

Wapsie Valley Community School District
Board of Education Regular Meeting
June 9, 2008
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 Dan Peterson, Principal Chad Garber, Principal Laura Medberry, Board Secretary Carol Foster, Dean Mangrich, Brian Huebner, Aaron Sauerbrei, Brent Sauerbrei, Emily Kleitsch, Baily Dobbs, Landon Kane, Jared Kuethe, Ellen Doese, Jim Trummell. Chad VanDaele arrived at 7:30 p.m.
2. Delegations, Communications, Consideration of Additional Items for the Agenda: none.
3. Approval of Agenda: Motion was made by Duffy and seconded by Costello to approve the agenda. Motion passed.
4. Approval of Minutes: Motion was made by Duffy and seconded by VanDaele to approve the minutes from the Regular Meeting on May 19, 2008. Motion passed.
5. Business Services:
 - A. Warrants: Motion was made by Duffy to approve the warrants as presented. Motion was seconded by Costello. Motion carried.
 - B. Financial Report & Treasurer's Report: Motion was made by LaRue to accept the financial and treasurer's report. Motion was seconded by Duffy. Motion passed.
6. Personnel:
 - A. Resignation(s) –Motion was made by Duffy to approve the resignation of Becky Goerend as Elementary Teacher. Motion was seconded by LaRue. Motion passed. Motion was made by Duffy and seconded by Costello to accept the resignation of Jill Russell as Speech Coach pending a suitable replacement be found.
 - B. Recommendation(s) – Motion was made by Duffy to approve a contract for Karen Bouska as elementary teacher and Tony Foster as assistant high school boys track coach. Motion was seconded by Costello. Motion carried. Superintendent Peterson explained that Tina VanDenHul will be transferring to the Rural School.
7. Public Comment(s): none
8. Fundraising, Out of State Travel, and Sunday Use of School Facilities Request-FFA - Motion was made by Duffy and seconded by VanDaele to approve the fundraising, out of state travel, and Sunday use of the school facilities as scheduled on the 2008-09 calendar. Motion passed.
9. 2009 IASB Legislative Action Priorities: Motion was made by Duffy to recommend Items 7, 14, 17, 21, 22 for the 2008-09 IASB priorities. Motion was seconded by LaRue. Roll Call Vote: Aye: LaRue, Woods, Duffy, VanDaele, Costello. Nay: none.
10. 2008-2009 Substitute Bus Driver and Substitute Teacher Compensation: Motion was made by Duffy to approve the rate of \$21-route/\$7.50-shuttle for bus drivers and \$92.00 per day for substitute teachers. Motion was seconded by LaRue. Motion passed.

11. 2008-2009 Student Registration Fees: Motion was made by LaRue to recommend the registration fees remain the same as last year with the exception of raising the Senior Graduation Fee to \$40.00. Motion was seconded by Costello. Motion passed.
12. 2008-09 Breakfast, Lunch and Milk Prices: Motion was made by VanDaele to leave the food service prices the same as last year. Motion was seconded by Costello. Motion carried.
13. Early Graduation Request – Karli Jo South: Motion was made by Duffy to approve the early graduation of Karli Jo South pending she meet the Wapsie Valley Graduation requirements for the Class of 2009. Motion was seconded by LaRue. Motion passed.
14. Principal Reports: Principal Chad Garber discussed the great turn out that Wapsie Valley Jr. High School students had with the clean up day after the tornadoes. Approximately 230 faculty and students participated and did a super job. Principal Laura Medberry announced that the Walk-A-Thon money was donated to the Todd Neil family and the Bob Goeller family as well as the Autism Speaks Foundation. The 6th grade promotion was held in the evening and had very good attendance. Guest Speakers were Brooks McKowen and Elizabeth Macken. On an academic note, eighty-five percent of the Fairbank Elementary students finished at or above grade level.
15. July Regular Board Meeting: Motion was made by Costello to move the July Regular Board Meeting to July 28, 2008 at 7:00 p.m. at the Jr./Sr. High School Media Center. Motion was seconded by Duffy. Motion passed.
16. Open Enrollment: Motion was made by LaRue and seconded by Duffy to approve the open enrollment of Patrick Graham from the Cedar Falls School District. Motion passed.
17. Report from Wapsie Valley Elementary Facilities Committee: Motion was made by VanDaele to accept the recommendation from the Wapsie Valley Facilities Committee as presented. Motion was seconded by LaRue. Motion passed.
18. \$8,025,000 General Obligations Bonds:

