

Wapsie Valley Community School District
Board of Education Regular Meeting
May 18, 2009
Jr./Sr. High School Media Center

1. Call to order: Board President Randy Woods called the meeting to order at 7:00 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, Kerry Trenkamp, Robert Shields, Kevin Kane, Kathie Kane, Amber VanDaele, Jean Sauerbrei, Bob Bouska, Karen Bouska, Elsie VanDaele, Zoe Barker, Samantha Kane, and then Katie Sauerbrei.
2. Communications, Consideration of Additional Items for the Agenda: Superintendent Garber invited the board members to graduation, a dessert social to honor staff members, and to the Jr. High awards and 8th grade graduation ceremony, and discussed the last day of school events.
3. Approval of Agenda: Motion was made by Duffy and seconded by LaRue to approve the agenda as presented. Motion passed.
4. Student presentation: Small group reading instruction: Mrs. Bouska and her first grade students gave a guided reading presentation.
5. Approval of Minutes: Motion was made by Duffy and seconded by Costello to approve the minutes from the April 20, 2009 regular meeting. Motion passed.
6. Business Services:
 - A. Warrants: Motion was made by LaRue to approve the warrants as presented. Motion was seconded by Duffy. Motion carried.
 - B. Financial Report & Treasurer's Report: Motion was made by VanDaele to accept the financial and treasurer's report. Motion was seconded by Costello. Motion passed.
7. Public Comment(s): none.
8. Personnel:
 - A. Resignation(s) – Motion was made by Costello to approve the resignation of Jill Bjorklund as high school speech coach. Motion was seconded by LaRue. Motion passed.
 - B. Recommendation(s) – Motion was made by Duffy and seconded by VanDaele to approve the hiring of Tara Estep as K-6 Fairbank and K-8 Rural Principal; Taylor Anderson as Readlyn 5th grade teacher; Nikki Davis as jr. high softball coach and Cody Jones as jr. high baseball coach. Motion passed.
9. Fairbank Historical Society: Bob Shields from the Fairbank Historical Society addressed the board regarding the possibility of removing various artifacts from the Fairbank Elementary School for display by the Historical Society.
10. Iowa Core Curriculum Update: Superintendent Garber gave a brief overview of the Core and its requirements as stated in Senate File 2216 which requires all school districts and accredited nonpublic schools to implement the Iowa Core Curriculum. The Core focuses on five areas: literacy, mathematics, science, social studies, and 21st century learning skills. Principal Medberry discussed how our current professional development efforts tie into the Core. Justin Parson, Jr./Sr. high school mathematics instructor talked about the classroom connection between the content areas, curriculum mapping and the Core, and Principal Eschweiler talked about how our current mapping and ICC status are moving us toward the goal of implementing.
11. American Recovery and Reinvestment Act: Superintendent Garber announced that the district has been notified that we will receive \$37,908 in Title 1 funding in addition to our regular allocation of approximately \$57,303; \$96,000 in IDEA Part B funds in addition to our regular allocation of approximately \$35,000; and approximately \$289,000 in ARRA Education Stabilization Funding. He also discussed the principles and overall goals of the funding.
12. Principal Reports: Principal Medberry discussed the DRA and BRI testing in rural schools; perfect attendance luncheon; the upcoming walk-a-thons; 6th grade assembly passing them onto 7th grade along with a slide show and academic program; and the volunteer breakfast. Principal Eschweiler talked about scheduling; awards

night; seniors last day and commencement; 8th grade trip to Des Moines; Jr. High Awards Day and 8th grade graduation; FFA Community Day; 4-6 spring concert; walk-a-thon; TAG play; large group music contest that Wapsie Valley hosted; spring concert; state track; girls golf; and South Tama's application into the NICL.

13. Approve Contract for Wapsie Valley Athletic Trainer: Motion was made by Duffy to approve the contract of Jo Curley as a licensed athletic trainer, employed through Woltz Physical Therapy. Motion was seconded by LaRue. Motion passed.
14. Approve Contract for Advanced Computer Engineering Services, 2009-2010: Motion was made by LaRue and seconded by Duffy to approve the contract with ACES for 2009-2010 in the amount of \$72,000. Motion passed.
15. Approve Agreement with Teamster's Unit 238, 2009-2010: Motion was made by Duffy to approve the agreement between the Wapsie Valley Schools and the Teamsters Unit 238 for the 2009-2010 school year. Motion was seconded by VanDaele. Motion passed.
16. Approve Agreement with Wapsie Valley Education Association, 2009-2010: Motion was made by Duffy to approve the agreement with the Wapsie Valley Education Association for the 2009-2010 school year. Motion was seconded by LaRue. Motion passed.
17. Approve 2009-2010 Secretarial, Nutrition and Associate Contract: Motion was made by LaRue and seconded by VanDaele to approve the 2009-2010 Secretarial, Nutrition and Associate contracts. Motion passed.
18. Consideration for Graduation, Class of 2009: Revision: Motion was made by Duffy to add John Welsh for consideration with the Class of 2009 pending his completion of credits at the Regional Education Center in Oelwein. Motion was seconded by LaRue. Motion passed.
19. Superintendent Evaluation (Closed Session – Iowa Code 21.5 (1)(i)): Motion was made by Duffy go into closed session in accordance with Iowa Code 21.5 (1)(i) "to evaluate the professional competency of an individual whose appointment, hiring, performance or discharge is being considered when necessary to prevent needless and irreparably injury to that individual's reputation and that individual requests a closed session." Motion was seconded by Costello. Roll Call Vote: Aye: LaRue, Duffy, Woods, Costello, VanDaele. Nay: none. The school board went into closed session at 9:20 p.m. The board came out of closed session at 10:56 p.m.
20. Adjournment: Motion was made by VanDaele and seconded by Costello to adjourn. Motion passed and the board adjourned at 11:03 p.m.

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