

Wapsie Valley Community School District
Board of Education Regular Meeting
July 20, 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. in the Jr./Sr. High School Media Center. In attendance: Board President Woods, Board Member Merlyn Duffy, Board Member Donna Costello, Board Member Scott LaRue, Board Member Jerry VanDaele, Superintendent Chad Garber, Principal Tara Estep, Board Secretary Carol Foster, Dean Mangrich, J.P. Michael, Ken Little, Lamar Little, Jill Michael, Riley Little.
2. Delegations, Communications, Consideration of Additional Items for the Agenda: none.
3. Approval of Agenda: Motion was made by Duffy and seconded by LaRue to approve the agenda. Motion passed.
4. Student presentation: Authentic literacy tasks: J.P. Michael and Riley Little have been working on authentic literacy tasks this summer and on July 28th will be presenting their work at Fontana Park in Hazelton. J.P. will be discussing raccoons and Riley will be talking about cougars. These students were a part of Mrs. Bachman's summer class.
5. Approval of Minutes: Motion was made by Costello and seconded by VanDaele to approve the minutes from the Regular Board Meeting on June 15, 2009 and the Special Board Meeting on June 30, 2009. Motion passed.
6. Business Services:
 - A. Warrants: Motion was made by Costello to approve the warrants as presented. Motion was seconded by Duffy. Motion carried.
 - B. Financial Report & Treasurer's Report: Motion was made by Duffy to approve the financial and treasurer's report. Motion was seconded by Costello. Motion passed.
7. Public Comment(s): none.
8. Personnel:
 - A. Resignation(s)/Recommendation(s): Motion was made by Duffy and seconded by LaRue to approve the resignation of Dana Boevers as 9th grade volleyball coach, Armand McCormick as jv football coach and Charlie Joerger as route bus driver. Duffy and LaRue also recommended the transfer of Angie Witte from 5th grade to kindergarten in Fairbank; Jeannie Lincoln transfer from Rural #1 to 5th grade in Fairbank and Alex Tagtow as assistant girls basketball coach. Motion passed.
9. Annual Meeting Items (board policy 210.1):
 - A. Appointment of School Board Secretary: Motion was made by Costello and seconded by Duffy to appoint Carol Foster as the Board Secretary for the 2009-10 school year. Motion passed.
 - B. Bonding Employees: Motion was made by Duffy to accept the bond for employees in the amount of \$50,000 per employee as filed with the Business Manager. Motion was seconded by LaRue. Motion carried.
 - C. Appointment of and Salary of School Board Treasurer: Motion was made by Costello to approve the passage, "Be it resolved that Doris Gruetzmacher be appointed to the position of Treasurer to the Board of Directors of the Wapsie Valley Community School District for Fiscal Year 2010, and that she receive a salary of \$1,127 for these duties. Motion was seconded by VanDaele. Roll Call Vote: Aye: VanDaele, LaRue, Woods, Costello, Duffy. Nay: none.
 - D. Resolution – Payment of Bills: Motion was made by Duffy to approve the verbage "Be it resolved that the Board of Directors authorize the Board Secretary to issue warrants when the Board is not in session in payment of freight, drayage, express, postage, printing, water, light, telephone, rents, and for payment of salaries pursuant to the terms of a written contract, but only upon verified bills filed with the secretary. The Board Secretary shall either deliver in person or mail the warrants to the payees. The Board of Directors also authorize the Board Secretary upon the approval of all Board members and the president of the Board, to issue warrants when the board is not in session, but upon verified bills files with the secretary, and the secretary shall either deliver in person or mail the warrants to the payees. Each warrant must be payable only to the person performing the service not to exceed \$2,500 or presenting the verified bill, and must state the purpose for which the warrant is issued. All bills and salaries for which warrants are issued prior to the audit and allowance by the board must be passed upon by the board of directors at the next

meeting and entered into the minutes of the secretary.” as written. Motion was seconded by LaRue. Roll Call Vote: Aye: VanDaele, LaRue, Woods, Costello, Duffy. Nay: none.

