

WALDRON AREA SCHOOLS
BOARD OF EDUCATION

A regular meeting of the Waldron Area Schools Board of Education was held on February 11, 2008 and was called to order at 7:35p.m. by president, Richard Storehalder. Members present were Scott Knapp, Joe Fether, Richard Storehalder, Bonnie Leininger, Tom Schaedler, Robin Ryan and Dianna Oates. Administrator present was Steve Philipp, Secondary Principal. 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 and approved the Waldron Area School January 14, 2007 regular meeting minutes.

Motion by member T. Schaedler, support by member J. Fether that the Board approve the payment of general fund bills with check #21852-21882 and #16057-16068. Motion passed 7 – 0.

In Old Business member D. Oates reported that she had read the book “Nineteen Minutes” that was presented at the last meeting and is to be used by our high school literature class. She reported that the book was very good but did contain some controversial content; she requested that a letter go home to the parents informing them of the book’s content. Mr. Philipp said that a letter will go home.

It was reported that the school has been chosen as recipient of 8 more used computers through the Computers For Learning program that allows government offices to donate their computers to schools or other non-profit organizations.

Motion by member B. Leininger, support by member D. Oates that the Board adopt the 2007-2008 Michigan School Readiness Program Participating Resolution. Motion passed 7 – 0.

Motion by member S. Knapp, support by member T. Schaedler to adopt the Regular School Election Resolution that includes ballot language for the Sinking Fund renewal. Motion passed 7 – 0.

Motion by member T. Schaedler, support by member R. Ryan that the Board approve the contract for Mr. Philipp as K-12 Principal for the remainder of the 2007-2008 school year. Motion passed 7 – 0.

Motion by member J. Fether, support by member T. Schaedler that the Board approve the contract for Mr. Fred Bowers for Acting Superintendent for the remainder of the 2007-2008 school year. Motion passed 7 – 0.

Motion by member S. Knapp, support by member B. Leininger that the Board approve the recommendation for Spring Coaches as presented by Fred Bowers, Athletic Director. (Baseball – Marty Emens, Softball – Kathy & Barry Lockwood, Head Track – Tim Jagielski, and Jr. High Track – Jeff Bernath) Motion passed 7 – 0.

During the Secondary Principals’ report the Board reviewed the 2007-2008 Fall FTE Audit report. Mr. Philipp requested a closed session for a personnel issue immediately following public comment. During public comment Jennifer Langston requested a closed session.

Motion by member D. Oates, support by member R. Ryan that the Board enter closed session at 8:50 per the requests of Mr. Philipp and J. Langston. Motion passed 6 – 1 (Ryan – Y, Schaedler – Y, Leininger – Y, Oates – Y, Fether – Y, Knapp – Y, Storehalder – N).

The Board returned to open session at 9:42 p.m.

The Board directed P. Knapp, Business Manager, to post a Board of Education Workshop for March 1, 2008 from 9:00 – 11:00 a.m.

Motion by member R. Ryan, support by member T. Schaedler that the Board adjourn at 10:12 p.m.
Motion passed 7 – 0.

Bonnie Leininger, Secretary

**Notes taken by Business Manager, Patty Knapp