

Wapsie Valley Community School District
Board of Education Regular Meeting
November 22, 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 7:04 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 Jolaine Mast, Board Secretary Carol Foster, Heather Holt, Brianna Larson, Geof Grimes, Alicia Brown, Melissa Schmidt, David Spier, Jacquie Spier, Melissa Schmidt.
2. Communications & Consideration of Additional Items for the Agenda: Superintendent Garber asked the board to move item 11 in front of item 10.
3. Approval of Agenda: Motion was made by Duffy and seconded by LaRue to approve the agenda with the move of agenda item 11 prior to agenda item 10. Motion passed.
4. Student Driving Permit Information: Principal Eschweiler discussed student driving permits and the responsibilities of the student drivers and parents.
5. Staff Presentation: Alicia Brown, K-6 music teacher talked about www.donorschoose.org, a website for teachers to share projects they would like to accomplish in their classrooms with kids, and for people who would like to make a tax-deductible contribution to the project.
6. Approval of Minutes: Motion was made by Duffy and seconded by Costello to approve the minutes from the Regular Board Meeting on October 18, 2010. Motion passed.
7. Business Services:
 - A. Motion was made by Duffy to approve the warrants as presented. Motion was seconded by LaRue. Motion passed.
 - B. Motion was made by Costello and seconded by Duffy to accept the Financial & Treasurer's Report as presented. Motion passed.
 - C. Superintendent Garber presented an update on the line item budget.
8. Public Comment: none.
9. Personnel: Motion was made by Duffy to approve the contract of Mercedes Miller as the dance coach, motion was seconded by Costello and the motion passed. Superintendent Garber discussed the need for a certified teacher

librarian as part of the media center/library staff in order to be compliant with regulations established by Iowa code.

10. Elementary Schools Construction Update: Motion was made by Duffy and seconded by LaRue to approve the change order #13. Motion passed. Geof Grimes, Struxture Architects, presented a summary of the elementary school construction project to date, including a discussion of payment for soil testing at both sites conducted by TerraCon.
11. Fairbank Elementary School Snow Removal: The Board and Superintendent Garber discussed various options for snow removal at Fairbank Elementary in light of considerable sidewalk additions from previous years. The Board considered purchasing equipment, as well as sub-contracting the service out. No Board action was taken on this item. Superintendent Garber will make arrangements for snow removal for the coming year and the outcome will be reviewed after the winter season.
12. Board Policy Review (2nd Reading): Motion was made by Duffy to approve the 2nd reading of policies 401.2: Employee Conflict of Interest; 401.5: Employee Records; and 401.7: Employee Travel Compensation. Motion was seconded by Costello. Motion passed.
13. Board policy review: Policy 408.1 (1st Reading): Superintendent Garber directed the discussion of the expectations that the board members can have for Wapsie Valley staff professional development. Board members and administrators created a list of important elements or expectations that Policy 408.1 should include. Superintendent Garber will make a 1st draft for the next board meeting.
14. Waiver for grade 7/8 self-contained classroom, rural schools: Motion was made by Duffy and seconded by VanDaele to approve the waiver for grade 7/8 self-contained classrooms in the Rural Schools. Motion passed.
15. Agreement for the Use of Facilities as Mass Care Shelters: Motion was made by LaRue to approve the agreement for the Red Cross to use the Readlyn Elementary facilities as mass care shelter. Motion was seconded by Duffy. Motion passed.
16. Open Enrollment: Motion was made by Duffy to approve the open enrollment of Chelsey Cole from the Sumner School District for the 2011-12 school year. Motion was seconded by VanDaele. Motion passed.
17. Principal Reports: Principal Eschweiler discussed parent/teacher conferences, ITED/ITBS testing, Veteran's Day programs, blood drive, winter concert dates, Title 1 parent meeting, WVEF Foundation banquet, and S.T.O.P. training for our bus drivers. Principal Mast discussed pre-school teachers finishing their

creative curriculum training, pre-school associate trainings, the Thanksgiving feast in the preschool, parent teacher conference attendance, Fairbank PTO's plan to purchase playground equipment, ITBS testing, and the ELL conference in Coralville for our rural school teaching staff.

18. Resolution of Intent, Instructional Support Levy:
Motion was made by Duffy to approve the Resolution of Intent to participate in the Instruction Support Levy. Motion was seconded by VanDaele. Motion passed.
19. Statewide Voluntary Pre-School Grant Contract: Motion was made by Duffy to approve the statewide voluntary pre-school grant contract from the Iowa Department of Education. Motion was seconded by LaRue. Motion passed.
20. Adjournment: Motion was made by VanDaele to adjourn. Motion was seconded by LaRue. Motion passed and the meeting adjourned at 9:07 p.m.

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