

Wapsie Valley Community School District  
Board of Education Regular Meeting  
July 28, 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. in the Jr./Sr. High School Media Center. In attendance: Board President Woods, Board Member Duffy, Board Member Donna Costello, Board Member Scott LaRue, Board Member Jerry VanDaele, Superintendent Chad Garber, Principal Laura Medberry, Board Secretary Carol Foster, Gregg Eschweiler, John Kroenecke, Rustie Kane.
2. Delegations, Communications, Consideration of Additional Items for the Agenda: Superintendent Garber requested adding open enrollment papers for Collin Dobbs, Landen Dobbs and Bailey Dobbs to the agenda.
3. Approval of Agenda: Motion was made by Duffy and seconded by Costello to approve the agenda with the addition of open enrollment requests added to item 12. Motion passed.
4. Approval of Minutes: Motion was made by Duffy and seconded by Costello to approve the minutes from the Regular Board Meeting on June 9, 2008 and the Special Board Meetings on June 12, 2008, June 16, 2008 and June 18, 2008. Motion passed.
5. 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 LaRue. Motion passed.
6. Personnel:
  - A. Resignation(s): Motion was made by Costello and seconded by LaRue to approve the resignation of Chad Garber as High School student council advisor pending a suitable replacement be found and Dawn Tobey as elementary teacher. Motion passed.
  - B. Recommendation(s): Motion was made by Costello to approve Gregg Eschweiler as K-6(Readlyn) Principal and Jr/Sr. High Principal; Molly Juhl as K-6 Guidance Counselor; Jessica Heying as 4<sup>th</sup> Grade teacher (Fairbank); Laci Hummel as kindergarten teacher (Fairbank) and Ron Crooks as a paid mentor for the 2008-09 school year. Motion was seconded by Duffy. Motion passed.
  - C. Information: Superintendent Chad Garber presented the transfers in the District as follows: Amy Shepherd to 1<sup>st</sup> grade (Readlyn); Kara Shannon to 3<sup>rd</sup> grade (Fairbank); Kari Pleggenkuhl to full time Title 1 (Fairbank). Jim Reed from AEA 267 has offered a contract to Melissa Schmidt to serve as a full time special education teacher at Readlyn Elementary.
7. Public Comment(s): John Kroenecke discussed the funding for the new school buildings which are being proposed. Rustie Kane presented his concerns regarding the administrative changes within the district and encouraged the Board to closely monitor the progress of those employees who have accepted new roles.
8. Principal's Reports: Principal Medberry talked about the Iowa Leadership Academy that she and Mr. Garber attended. Medberry spoke specifically about the presentation by Dr. Richard Elmore, Harvard University, and his challenge for schools to accept a model of professional growth similar to the model in place in the medical field. Newly-hired Principal Eschweiler expressed his excitement with the new challenges ahead of him and looks forward to having a great year.
9. Approval of Resolution 403B: Motion was stated by Duffy "Whereas the District's Superintendent has engaged in discussions and negotiations with the various union organizations representing District employees who are eligible to participate in the 403(b) plan and the District's representative and union organization representatives have mutually agreed that it is in the best interest of the District's 403(b) plan participants that the District join the State of Iowa sponsored 403(b) plan. Whereas the District and union organizations have prepared and executed a written document of understanding to memorialize this agreement. Now, therefore, having reviewed the agreement of understanding entered by the District's representative and the various union organization representative, the Board approves the District joining the State of Iowa sponsored 403(b) plan. This motion was seconded by LaRue. Roll Call Vote: Aye: LaRue, Duffy, Woods, Costello, VanDaele. Nay: none.

10. LP Gas Services 2008-09 School Year: Motion was made by Duffy to approve the contract with the Consolidated Energy Co. for LP gas at the Jr./Sr. High School at a cost of \$1.98 and Chase Oil, Inc., for LP gas at the Rural Schools at a cost of \$1.98. Motion was seconded by VanDaele. Motion passed.
  
11. Annual Meeting Items:
  - A. Appointment of School Board Secretary: Motion was made by Costello and seconded by LaRue to appoint Carol Foster as the Board Secretary for the 2008-09 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 VanDaele. Motion carried.
  - C. Appointment of and Salary of School Board Treasurer: Motion was made by Costello to approve "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 2009, and that she receive a salary of \$1,089 for these duties. Motion was seconded by Duffy. Roll Call Vote: Aye: VanDaele, LaRue, Woods, Costello, Duffy. Nay: none.
  - D. Resolution – Payment of Bills: Motion was made by Duffy to approve "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 VanDaele 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: \$2,000,000.00 at Northeast Security Bank for General Fund authority and Activity and Hot Lunch Funds; and Readlyn Savings Bank for \$1,000,000.00 for PPEL and Local Option Sales Tax funds." Motion was seconded by LaRue. 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 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 LaRue. Roll Call Vote: Aye: VanDaele, LaRue, Woods, Costello, Duffy. Nay: none.
  
12. Open Enrollment: Motion was made by LaRue to accept the open enrollment in of Benjamin Rhoades, Austin Rhoades, Collin Dobbs, Landen Dobbs and Bailey Dobbs. Motion was seconded by VanDaele. Motion passed.
  
13. High School Parking Lot Improvements:

The Board reviewed proposals for parking lot improvements at the junior/senior high school. Following discussion, the Board requested Superintendent Garber request a proposal from Heartland Asphalt that included an additional section of the north student parking lot. The Board considered both concrete and asphalt options before determining they would opt for the asphalt option provided by Heartland Asphalt. The project was contingent upon an acceptable proposal from Heartland to cover the entire student parking lot.
  
14. Elementary Facilities Committee Update: Board member Costello gave an update on the WV KIDS Committee's activities. Several financial scenarios provided by Piper-Jaffray were presented and considered

by the Board. Motion was made by Duffy and seconded by VanDaele to have the following information made public, including making the information available in the *Waterloo Courier* and surrounding newspapers as well as the school newsletter stating the Board's intentions regarding the elementary facilities.

This is an excerpt from the Wapsie Valley Community Schools regular board meeting minutes, July 28, 2008.

On September 9<sup>th</sup>, voters may give the District permission to add \$4.05 per thousand to their property taxes over the next twenty years in order for the District to construct two elementary schools. The law requires that the District receive that authority based on the project's total cost.

Current enrollment and financial projections indicate that Wapsie Valley Schools will be able to use revenue from Iowa's one-cent sales tax to provide property tax relief to support new construction. The Board has constructed a plan that would use revenue from Iowa's one cent sales tax to provide property tax relief that could result in an increase in property taxes because of this new construction as low as \$1.00 per taxable thousand for the next four years; following those four years, the Board intends to use revenue from Iowa's one cent sales tax, not property tax, to repay the resulting bond.

Since the Board cannot predict everything that will affect the District's schools in the next twenty years, the ability of the Board to follow this Plan will depend upon facts as they develop. However, the Board is confident that revenue from Iowa's one-cent sales tax will provide a means to give the District's students outstanding facilities while maintaining a reasonable property tax rate.

District residents should contact a Board member, Superintendent, or member of the WV K.I.D.S. committee with questions.

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Motion passed.

15. Upcoming Board Work Session (Board Policy 210.4): The board will be having a work session on August 18, 2008 beginning at 6:00 p.m. prior to the regular board meeting.
16. Adjourn: Motion was made by VanDaele and seconded by Costello to adjourn. Motion passed. Meeting adjourned at 9:23 p.m.