

Wapsie Valley Community School District
Board of Education Regular Meeting
April 20, 2009
Jr./Sr. High School Media Center

1. Call to order: Board President Randy Woods called the meeting to order at 7:04 p.m. at the Jr./Sr. High School Media Center. In attendance: Board President 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, Cody Brown, Riley Little, Lamar Little, Ken Little, Kathy Bachman, Robert Wharram, Geoff Grimes, Jim Trunnell, Dean Mangrich, Tarissa Hagenow, Emily Kleitsch, Rachel Kleitsch, Karsten Meyer, Jared Joerger, Kelsey Watts, Ellen Doese, Tracy Rohlfen, Mike Bridges, Jeanne Kleitsch, Craig Kleitsch, Cindy Woods, Rick Woods, Meghan Kleitsch, and Samantha Folsom.
2. Delegations, Communications, Consideration of Additional Items for the Agenda: Superintendent Garber requested an additional item regarding a fundraiser at the elementary schools be added.
3. Approval of Agenda: Motion was made by Duffy and seconded by Costello to approve the agenda with the noted change of elementary fundraiser being added as item number 18. Motion passed.
4. Student presentation: Invent Iowa Students and Wapsie Valley FFA: Fairbank Elementary teacher Kathy Bachman had some of her Invent Iowa students present their inventions. These students will be participating at the State Invent Iowa on Saturday, April 25, 2009 which will be held in Ames. The FFA parliamentary procedure students, under the direction of Ellen Doese, gave their presentation. They received first at the State FFA Convention and will now compete at the National FFA Convention in October.
5. Approval of Minutes: Motion was made by Duffy to approve the regular board minutes from March 16, 2009, the special board meeting of March 23, 2009, the special board meeting on March 25, 2009 and the budget hearing on April 6, 2009 with the noted change. This motion was seconded by Donna Costello and the motion passed.
6. Business Services:
 - A. Motion was made by VanDaele and seconded by LaRue to approve the warrants as issued. Motion passed.
 - B. Motion was made by Duffy and seconded by VanDaele to approve the Budget Report and Treasurer's Report as presented. Motion carried.
7. Public Comment: none.
8. Personnel:
 - A. Resignation(s): Motion was made by Costello to approve the resignation of Justin Parson as the high school girl's basketball assistant and Troy Matthaidess as the jr. high softball coach. LaRue seconded and the motion passed.
 - B. Recommendation(s): none.
9. Open Enrollment: Superintendent Garber informed the board that William Soesbe will be attending Janesville Community Schools next year in their pre-school. The board took action as a motion was made by Duffy and seconded by Costello to approve the open enrollment of Alyson Thurm and Nathan Thurm from Tripoli. Motion passed.
10. Diagnostic Reading Assessment (DRA) presentation: Elementary Principal Laura Medberry discussed the specific reading skills or attributes that the DRA measures. The Diagnostic Reading Assessment is an assessment that is given to students in grades K-2. Mrs. Medberry discussed the administration of the assessment as a follow-up to last month's presentation on district-wide use of DRA data.
11. Public Hearing on proposed building improvements: Jim Trunnell and Geoff Grimes lead the public hearing of the proposed plans for the new elementary schools.
12. Plans, drawings, specifications, contracts, and estimated costs of building improvements: Motion was made by Duffy and seconded by LaRue to approve the specifications and plans as presented and to have these plans submitted for bid on April 28. Roll Call Vote: Aye: LaRue, Duffy, Woods, VanDaele, Costello. Nay: none.

13. Principal Reports: Principal Eschweiler discussed the progress being made in the scheduling process at the jr./sr. high school, parent teacher conference follow-up phone calls to parents, and the school's participation and success at the FFA state convention. Principal Medberry noted that the K-3 concert had a great turnout, pre-k days at Fairbank Elementary are to be held on April 22 and 23, field day will be held May 8, May 19 will be the grades 4-6 concert, and the state fair project will take place on May 14 from 2-3:30. The Fairbank Fire Department hosted a safety demonstration regarding tornado safety, and DARE graduation was held, in large part due to the support of Sheriff Bill Wolfgram. High School Guidance Counselor Bob Wharram discussed the Four Year Plan and how students and parents can use the plan to monitor progress toward graduation and preparation for post-secondary planning in the high school.
14. ISCAP Participation Resolution: Motion was made by Duffy to approve the supplemental resolution authorizing and providing for the issuance, and authorizing and directing the final terms and conditions of sale and delivery of warrants evidenced by warrant certificates for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2010, and amending the master resolution. Motion was seconded by VanDaele. Motion passed.
15. Consideration for Graduation, Class of 2009: Motion was made by Costello and seconded by LaRue to approve the senior class list presented for graduation, pending successful completion of the Wapsie Valley graduation requirements. Motion passed.
16. Approval of agreement with Wapsie Ridge Golf Club: Motion was made by Duffy and seconded by Costello to approve the contract with the Wapsie Ridge Golf Course for our cross country and golf teams to use the grounds. Motion passed.
17. Agreement related to Readlyn Park View Housing Project/Readlyn Urban Renewal Area: Motion was made by LaRue to grant the extension of the Readlyn Park View Housing Project/Readlyn Urban Renewal Area for three years. Motion was seconded by Duffy. Motion passed.
18. Elementary Fundraiser: Motion was made by Duffy and seconded by VanDaele to approve the Walk-A-Thon to be held at the elementary schools on the last day of school. Motion passed.
19. Adjourn: Motion was made by VanDaele and seconded by LaRue to adjourn. Meeting adjourned at 9:40 p.m.

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