

WALDRON AREA SCHOOLS  
BOARD OF EDUCATION

A regular meeting of the Waldron Area Schools Board of Education was held on August 10, 2009 and was called to order at 7:33p.m. by president, Dick Storehalder. Members present were Scott Knapp, Joe Fether, Dick Storehalder, Tom Schaedler, Jen Long, Sabine Young, and Jay Williams. Administrator present was Superintendent William Stitt. 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 the Waldron Area School July 13, 2009 organizational meeting and regular meeting of July 13, 2009. Motion by member J. Williams, support by member T. Schaedler to approve the minutes. Motion passed 7 – 0.

During public comment Rick Nivison and Emily Knapp introduced the coordinators and workers that have been involved with the South Central Michigan Works summer work program. The students have worked at the school doing various jobs and many have had the opportunity to experience some job shadowing. Ms. Knapp has worked with all of the students involved and prepared updated resumes and posted them on the SCMW website in their talent bank. Superintendent Stitt and the Board thanked the students and coordinators for all of their hard work.

Motion by member T. Schaedler, support by member J. Fether that the Board approve the payment of general fund bills with check #24395-34442 & 16226-16235. Motion passed 7 – 0.

In committee reports, member J. Williams reported that the Athletic Committee met and provided the Board with the following recommendations:

Motion by member J. Williams, support by member J. Fether that the Board support the law stating that ALL school staff hired and volunteer are required to be fingerprinted at their expense. Motion passed 7 – 0.

Motion by member J. Williams, support by member J. Fether that the Board direct our Athletic Director to work with the Conference to investigate the formation of an East / West Division requiring less travel for all athletic teams. Motion passed 6 – 0 (member D. Storehalder cast the one negative vote).

The personnel committee met and also had the following recommendations for the Board:

Motion by member J. Williams, support by member J. Long that the Board make the following changes in support staff contracts:

Secretaries are required to work on snow days or

1. Use a sick or personal day
2. Make up the day at the end of the school year.

Overtime for bus drivers will be limited to Sunday or Holiday trips, overtime is no longer in effect for Saturday trips.

Field trip pay will be calculated at the rate of \$11.25 for drive time and \$7.40 for “down time” with a minimum of 2 hours of drive time per trip.

Motion passed 5 – 2 (S. Young – Y, J. Williams – Y, T. Schaedler – N, S. Knapp – N, J. Fether – Y, J. Long – Y, D. Storehalder – Y).

Due to a recommendation by the Athletic committee, the second reading of the Athletic Handbook has been postponed until the September 14, 2009 Board meeting allowing time for the Athletic Council to meet and review any changes that have been proposed. The 2008-2009 Athletic Handbook will be in effect until the new one is approved.

Motion by member J. Williams, support by member J. Fether to table the setting of the School Meal Prices until Mrs. Shinabery, the Food Service Director returns from vacation. Motion passed 7 – 0.

Motion by member T. Schaedler, support by member S. Knapp that the Board keep the cost of a Family Pass for the 2009-2010 Athletic season at \$90.00 per family. Motion passed 7 – 0.

Motion by member S. Knapp, support by member J. Williams that the Board approve the renovation of the High School bleachers as a Sinking Fund expense. Motion passed 7 – 0.

In the Superintendent’s report Mr. Stitt introduced the new Spartan Bucks that will be used as a reward system next year for students, he presented information that he gathered at the Keys 2.0 School Improvement Conference, and he

announced that there will be a School Wide Open House on August 31<sup>st</sup>, an All Staff Breakfast on September 2<sup>nd</sup>, and the Fall Picnic on September 17<sup>th</sup>.

He also requested that the Board beginning working on a Board Vision, setting short and long term goals for Waldron Area Schools.

At the request of the Board President the Board went into closed session at 8:40 p.m. to discuss a personnel matter. Motion passed 7 – 0.

The Board returned to open session at 8:50p.m.

Motion by member J. Williams, support by member J. Long to adjourn at 8:52. Motion passed 7 – 0.

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Jennifer Long, Secretary

\* Notes taken by P. Knapp, Business Manager