

WALDRON AREA SCHOOLS
BOARD OF EDUCATION

A regular meeting of the Waldron Area School Board of Education was held on April 14, 2003, and was called to order at 7:30 p.m. by president, Richard Storehalder. Members present were D. Oates, S. Knapp, H. Emens, T. Schaedler, B. Leininger, R. Storehalder, and M. Baker. Members of the audience joined the board in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

President Storehalder welcomed those in attendance.

Dr. Thomas D. Gay, superintendent, presented information on the Adequate Yearly Progress Report. He also informed the Board that he was in the process of renegotiating the rental agreement with Region II Community Action Agency for the Head Start building for the next school year.

Mr. Scott Merfeld, secondary principal, presented the Middle School/High School Report.

Mr. Harold Emens presented information on the County Board Workshop that included a survey regarding services offered by the Intermediate School District.

Motion by member T. Schaedler, seconded by member H. Emens that the Board of Education approve the agenda and addendum items as presented. Motion carried 7 – 0.

Superintendent Gay summarized letters received from State Superintendent Tom Watkins and Governor Jennifer Granholm.

Mr. Melvin Schaedler requested permission to use school district property for a fireworks display during the Labor Day weekend festivities. He assured the Board that the person in charge of the display was trained and certified, and that insurance would be procured. It was the general consensus of the Board that permission be granted.

Motion by member M. Baker, seconded by member H. Emens to approve and pay general fund bills covered by checks #19547 through 19577 and #15716 through 15722. Motion carried 7 – 0.

Motion by member M. Baker, seconded by member B. Leininger that the Board of Education adopt the attached resolution setting matters to be voted upon at the June 9, 2003, election. Motion carried 7 – 0.

Motion by member M. Baker, seconded by member S. Knapp that the Board of Education adopt the attached resolution placing Glenn Hoffman, Margaret Beth Shaw, and Rebecca Sullivan on lay off status effective June 30, 2003, and that their services are hereby terminated and discontinued effective June 30, 2003, by reason of a necessary reduction in teacher personnel and will not be required until further notice. Members voting yes: S. Knapp, M. Baker, B. Leininger, T. Schaedler, H. Emens, D. Oates, R. Storehalder. Members voting no: none. Motion carried 7 – 0.

Motion by member M. Baker, seconded by member H. Emens that the Board of Education place Clifford Fether on lay off status effective June 30, 2003, by reason of a necessary reduction in personnel and will not be required until further notice. Members voting yes: D. Oates, H.

Emens, M. Baker and S. Knapp. Members voting no: T. Schaedler and R. Storehalder. B. Leininger abstained. Motion carried 4 – 2, with one abstention.

Motion by member B. Leininger, seconded by member T. Schaedler that the Board of Education adopt the Career Awareness & Exploration/Career & Employability Skills 2001-2004 Long Range Plan as attached. Motion carried 7 – 0.

Motion by member S. Knapp, seconded by member T. Schaedler that the Board of Education grant the following credits for graduation to the individuals as noted: Westin Wilkin – one credit physical education, Kevin Powers – one-half credit physical education, and Heidi Osborn – one-half credit physical education. Motion carried 7 – 0.

Motion by member B. Leininger, seconded by member D. Oates that a modification to the 2002-2003 school calendar reflect the following changes:

April 21, 2003 – ½ day teacher in-service (am) and ½ day instruction for students (p.m.)

April 22, 2003 – School in session all day

May 23, 2003 – School in session all day

Motion carried 7 – 0.

It was the general consensus of the Board that Richard Storehalder be appointed an elector to represent the Waldron District Board of Education and to cast a ballot on June 9, 2003, to elect a Hillsdale County Intermediate School District Board member.

Motion by member D. Oates, seconded by member B. Leininger that the Board of Education establish Monday, August 25, 2003, as the first day for students for the 2003-2004 school year. Motion carried 7 – 0.

Member Harold Emens reported for the Policy Committee and Member Scott Knapp reported for the Athletic Committee.

Mr. George Kintner, Waldron Education Association President, invited the board to an Honoree dinner to recognize and honor each district's outstanding Teacher of the Year. The dinner will be held May 6, 2003 at Savarino's Next Door. Waldron Education Association's teacher of the year is Ruth Smith.

Motion by member T. Schaedler, seconded by member H. Emens to adjourn at 9:49 p.m. Motion carried 7 – 0.