The President of the Board called the meeting together and stated that a Petition had been filed purporting to be signed by eligible electors of the School District numbering at least 25 % of those voting at the last election of school officials. The Petition requests that an election be called on the issuance of bonds in an amount not to exceed \$8,025,000, to provide funds to construct, build, furnish and equip two new elementary school buildings in Fairbank and Readlyn and improve those sites.

The President submitted the Petition to the Board which examined the Petition. Thirteen qualified electors voted at the last election of school officials; the number of eligible electors who have signed the petition is ninety.

Director Merlyn Duffy introduced the following Resolution and moved its adoption. Director Scott LaRue seconded the motion to adopt and, on roll call, the vote was:

Ayes: VanDaele, LaRue, Woods, Duffy, Costello

Nays: none

The President declared the Resolution adopted as follows:

RESOLUTION CALLING A SPECIAL ELECTION ON THE ISSUANCE OF BONDS

WHEREAS, there has been filed with the President of this Board a Petition of eligible electors of this School District asking that an election be called to submit the question of contracting indebtedness and issuing bonds of the School District in an amount not to exceed \$8,025,000 to provide funds to construct, build, furnish and equip two new elementary school buildings in Fairbank and Readlyn and improve those sites; and

WHEREAS, this Board has examined the Petition and finds that it is signed by eligible electors of the School District numbering at least 25% of those voting at the last election of school officials and that the purposes set forth in the petition cannot be accomplished within the limit of one and one-quarter percent of the assessed value of the taxable property in the school district; and

WHEREAS, the proposal for the issuance of Bonds or any other proposal incorporating any portion of it has not or will not have been submitted to the qualified electors of the School District for a period of at least six months prior to the date of election being called in these Proceedings;

WHEREAS, this Board has also determined it is necessary to submit at the special school election the proposition of authorizing the Board of Directors to levy annually a tax exceeding Two Dollars and Seventy Cents (\$2.70) per Thousand Dollars (\$1,000), but not exceeding Four Dollars and Five Cents (\$4.05) per Thousand Dollars (\$1,000) of the assessed value of the taxable property to pay the principal of and interest on bonded indebtedness; the Board acknowledges that approval of this proposition does not limit the source of payment of the Bonds and interest but only restricts the amount of Bonds which may be issued:

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE W APSIE VALLEY COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT IN THE COUNTIES OF BREMER, FAYETTE, BLACK HAWK AND BUCHANAN, STATE OF IOWA:

Section 1. That a special election is called of the qualified electors of the Wapsie Valley Community School District in the Counties of Bremer, Fayette, Black Hawk and Buchanan, State of Iowa, on Tuesday, September 9, 2008, at which election there will be submitted the following question:

Proposition A

Shall the Board of Directors of the Wapsie Valley Community School District in the Counties of Bremer, Fayette, Black Hawk and Buchanan, State of Iowa, be authorized to contract indebtedness and issue General Obligation Bonds in an amount not to exceed \$8,025,000 to provide funds to construct, build, furnish and equip two new elementary school buildings and improve those sites?

Section 2. Because it is necessary to approve a tax levy for the payment of principal and interest on Proposition A, the following question also will be submitted to the qualified electors at the special election held on Tuesday, September 9, 2008:

Proposition B

Shall the Board of Directors of the Wapsie Valley Community School District in the Counties of Bremer, Fayette, Black Hawk and Buchanan, State of Iowa, be authorized to levy annually a tax exceeding Two Dollars and Seventy Cents (\$2.70) per Thousand Dollars (\$1,000), but not exceeding Four Dollars and Five Cents (\$4.05) per Thousand Dollars (\$1,000) of the assessed value of the

taxable property within said school corporation to pay the principal of and interest on bonded indebtedness of said school corporation, approval of this proposition shall not limit the source of payment of the bonds and interest, but shall only operate to restrict the amount of bonds which may be issued?

