

WALDRON AREA SCHOOLS
BOARD OF EDUCATION

A regular meeting of the Waldron Area Schools Board of Education was held on December 8, 2008 and was called to order at 7:30p.m. by president, Richard Storehalder. Members present were Scott Knapp, Joe Fether, Richard Storehalder, Jen Long, Tom Schaedler, Jay Williams and Robin Ryan. 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 for the Waldron Area School November 10, 2008 regular meeting. Motion by member J. Williams, support by member J. Fether to approve the minutes. Motion passed 7 – 0.

Motion by member T. Schaedler, support by member J. Fether that the Board approve the payment of general fund bills with check #22213-22237, #16159 – 16165, and 111108, 111408, & 112408. Motion passed 7 – 0.

In Old Business, Wendy Robinson was present to discuss the band trip to Chicago, ILL that was tabled at the November 10th meeting. Motion by member S. Knapp, support by member J. Williams that the Board approve the band trip to Chicago, ILL for the Spring of 2009. Motion passed 7 – 0.

The Board conducted the first reading of the Early Graduation Policy as presented by Mr. Stitt and the policy committee.

Motion by member T. Schaedler, support by member J. Williams that the Board accept the written request by Beth Shaw to return from her medical leave on January 5, 2009. Motion passed 7 – 0.

Fuel bids were reviewed by the Board members. Motion by member T. Schaedler, support by J. Williams that the Board select Wald-Mor Oil as the vendor for diesel and heating fuel for the current school year. Motion passed 6 – 1 (member S. Knapp cast the one negative vote).

Motion by member J. Williams, support by member J. Long that the Board continue the contract with L. Seigel Excavating for our snow removal for the 2008-2009 school year and consider bids for the 2009-2010 school year. Motion passed 7 – 0.

In the Superintendent's report, Mr. Stitt presented the new High School Course Description Book, the Health Education Curriculum, information on the County Special Education Millage, a new curriculum proposal for the high school CI room and a superintendent's evaluation tool for review by the Board. He also reported that the 5th Grade class, with the assistance of Mrs. Anagnostu received a \$500.00 grant from Hillsdale County Community Foundation Y.O.U.T.H to attend 5th Grade Camp at Kimball Camp in Reading, MI. Mr. Stitt also reported that the Hillsdale County Community Foundation Y.O.U.T.H. grant awarded our high school \$750.00 to purchase a new printer and ink for the high school computer lab.

Motion by member S. Knapp, support by member J. Williams that the Board go into closed session at 8:20 p.m. to discuss negotiations. Motion passed 7 – 0.

The Board returned to open session at 8:55 p.m.

Motion by member J. Williams, support by member J. Long to adjourn at 8:57 p.m. Motion passed 7 – 0.

* Notes taken by P. Knapp, Business Manager