

WALDRON AREA SCHOOLS
BOARD OF EDUCATION

A regular meeting of the Waldron Area Schools Board of Education was held on April 12, 2007 and was called to order at 7:30p.m. by president, Richard Storehalder. Members present were Harold Emens, Richard Storehalder, Scott Knapp, Bonnie Leininger, Tom Schaedler, and D. Oates; member Robin Ryan was absent. Administrators present: J. McGonigle, Superintendent, S. Philipp, H.S./M.S. Principal, F. Bowers, Athletic Director, and H. Clark, Dean of Students.

Members of the audience joined the Board in reciting the Pledge to the American flag.

The Board of Education waived the reading of the minutes and approved the Waldron Area School District Board of Education March 12, 2006 regular meeting and March 26, 2007 special meeting minutes.

During public comment members of the Waldron High School band thanked the Board for the opportunity to travel to Cleveland, Ohio.

Motion by member T. Schaedler, support by member H. Emens that the Board approve general fund bills covered by check # 15993-16004 and #21472 – 21501. Motion passed 6 – 0.

In old business there was a follow up report on the Elementary Science Grant that the students applied for through the Hillsdale County Community Foundation. They received notification that the grant has been approved and the funds will be available for the 2007-2008 school year.

In new business Mr. Bowers, Athletic Director presented information on the proposed SCAA League Expansion, allowing Battle Creek St. Philip Schools, Bellevue Community Schools, and Colon Community Schools to enter into our league and dividing the league into an Eastern and a Western Division. Superintendent McGonigle spoke in favor of this proposal. Motion by member S. Knapp, support by member T. Schaedler that the Board approve the league expansion. Motion passed 4 – 2. (B. Leininger – No, T. Schaedler – Yes, S. Knapp – Yes, D. Storehalder – Yes, H. Emens – Yes, D. Oates – No)

Motion by member H. Emens, support by member B. Leininger that the Board approve the hiring of Jeff Knowlan as the assistant softball coach as recommended by Mr. Bowers, Athletic Director. Motion passed 6 – 0.

Motion by member B. Leininger, support by member T. Schaedler that the Board approve the proposal for the cooperation of business services with North Adams-Jerome Public Schools as attached. Motion passed 6 – 0.

Motion by member H. Emens, support by member D. Oates that the Board approve the compensation agreement for the business manager as attached. Motion passed 5 – 0 (member S. Knapp abstained).

Superintendent McGonigle recommended that the Board appoint Ms. Helen Holding as Waldron School's representative on the Hillsdale County Parent Advisory Committee. Ms. Holding was appointed by Board President Storehalder.

In his Superintendent's report Mr. McGonigle recognized the efforts of our food service staff who received a *Certificate of Excellence* award by the Branch Hillsdale St Joseph Community Health Agency. Our establishment was recognized for maintaining a high level of sanitation on the last two inspections.

President Storehalder has requested that the Board schedule a Goal Setting meeting for Monday, April 23, 2007 at 7:30 p.m. This meeting will be properly posted.

Motion by member S. Knapp, support by member B. Leininger to adjourn at 8:35 p.m. Motion passed 7 – 0.