Section 3. That each precinct and voting place for the election and the hours the polls will open and close is provided in the "Notice of Election" as prepared and approved by the County Commissioner of Elections.

Section 4. That the form of ballots to be used at the election will be the type authorized by Iowa Code section 52.28 which permits the use of electronic counters and in substantially the form as set forth in the Notice of Election. All measures must be printed on one ballot.

Section 5. That the Election Board for each voting precinct must be appointed by the County Commissioner of Elections, not less than 15 days before the date of the election, and a certified copy of the appointments must be officially placed on file in the office of the Secretary.

Section 6. Bremer County, Iowa, is the control county of this School District; this election will be conducted by the Auditor of the control county as Commissioner of Elections.

Section 7. The Commissioner of Elections shall publish the Notice of Election at least once, not less than four clear days nor more than twenty days prior to the date of the election, in a legal newspaper, printed wholly in the English language, as defined by Iowa Code section 618.3. The Notice must be substantially in the form attached to this Resolution with changes, insertions, deletions and filling in of blanks as may be approved by the Commissioner of Elections.

Section 8. The *Waterloo Courier*, a legal newspaper as defined above, is published within the District and is designated to make the publication of the Notice of Election.

Section 9. That the County Commissioner of Elections prepare all ballots and election registers and other supplies necessary for the proper and legal conduct of the election and the Secretary of the Board is authorized and directed to cooperate with the Commissioner of Elections and to do and prepare all of the necessary proceedings in order to make the election legal and valid.

Section 10. That the Secretary is directed to file a certified copy of this Resolution in the Office of the County Commissioner of Elections; this filing will also constitute the "written notice" to the County Commissioner of Elections of the election date required to be given by the governing body under the provisions of Iowa Code chapter 47.

PASSED AND APPROVED, this 9th day of June, 2008

19. Plan for Transitioning Director Districts to 4-Year Terms (2008 House File 2620): Director Duffy introduced a resolution to approve the Wapsie Valley Transition Plan which moves all five director districts to four-year terms in accordance with House File 2620.
- Director District 1, which was elected in 2007, will be extended one year beyond the regular three-year term and will be up for reelection in 2011. The election in 2011 for Director District 1 will be a four-year term.

- Director District 2, which will be up for reelection in 2008, will be a one-year term and will expire and will be up for reelection in 2009. The election in 2009 for Director District 2 will be a four-year term.
- Director District 3, which was elected in 2006, will remain the same and will expire and be up for reelection in 2009. The election in 2009 for Director District 3 will be a four-year term.
- Director District 4, which will be up for reelection in 2008, will be a three-year term and will expire and be up for reelection in 2011. The election in 2011 for Director District 4 will be a four-year term.
- Director District 5, which was elected in 2006, will remain the same and will expire and be up for reelection in 2009. The election in 2009 for Director District 5 will be a four-year term.

Resolution was seconded by Director LaRue.

Roll Call Vote was taken as follows:

Ayes: LaRue, Woods, Duffy, VanDaele, Costello

Nays: none

Resolution passed as presented.

20. Mowers for Fairbank & Jr./Sr. High: Motion was made by LaRue and seconded by Duffy to purchase two John Deere X720 lawn mowers with 62" decks from Waterloo Implement. Motion passed.
21. Superintendent Evaluation & Contract (Closed Session – Iowa Code 21.5 (1) (i): Motion was made by Duffy and seconded by LaRue to go into closed session to evaluate the professional competency of an individual whose appointment, hiring, performance or discharge is being considered when necessary to prevent needless and irreparable injury to that individual's reputation and that individual requests a closed session. Roll Call Vote: Aye: LaRue, Woods, Duffy, VanDaele, Costello. Nay: none. The board went into closed session at 9:01 p.m. The Board went back into open session at 10:16 p.m.
22. Superintendent Contract: Board Member Duffy made a motion to offer a contract to Superintendent Peterson in the amount of \$105,000 with existing benefits. Motion was seconded by LaRue. Motion passed.
23. Adjourn: Motion was made by VanDaele to adjourn. Motion was seconded by Costello. Motion passed. The Board Meeting adjourned at 10:19 p.m.