- E. Resolution – Naming of Depositories: Board Member Duffy stated, “Be it resolved by the Board of Directors of the Wapsie Valley Community School District that the District does hereby designate the following banks to be depositories for the Wapsie Valley Community School District funds in the amounts named and the Secretary is hereby authorized to deposit district funds in the amount not to exceed the amounts named for said banks as follows: \$5,000,000.00 at Northeast Security Bank (Fairbank) for general fund authority and activity and hot lunch funds and bond proceeds; and \$1,000,000 at Readlyn Savings Bank for PPEL and LOSS funds and \$5,000,000 at ISJIT for bond proceeds.” Motion was seconded by VanDaele. Roll Call Vote: Aye: VanDaele, LaRue, Woods, Costello, Duffy. Nay: none.
- F. Resolution – Check Signature: Board Member Duffy recited the following resolution: “Be it resolved that Northeast Security Bank, Fairbank, Iowa be hereby designated depository of this corporation, and it is hereby requested and directed to honor checks and/or warrants for payment of money drawn in this corporation’s name, for up to thirty (30) days, to the individual properly endorsed with the facsimile signature of the Board President or Board Secretary, are printed thereon; and the Northeast Security Bank, Fairbank, Iowa for such purported checks regardless of by whom or what means the actual facsimile signatures thereon may have been affixed thereto if such facsimile signatures resemble the facsimile specimens duly certified or filed with the Northeast Security Bank, Fairbank, Iowa by the Secretary or other officer of this corporation.” Motion was seconded by Costello. Roll Call Vote: Aye: VanDaele, LaRue, Woods, Costello, Duffy. Nay: none.
10. Open Enrollment: Motion was made by LaRue and seconded by Duffy to approve the open-enrollment request from Eddie and Denise Biretz for their daughters Morgan (grade 2) and Magen (grade 3) to attend Fairbank Elementary from Dunkerton Community Schools. Motion passed.
11. Principal Report: New Fairbank Elementary Principal Tara Estep began by telling the board about her family and background. Tara has been working on transitional meetings, has attended the Mentoring and Induction Conference and SAI Conference, administrative meetings; she has also worked on the preschool grant application, scheduling and professional development for the 2009-10 school year. Tara has invited staff to come to Fairbank Elementary and meet her and she looks forward to going out into the communities and meeting the families of her students.
12. Elementary Construction Project Update: Superintendent Garber issued a copy of sub-contractors and suppliers as listed by Structure. He also included a timeline that was provided at the latest job conference.
13. Construction Project Change Order Procedure: Motion was made by Duffy to approve the project change order procedure that was listed as item B which states that Superintendent Garber can give approval of a change order in the amount of \$2500 or less. Also, Superintendent Garber, following that approval, will update the board on the change that has taken place. Any change order for an amount greater than \$2500 will require action by the Board. Motion was seconded by Costello. Motion passed.
14. 2010 IASB call for Legislative Action Priorities: Motion was made by Duffy to recommend the five legislative actions as presented which are #3 supports the development of rigorous content standards and benchmarks; #11 supports setting allowable growth at a rate that encourages continuous school improvement; #25 opposes changes to labor and employment laws; #13 supports a four year phase in to achieve full funding of the state’s portion of the instructional support levy; and #17 supports the development of a plan of strategic procedures and allowable funding variances which could quickly be initiated. Motion was seconded by Costello. Motion passed.
15. Early Retirement Policy, 2009-10 : Motion was made by Costello to approve the early retirement policy as presented for the 2009-10 school year. Motion was seconded by VanDaele. Motion passed.
16. Student Registration Fees: Motion was made by Costello and seconded by LaRue to approve the recommendation that no change be made in the registrations fees for the 2009-10 school year. Motion passed.
16. Adjourn: Motion was made by VanDaele and seconded by LaRue to adjourn. Motion passed. Meeting adjourned at 8:34 p.m.

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