

Wapsie Valley Community School District
Board of Education Regular Meeting
March 17, 2008 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 Dan Peterson, Principal Laura Medberry, Principal Debra Rich, Board Secretary Carol Foster, Marty McKowen, Dirk Conner, Nicole Whisler, Justin Davie, Troy Matthaides, John Kroenecke. Jerry Macken arrived at 7:07 p.m. Principal Chad Garber arrived at 7:11 p.m.
2. Delegations, Communications, Consideration of Additional Items for the Agenda: Superintendent Peterson presented the Board with an update on the use of PaySchools since adding this program approximately three weeks ago.
3. Approval of Agenda: Motion was made by Duffy and seconded by LaRue to approve the agenda as presented. Motion passed.
4. Approval of Minutes: Motion was made by LaRue and seconded by Costello to approve the minutes from the February 18, 2008 Regular Meeting and February 25, 2008 Special Meeting. Motion passed.
5. Business Services:
 - A. Warrants: Board Member Costello made a motion to pay the warrants as presented. Board Secretary Foster presented the City of Fairbank bill to be added. Motion was seconded by LaRue. Motion passed.
 - B. Budget & Treasurer's Report: Motion was made by Duffy and seconded by VanDaele to approve the Budget and Treasurer's Report. Motion passed.
6. Personnel:
 - A. Resignation: Motion was made by Duffy to approve the resignation of Nicole Whisler as elementary guidance counselor, Troy Matthaides as freshman girls basketball coach and Justin Davie as high school assistant football coach. Motion was seconded by LaRue. Motion passed. Motion was made by Duffy to approve the resignation without the approval of the early retirement of Betty Kleitsch. Motion was seconded by LaRue. Motion passed.
 - B. Recommendation(s): Motion was made by Duffy and seconded by Costello to approve a contract of Chad Garber as Jr. High boys track coach. Motion passed. Motion was made by Duffy to approve the hiring of a varsity assistant for the high school girls track program. Motion was seconded by Costello. Motion passed.
7. Public Comment(s): Jerry Macken addressed the Board about the Comprehensive School Improvement Plan, the School Improvement Advisory Committee, promotion of an academic plan that would attract people to the District, and concerns about open-mindedness of the Wapsie Valley Elementary Facilities Committee. John Kroenecke addressed the Board about open-mindedness of the Wapsie Valley Elementary Facilities Committee and regarding WVEFC members possibly meeting outside of the committee.

8. Open Enrollment: Superintendent listed five open-enrollments out of Wapsie Valley. Justin and Jessica Reiher will be attending Waverly Community Schools; Zach Piehl will be attending Denver Community Schools, Brianna and Sierra Cook will be attending Denver Community Schools.
9. Principal Reports: Elementary Principal Laura Medberry announced that they will be having three teams go to the Invent Iowa Competition. At Fairbank Elementary there were 27 students sign up for kindergarten for the 2008-09 school year. Elementary Principal Debra Rich explained that the extended days are going well. The Literacy Night was a huge success and hopes that it continues. Readlyn Elementary had 11 students sign up for kindergarten for the upcoming year with the possibility of three more. Principal Chad Garber discussed his responses from parents he had contacted regarding Infinite Campus. He also discussed the alternative scheduling update that is being looked at with other schools. We had 40 people donate blood at the drive last week – this included 20 first time donors. He described the CTE survey which is a graduate follow-up for the Class of 2003 that was mailed out.
10. Elementary Guidance Program: Elementary Guidance Counselor Nicole Whisler gave a presentation on what is being done in the guidance program at the elementary schools.
11. 2007-2008 Master Calendar: Motion was made by Duffy to approve the time being made up by extending the school day by 30 minutes to count as make-up time for snow days. Motion was seconded by VanDaele. Motion passed.
12. 2008-2009 Master Calendar: Motion was made by Duffy and seconded by LaRue to approve the 2008-2009 Master Calendar as presented. Motion carried.
13. Summer 2008 Driver's Education Contract & Fees: Motion was made by Duffy to raise the student fee per pupil to \$275 as well as increase the instructors fee from \$170 to \$180 per student. Motion was seconded by Costello. Motion passed.
14. Post Prom Committee Request: Motion was made by Costello for the use of school facilities on Sunday, April 13, 2008 for post prom. Motion was seconded by VanDaele. Motion passed.
15. Fiscal Year 2009 Certified Budget: Superintendent Peterson reviewed parts of the certified budget that he has created. His discussion included the Aid & Levy Worksheet and the Proposed Budget Summary numbers that he has been working on. The board scheduled the budget hearing for April 7, 2008 at 7:00 p.m.
16. Adjourn: Motion was made by VanDaele and seconded by Costello to adjourn. Motion passed. Meeting adjourned at 8:55 p.m.