

Wapsie Valley Community School District  
Board of Education Regular Meeting  
March 21, 2011 7:00 p.m.  
Wapsie Valley Jr./Sr. High School Media Center

1. Call to order: Vice President VanDaele called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. at the Wapsie Valley Jr./Sr. High School Media Center. In attendance: 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, Jennifer Nurre, Heather Meinecke, Morgan Meinecke, Rachel Kleitsch, Lexis Kuhlmann and R.L. Wharram. **ABSENT: Board President Woods.**
2. Delegations, Communications, Consideration of Additional Items for the Agenda: Superintendent Garber requested that the following item be added to the agenda: Application for cooperative sponsorship of an activity/Sharing Soccer with Waterloo West.
3. Approval of Agenda: Motion was made by Duffy to approve the agenda with the addition of 14A application for cooperative agreement with West Waterloo for soccer. Motion was seconded by LaRue. Motion passed.
4. Student Driving Permit Information: Principal Eschweiler discussed the rules and regulations in place for those students who have a school permit.
5. Approval of Minutes: Motion was made by LaRue and seconded by Duffy to approve the board minutes from the Regular Meeting on February 23, 2011. Motion passed.
6. Business Services:
  - A. Warrants: Board Member Costello made a motion to pay the warrants as presented. Motion was seconded by LaRue. Motion passed.
  - B. Budget & Treasurer's Report: Motion was made by Duffy and seconded by LaRue 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. Regional Academy for Math and Science: Mr. Wharram and students Rachel Kleitsch and Lexis Kuhlmann shared some of their experiences at the Regional Academy for Math and Science in Oelwein. Mr. Wharram discussed the process students follow in order to be eligible for college classes, including those taken at the RAMS Center, and Lexis and Rachel discussed their progress toward completing over 20 college credits prior to graduation from Wapsie Valley High School.
9. Alternative Assessment for Senior Year Plus Eligibility: Superintendent Garber and Principal Eschweiler discussed the Senior Year Plus program that has been implemented by the Iowa Department of Education in conjunction with Iowa Legislation. The objective of Senior Year Plus is to provide high school students with as many college course opportunities as possible prior to and during the student's senior year. Currently, Wapsie Valley students must adhere to the Department of Education regulations in order to be eligible for post-secondary enrollment option courses, concurrent enrollment courses (college classes), or career academies. Districts are allowed to establish alternative assessments in order to determine eligibility for such courses. Principal Eschweiler presented an

- alternative assessment that meets the criteria established by the State, and allows for varied assessments to be considered when determine college course eligibility. Motion was made by LaRue to approve this implementation. Motion was seconded by Costello. Motion passed.
10. Personnel: Motion was made by Costello and seconded by LaRue to approve the resignations of Steve Doeden as 9-12 Science teacher and assistant football coach and Sue Ferriss as 4<sup>th</sup> grade teacher at Fairbank. Motion passed.
  11. Principal Reports: Principal Eschweiler discussed upcoming events: Blood drive, Jr. High Hall of Pride Presentation, ATV safety presentation and Prom. He also discussed Pre-school/Kindergarten registration at Readlyn Elementary. Principal Mast discussed the after-school enrichments beginning in March, preparations for DARE graduation and visit to Des Moines and Preschool parent night.
  12. Open Enrollment: Motion was made by Duffy to recommend the open enrollment of Reese Welcher from West Central and Kiley Lyn Merry and Dylan Michael Marquart from Dunkerton. Motion was seconded by LaRue. Motion passed.
  13. Wapsie Ridge Golf Course Use Agreement for 2011: Motion was made by Costello to approve the agreement between Wapsie Valley Community Schools and Wapsie Ridge Golf Course at a price of \$800.00. Motion was seconded by Duffy. Motion passed.
  14. FY2012 Budget Preparation Report : Superintendent Garber discussed the 2012 budget with 2% allowable growth and with 0% allowable growth.
  - 14A. Cooperative Agreement with West Waterloo for sharing soccer: Motion was made by Duffy and seconded by LaRue to approve the sharing agreement between Wapsie Valley and West Waterloo for soccer. Motion passed.
  15. Adjournment: Motion was made by Costello to adjourn. Motion was seconded by LaRue. The motion passed and the board meeting adjourned at 8:37 p.m.

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