

Wapsie Valley Community School District  
Board of Education  
September 20, 2010, 7:33 pm  
Jr./Sr. High School Media Center

1. Call to order: School Board Secretary Carol Foster called the meeting to order at 7:33 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, and Elementary Principal Jolaine Mast.
2. Communications & Consideration of Additional Items to the Agenda: Superintendent Garber shared a thank you card from the boys track team for the board support at the state track meet; Board Member LaRue asked to add a discussion item regarding 911 equipment being placed on school property by Bremer County.
3. Approval of Agenda: Motion made by Costello to approve the agenda as presented. Motion was seconded by Duffy. Motion passed.
4. Election of President & Vice President (& Oath of Office): Nominations for President were made by verbally. Randy Woods was nominated by Duffy and VanDaele made the motion to have nominations cease. Woods agreed that he would accept the position. Costello nominated Jerry VanDaele for vice-president. Duffy made the motion to have nominations cease. VanDaele agreed that he would accept the position. President elect Woods and Vice President elect VanDaele 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”.
5. 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.
6. Iowa Association of School Boards Delegate Assembly Selection: At this time no board member will be able to attend.
7. Personnel: Motion was made by LaRue to approve the resignation of Garrett McGrane as JV girls’ basketball coach and the recommendation of Kara Shannon as 9<sup>th</sup> grade volleyball coach, Sara Wilke as 8<sup>th</sup> grade volleyball coach and Dean Platte as 7<sup>th</sup> grade volleyball coach. Motion was seconded by Duffy. Motion passed.
8. Open Enrollment: Motion was made by Costello to approve the open enrollment of Casey Crow from Dunkerton. Motion was seconded by LaRue. Motion was approved.
9. Principal Reports: Principal Eschweiler discussed homecoming activities; MAP testing; mid-terms; ACT scores for 2009-10; annual fundraising; DRA and BRI testing; Ewalu and IDM (Instructional Decision Making) meetings at the elementary schools. Principal

Mast discussed pre-school, K-6 reading testing and Title 1, testing for kindergarten on language at the rural schools, committee work for new teachers, writing committee, and BLT (Building Leadership Team), and professional development for curriculum mapping, and technology use by staff in the new elementary school buildings.

10. Elementary School Construction Updates: Superintendent Garber discussed two change orders for consideration. Motion was made by Duffy and seconded by LaRue to approve change orders 10 and 11. Motion passed. Superintendent Garber also updated Board members on the progress of the punch lists at Fairbank Elementary, and the Finishing Touches campaign. To date, \$21,100 has been donated to Fairbank Elementary for “finishing touches” projects and \$18,773 has been donated to Readlyn Elementary for “finishing touches” projects.
11. Purchase of wireless lab cart at Fairbank Elementary: Motion was made by Costello to approve the purchase of 24 laptops computers and the accompanying cart for Fairbank Elementary. Motion was seconded by Duffy. Motion passed.
12. \$200,000 General Obligation Energy Management Improvement Capital Loan Notes, Series 2010: Board Member Duffy introduced the resolution entitled, “RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE SALE OF \$200,000 GENERAL OBLIGATION ENERGY MANAGEMENT IMPROVEMENT SCHOOL CAPITAL LOAN NOTES, SERIES 2010” and moved its adoption. Board member LaRue seconded the motion to adopt. Roll Call Vote: Aye: Duffy, LaRue, Woods, VanDaele, Costello. Nay: none. Member Duffy moved that the form of Tax Exemption Certificate be placed on file and approved. Member LaRue seconded the motion. The roll called and the vote was: Aye: Duffy, LaRue, Woods, VanDaele, Costello. Nay: none. Member Duffy introduced the following Resolution entitled “RESOLUTION APPROVING AND AUTHORIZING A FORM OF LOAN AGREEMENT, AUTHORIZING AND PROVIDING FOR THE ISSUANCE OF \$200,000 GENERAL OBLIGATION ENERGY MANAGEMENT IMPROVEMENT CAPITAL LOAN NOTES, SERIES 2010, AND PROVIDING FOR THE PAYMENT” and moved that it be adopted. Member LaRue seconded the motion. The roll was called and the vote was: Ayes: Duffy, LaRue, Woods, VanDaele, Costello. Nay: none.
13. Substitute Teacher Pay Rate: Motion was made by LaRue and seconded by Duffy to approve the rate of \$95.00 per day for substitute teachers. Motion passed.
14. Fairbank Elementary School Crosswalk: Motion was made by Costello and seconded by VanDaele to approve the contract with Barb Brennan for stop sign duty in Fairbank at a cost of \$130.00 per month. Motion passed.
15. Bremer County 911 Tower: Board Member LaRue was contacted by the Bremer County Sheriff Department regarding the possibility of placing a 911 tower on the school property.
16. Adjournment: Motion was made by VanDaele to adjourn. Motion was seconded by Costello. The motion passed and the meeting adjourned at 8:57 p.m.

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