Regular Meeting  
November 17, 2008 7:00 p.m.  
Jr./Sr. High School Media Center

1. Call to order: Board President Randy Woods called the meeting to order at 7:10 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 Laura Medberry, Board Secretary Carol Foster, Emily Martins, Blake Buhr, Collin Woods, Casey Crow, Courtney Dinsdale, Dean Mangrich, Janice Martins, Ron Woods, Carol Woods, Stacey Buhr, Chris Wescott, and Lisa Crow.
2. Communications & Consideration of Additional Items for the Agenda: Superintendent Garber requested an additional item regarding the use of the Jr./Sr. High School facilities by the Post Prom Committee on Sunday, December 7, 2008.
3. Approval of Agenda: Motion was made by Duffy and seconded by LaRue to approve the agenda with the addition of Sunday facilities use added after Item 14.
4. Student Presentation: Members of the Fairbank Elementary School student council presented to the Board the leadership activities they have been involved with over the course of the first few months of school, as well as goals they have for their group. This student group is newly formed this year; students meet regularly and work on school projects like the new volleyball court.
5. Approval of Minutes: Motion was made by LaRue and seconded by Costello to approve the minutes from the Regular Board Meeting on October 20, 2008 and the Special Board meeting minutes from November 4, 2008. Motion passed.
6. Business Services:
  - A. Motion was made by Duffy to approve the warrants as presented. Motion was seconded by VanDaele. Motion passed.
  - B. Motion was made by VanDaele and seconded by Duffy to accept the Financial & Treasurer's Report as presented. Motion passed.
7. Public Comment: none.
8. Personnel: Motion was made by Duffy to approve the hiring of Troy Matthaideess and Sarah Wilke to share the position of student council advisor and Jill Bjorklund as large group and individual speech coach. Motion was seconded by LaRue. Motion passed.

9. Open Enrollment: Motion was made by LaRue and seconded by Costello to approve the open enrollment of Jennifer Tweedt to Wapsie Valley from the Oelwein Community School District. Motion passed.
10. Harkin Grant Construction and Fire Safety Grant Application: Motion was made by Duffy to approve the submission of grant requests for the Harkin Grant Construction and the Fire Safety Grant applications. Motion was seconded by VanDaele. Motion passed.
11. Principal Reports: Principal Medberry discussed the following: a coin war that is being run by Guidance Counselor Molly Juhl; Fairbank Elementary's completion of the ITBS testing; the technology grant that Jodi Edwards and Monica Ott received from the Wapsie Valley Education Foundation; and Fairbank Elementary's nearly 100 percent attendance for parent-teacher conferences. Principal Eschweiler discussed the following: driving concerns, attendance at parent-teacher conferences at the Jr./Sr. High School, MAP testing and ITBS testing, and 100 percent attendance at conferences at the elementary in Readlyn.
12. Appointment to Wapsie Valley Collective Bargaining Team: Motion was made by VanDaele to approve the appointment of Board Members Duffy and LaRue to the Wapsie Valley Collective Bargaining Team. Motion was seconded by Costello. Motion passed.
13. Wapsie Valley Alternative School Requirements (Oelwein REC): Motion was made by Duffy to approve the offering of a Wapsie Valley Alternative High School Diploma with the minimum graduate credits reduced to 40 from the 48 that is currently required by a student of the Wapsie Valley Community School District. This adjustment is in keeping with current beliefs regarding at-risk programs and providing a program that meets the needs of those students. Motion was seconded by VanDaele. Motion passed.
14. Update of Readlyn Elementary Roof Inspection by IIW: Superintendent Garber reviewed the findings of Ron Balmer representing IIW Engineers, regarding his inspection of the Readlyn Elementary roof. Based on Ron's calculations, the roof does not present a danger to the safety of staff and students in the building.
15. Sunday Use of Facilities by Post Prom Committee: Motion was made by Duffy to approve the use of the Jr./Sr. High multi-purpose room on Sunday, December 7, 2008 by the Post Prom Committee. Motion was seconded by Costello. Motion carried.
16. Adjourn: Motion was made by VanDaele to adjourn. Motion was seconded by LaRue. Motion passed and the meeting adjourned at 8:43 p.m.

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