

Wapsie Valley Community School District
Board of Education
September 15, 2008, 7:38 pm
Jr./Sr. High School Media Center

1. Call to order: School Board Secretary Carol Foster called the meeting to order at 7:38 p.m. at the Wapsie Valley Jr./Sr. High School Media Center. In attendance: Board Member Donna Costello, Board Member Merlyn Duffy, Board Member Scott LaRue, Board Member Jerry VanDaele, Board Member Randy Woods, Superintendent Chad Garber, Board Secretary Carol Foster, Principal Gregg Eschweiler, Elementary Principal Laura Medberry, Herbert J. Clemens, Jaime McElhose, Steve Aiello, Janice Martins, Judy Boehme, Aaron Sauerbrei, Chad VanDaele, Brett Cummings, Sheila Rosengarten, Stacey Martin, Kara Shannon, Dean Mangrich, Kevin Kane, Kim Brown, Jill Krall and Rick VanDaele.

4. Oath of Office: Board Secretary Foster asked Board Members-Elect Merlyn Duffy and Jerry VanDaele to stand and take the following oath of office: *“Do you solemnly swear that you will support the Constitution of the United States and the Constitution of the State of Iowa and that you will faithfully and impartially to the best of your ability discharge the duties of the office of board member at the Wapsie Valley Community School District as now or hereafter required by law?”* Board Member Duffy answered “I do”. Board Member VanDaele answered “I do”.

5. Election of President & Vice President (& Oath of Office): Board Member Duffy nominated Board Member Woods for President. Motion was made by VanDaele for nominations to cease. Motion was seconded by Costello. Motion passed. Ballot vote was taken with four ayes and one board member abstaining. Board Member VanDaele nominated Board Member Duffy for Vice-President. Motion was made by VanDaele for nominations to cease. Motion was seconded by LaRue. Motion passed. Ballot vote was taken with four ayes and one board member abstaining. President elect Woods and Vice President elect Duffy were asked to stand and take the oath of office as administered by Board Secretary Foster: *“Do you solemnly swear that you will support the Constitution of the United States and the Constitution of the State of Iowa and that you will faithfully and impartially to the best of your ability discharge the duties of the office of Board President and Vice President in the Wapsie Valley Community School District as now or hereafter required by law?”* Both members answered “I do”.

2. Communications & Consideration of Additional Items to the Agenda: none.

3. Approval of Agenda: Motion made by Duffy to approve the agenda as presented. Motion was seconded by LaRue. Motion passed.

6. Set Time, Date, and Place of Regular Meetings: Motion was made by Duffy and seconded by Costello to keep the board meetings on the third Monday of the month at 7:00 p.m. in the Jr./Sr. High media center. Motion passed.

7. Public Comments: There were none.

8. Personnel:
 - a. Resignations: Motion was made by Duffy and seconded by VanDaele to accept the resignations of Monica Ott as the spring play director. Motion passed
 - b. Recommendations: none.

9. Bond Issue Update: Chad VanDaele, Wapsie Valley K.I.D.S. committee member addressed the Board regarding the work of the K.I.D.S. committee and their support of the initiative to build two elementary schools, one each in Fairbank and Readlyn. VanDaele commended the Board for their support at the various open forum meetings, and throughout the previous several months. He noted the passion and commitment of the committee, and encouraged the Board to consider the 60% support the current proposal garnered district-wide. Superintendent Garber discussed his discussion with Geoff Grimes, Struxture Architecture, and the plan to more completely address the requirements of the fire inspector's report. Grimes plans to continue his assessment of the structural needs of the elementary school buildings in late September, and will meet with Superintendent Garber following that assessment to begin prioritizing the greatest needs and allocating funds to make the needed upgrades.

10. OS:HSW and ACT Data Report: Principal Medberry discussed the test data and how the test is administered regarding our first grade students and their performance on the Observational Survey: Hearing Sounds and Words survey. The survey is one benchmark used by the district to assess students' progress in learning to read. Principal Eschweiler discussed the latest ACT assessment results for the graduating class of 2008. Eschweiler noted comparison between Wapsie Valley scores and the state and national average, and also discussed the decline in the number of students who have chosen to take the ACT.

11. Principal's Reports:

Principal Eschweiler discussed the progress being made with student attendance and noted the cooperative work of Mr. McKowen, Glenda Hesse, and himself. Mr. Eschweiler also discussed the schedule for evening activities over the course of the coming weeks. Principal Medberry discussed the work of the student council at Fairbank Elementary. This newly-founded group meets regularly with Mrs. Medberry and has begun work to organize games and activities for students during their recess.

12. IASB Delegate Assembly Nominee: Motion was made by Duffy to approve VanDaele as delegate to the IASB Delegate Assembly on November 19. Motion was seconded by LaRue. Motion passed.

13. Beverages in the Classroom: Superintendent Garber reviewed the Policy that was discussed in July 2004 and recommended that the administrative team develop a policy that fits with the current needs of each building while maintaining consistency across those buildings.

14. Five Measures of Financial Wellness: Superintendent Garber gave the board members a DVD presentation by Larry Sigel at the IASB Financial Conference in which he explains the five measures that he feels allows board members to respond to the community. Board members may review the DVD at their own convenience. Secretary Foster and Superintendent Garber then discussed the five measure of fiscal wellness, as defined by Sigel. Wapsie Valley general fund trendline data was distributed to Board members; the table provided by Garber and Foster is a work in progress and Board members will be provided a completed table of historic data at upcoming meetings.

15. Schedule Board Work Session: Motion was made by Duffy and seconded by LaRue to schedule a special board meeting on September 29th to review the results of the Measure A and B recounts and to establish the next step in addressing the need for elementary facilities. The Board will also meet on October 13th to discuss the findings of Geoff Grimes and the recommendations of Superintendent Garber and Grimes in regard to the fire inspector's report. The Board will also hold a work session prior to next month's Board meeting to begin part of their professional development work, a book study of the text *Leadership for Student Learning: The School Board's Role in Creating School Districts Where all Students Succeed*.
16. Adjourn: Motion was made by VanDaele and seconded by Costello to adjourn. The meeting adjourned at 9:37 p.m.

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