

Waldron Area Schools  
Board of Education

A regular meeting of the Waldron Area School Board of Education was held on February 9, 2004, and was called to order at 7:30 p.m. by president, Richard Storehalder. Members present were M. Baker, H. Emens, T. Schaedler, B. Leininger, S. Knapp, and R. Storehalder. Arriving at 8:08 p.m. was member D. Oates. Members of the audience joined the board in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

The Board of Education waived the reading of the minutes and approved the Waldron Area School District Board of Education January 12, 2004, regular meeting minutes as presented.

Motion by member M. Baker, seconded by member H. Emens that the Board of Education approve and pay general fund bills covered by checks #20011 through #20039. Motion carried 6 – 0.

President Storehalder reported that the Negotiation Committee had met, but had nothing to relate at this time. Mrs. Schantl, principal, presented the elementary and middle school reports.

Motion by member T. Schaedler, seconded by member S. Knapp that the Board of Education approve the hiring of Kathy and Barry Lockwood as girl's softball coaches, Mathew Emens as boy's baseball coach, and Scott Bertram as boy's and girl's head track coach for the 2003-2004 season. Motion carried 6 – 0.

Motion by member S. Knapp, seconded by member B. Leininger that the Board of Education accept Mr. David Hephner's letter of intent to retire, effective July 17, 2004. Motion carried 7 – 0.

Motion by member H. Emens, seconded by member S. Knapp that the Board of Education employ Mr. David Hephner as Bus Supervisor/Bus Mechanic for the 2004-2005 school year at the cost of \$13,000 with the understanding that a part-time custodian would be employed. Motion carried 6 – 1.

Motion by member T. Schaedler, seconded by member S. Knapp that the Board of Education award the sinking fund tile floor replacement project to Cornerstone Interiors Company of Pioneer, Ohio. Motion carried 7 – 0.

Motion by member M. Baker, seconded by member B. Leininger that the Board of Education approve the Resolution Calling for Regular School Election as per attached. Members voting yes: D. Oates, H. Emens, T. Schaedler, B. Leininger, M. Baker, S. Knapp, and R. Storehalder. Members voting no: none. Motion carried 7 – 0.

President Storehalder instructed the business manager to post all notices pertaining to the June 14, 2004, regular school election.

Motion by member S. Knapp, seconded by member T. Schaedler that the Board of Education make available to the employees of Waldron Area Schools an Employer 457(b) Deferred Compensation Plan. The plan is to be offered exclusively from AIG VALIC. Motion carried 7 – 0.

Motion by member M. Baker, seconded by member S. Knapp that the Board of Education send eligible Waldron Area School students to the Jackson County Vocational Technology Center for vocation training beginning with the 2004-2005 school year. Motion carried 7 – 0.

The FFA Demonstration Team, consisting of Janell Lashaway, Sarah Lockwood, and Kimberly Monahan, presented a demonstration on “The Harvesting of Honey”. The team was awarded a gold medal at district competition for their demonstration and will compete at the regional level on February 19, 2004.

Mr. Merfeld, superintendent/principal, presented the high school report.

Motion by member H. Emens, seconded by member M. Baker that the Board of Education move into closed session at 9:20 p.m. for discussion of contract negotiations. Members voting yes: S. Knapp, M. Baker, B. Leininger, T. Schaedler, H. Emens, D. Oates, and R. Storehalder. Members voting no: none. Motion carried 7 – 0.

The Board of Education returned to open session at 10:12 p.m.

Motion by member T. Schaedler, seconded by member M. Baker to adjourn at 10:13 p.m. Motion carried 7 – 0.

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Bonnie Leininger, Secretary