

WALDRON AREA SCHOOLS  
BOARD OF EDUCATION

A regular meeting of the Waldron Area Schools Board of Education was held on December 14, 2009 and was called to order at 7:30 p.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 November 9, 2009 regular meeting and the December 7, 2009 special meeting. Motion by member J. Williams, support by member J. Long to approve the minutes. Motion passed 7 – 0.

In Public Comment Mr. Hoffman's class presented a PowerPoint presentation on the new Spartan Discount Store. Students explained how the store is run. Mr. Hoffman also reported to the Board that the students have been awarded a grant to purchase clothing racks and other supplies for their store.

Brian Fix was present and spoke on behalf of the bus drivers; he requested a closed session to discuss salaries.

Brent Leininger was present and commended the Board on the new website but noted that not all information was current and should be updated more often. He also offered his support of the Board on acting on the assumption that the projected budget cuts will happen.

Motion by member T. Schaedler, support by member J. Fether that the Board approve the payment of general fund bills with check #24588-24636. Motion passed 7 – 0.

In committee reports D. Storehalder reported that the Negotiation Committee has met with the teachers and a report will be given on the negotiation progress during the closed session. School Improvement meeting was cancelled for this month.

Mr. Stitt reported that the Student Council had submitted a request for an Open Campus during lunch. There was no motion on this item; campus will remain closed.

Motion by member S. Knapp, support by member J. Long that the Board approve the amended 457 Planned Documents. Motion passed 7 – 0.

Motion by member S. Knapp, support by member J. Williams that the Board approve the Service Consolidation Plan Resolution. Motion passed 7 – 0.

Motion by member S. Knapp, support by member J. Fether that the Board approve the Race To The Top Participation Resolution as presented. Motion passed 7 – 0.

Motion by member T. Schaedler, support by member J. Williams that the Board approve the hiring of all non-teaching substitutes through PCMI, the third party contractors that we currently use for our non-staff coaches. Motion passed 7 – 0.

Motion by member J. Williams, support by member T. Schaedler that Waldron Area Schools discontinue the utilization of the Lochaven Renaissance School effective 2<sup>nd</sup> semester of this year. Motion passed 7 – 0.

The Board entered into closed session at 8:10 p.m. per the request of the bus drivers.

The Board returned to open session at 9:20 p.m.

Motion by J. Williams, support by member J. Fether that the Board refer the bus agreement to the budget committee, direct that committee to meet prior to 12-18-09 to consider the proposal by the bus drivers, to submit their recommendation(s) immediately following to the personnel committee and grant the personnel committee the authority to meet, discuss, and engage the drivers on a new agreement no later than 12-31-09. Motion passed 7 – 0.

In the Superintendent's report Mr. Stitt shared a letter from Southern Michigan Works thanking Waldron Area Schools for participating in the summer work program this past summer that was funded by the ARRA funds.

He also reported that he had received correspondence from the SCAA Official Assigner, Chuck Sprang and effective next year schools that cancel ball games that they do not reschedule will be responsible for paying one half of the contracted fee for officials. This does not include weather or illness related cancellations.

Mr. Stitt presented the Board with a guideline for School Fundraising Activity and asked that the members take some time to review this and offer suggestions before he distributes it to group sponsors.

Motion by member S. Knapp, support by member J. Fether that effective January 1, 2010 the Time Keeper will be the only person to be paid by the athletic department at home contests. The gate will be run by the organization running the concession stand and it will be the coach's responsibility to find a person to keep his books. Motion passed 5 – 2 (J. Williams and D. Storehalder cast the two negative votes). President Storehalder directed the superintendent to inform the Athletic Director and the Athletic Director will inform the coaches.

Motion by member J. Williams, support by member J. Long to adjourn at 9:46 p.m.. Motion passed 7 – 0.

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Jen Long, Secretary