

WALDRON AREA SCHOOLS
BOARD OF EDUCATION

A regular meeting of the Waldron Area School Board of Education was held on February 10, 2003, and was called to order at 7:30 p.m. by president, Richard Storehalder. Members present were T. Schaedler, R. Storehalder, M. Baker, D. Oates, S. Knapp, and H. Emens. Member absent was B. Leininger. Members of the audience joined the board in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Members D. Oates and S. Knapp updated the board with information she received during a conference on the No Child Left Behind Federal legislation and how that legislation impacts Michigan school districts.

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

Dr. Thomas Gay, superintendent, updated the board on the progress made toward the district's fiber optic connection, remarked on the Education YES! School Self-Assessment Instrument for the Measures of School Performance at the elementary, middle, and high school levels, and provided information regarding Governor Granholm's State of the State Address and how it may affect the school district.

State Representative Bruce Caswell, presented information and answered questions regarding the State School Aid Budget and how it will affect local school districts for the next several fiscal years.

Motion by member T. Schaedler, seconded by member H. Emens that the Board of Education approve the agenda items as submitted by the superintendent. Motion carried 6 – 0.

Motion by member H. Emens, seconded by member M. Baker that the Board of Education waive the reading of the minutes and approve the Waldron Area District Board of Education January 13, 2003, Regular Meeting minutes as presented. Motion carried 6 – 0.

Superintendent Gay acknowledged February 9 through February 15, 2003, as Principal's Week per proclamation by Governor Granholm and thanked both Mrs. Schantl, elementary principal, and Mr. Merfeld, secondary principal, for their hard work and dedication in educating the children of the district.

The Future Farmers of America Agricultural Issues Team performed their presentation for which they were awarded a gold at the District Leadership Contest held at Springport, Michigan on February 5, 2003.

Motion by member M. Baker, seconded by member H. Emens to approve and pay general fund bills covered by checks #19411 through #194853 and #15700 through #15712. Motion carried 6 – 0.

Motion by member M. Baker, seconded by member D. Oates that the Board of Education consider the non-renewal and termination of employment of Sandra Schantl as detailed in the attached resolution. Motion carried 6 – 0.

Motion by member S. Knapp, seconded by member T. Schaedler that the Board of Education waive one credit of physical education for Jessica Stuck. Motion carried 6 – 0.

Motion by member H. Emens, seconded by member S. Knapp that the Board of Education grant the secondary principal the authority to utilize the option of the Hillsdale County Saturday School program for student discipline matters or any other reason that he deems appropriate for the remainder of the 2002-2003 school year. Administrative procedures will mandate that every student become informed of the principal's authority to schedule and mandate student attendance at the Saturday School program and the possible consequences relative to a student's non-attendance at an assigned Saturday School. Motion carried 6 – 0.

Motion by member H. Emens, seconded by member D. Oates that the Board of Education adopt the resolution, as attached, calling for a regular school election to be called and held on Monday, June 9, 2003, with polls of election to be open from 7:00 a.m. until 8:00 p.m. Motion carried 6 – 0.

Motion by member D. Oates, seconded by T. Schaedler that the Board of Education move to closed session at 9:20 p.m. for an expulsion hearing. Motion carried 6 – 0.

Board returned to open session at 9:48 p.m.

Motion by member D. Oates, seconded by member M. Baker that Bobby Arno be expelled for the remainder of the school year and that he be allowed to petition the school board for readmission for the 2003-2004 school year. Motion carried 6 – 0.

During the Board of Education Communication portion of the meeting, member S. Knapp reviewed the budgetary recommendations passed at the previous month's meeting and requested information on any progress made regarding said recommendations.

Motion by member H. Emens, seconded by member T. Schaedler to adjourn at 10:25 p.m. Motion carried 5 – 1.

Bonnie Leininger, secretary