

Wapsie Valley Community School District
Board of Education
September 18, 2006, 7:45 pm
Jr./Sr. High School Media Center

1. Call to order: School Board Secretary Carol Foster called the meeting to order at 7:16 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 Dan Peterson, Board Secretary Carol Foster, Jr./Sr. High Principal Chad Garber, Elementary Principal Laura Medberry, Elementary Principal Debra Rich, Sharon Davis, Linda Wittenburg, Crystal Shedenhelm. Annette Hyde and Todd Kuethe joined the meeting at 7:37 p.m.
2. Delegations, Communications, Considerations of Additional Items to the Agenda: none.
3. Approval of Agenda: Motion made by Woods to approve the agenda as presented. Motion was seconded by Duffy. Motion passed.
4. Oath of Office: Board Secretary Foster asked Board Member-Elect Scott LaRue 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 LaRue answered “I do”.
5. Election of President & Vice President (& Oath of Office): Board Member Duffy nominated Board Member Woods for President, and Woods declared he would accept the position if elected. 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 Costello nominated Board Member Duffy for Vice-President, and Duffy declared he would accept the position if elected. 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”.
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 LaRue to accept the resignations of Bill Cowell as Freshmen Girls Basketball Coach; Troy Matthaideess as Assistant Girls Basketball Coach and Jr. High Girls Track Coach and Jr. High Cross Country Coach; and Nick Joyce as Jr. High Boys Basketball Coach. Motion passed.
 - b. Recommendations: Motion was made by Costello to approve contracts for Bill Cowell as Jr. High Boys Basketball Coach, Justin Parson as Assistant Girls Basketball Coach and Jr. High Cross-Country Coach; Troy Matthaideess as Freshman Girls Basketball Coach and High School Girls Track Coach and Gina Wiersma and Brenda Roberts as Co-National Honor Society Sponsors. Motion was seconded by Duffy. Motion passed.
10. Open Enrollment: Motion was made by Duffy to approve the open enrollment of Taylor Boevers from the Waverly Shell Rock Schools to Wapsie Valley. Motion was seconded by LaRue. Motion passed.
11. Comprehensive School Improvement Plan: Principal Garber presented the new CSIP for the coming five years. Motion was made by Duffy and seconded by LaRue to approve the CSIP. Motion passed.
9. \$7,900,000 General Obligation 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 \$7,900,000, to provide funds to construct, build, furnish and equip two new elementary school buildings 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 \$7,900,000 to provide funds to construct, build, furnish and equip two new elementary school buildings 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 V ALLEY 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, December 11, 2007, 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 \$7,900,000 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, December 11, 2007:

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 17th day of September, 2007

12. Principal Reports: Elementary Principal Laura Medberry discussed the in-home visits that she has scheduled and invited the board members to the Parent Night that is scheduled at Fairbank Elementary on September 27, 2007 from 5:30 – 7:30 p.m. Principal Medberry along with Elementary Principal Debra Rich discussed the new report cards that will be implemented this school year. Principal Garber announced that Wapsie Valley Sr. Molly Sowers is a National Scholarship semi-finalist and the ACT average scores.
13. Sunday Use of School Facilities: Motion was made by Duffy to approve the use of the school facilities on Sunday, September 23 and 30, 2007 and October 14, 2007 for a pitching/catching camp and a fielding/hitting camp. Motion was seconded by LaRue. Motion passed.
14. Adjourn: Motion was made by VanDaele and seconded by LaRue to adjourn. Motion carried and the meeting adjourned at 9:03 p.m.