

WALDRON AREA SCHOOLS
BOARD OF EDUCATION

A regular meeting of the Waldron Area Schools Board of Education was held on January 12, 2009 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 December 8, 2008 regular meeting and the December 12, 2008 special meeting. Motion by member J. Williams, support by member R. Ryan 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 #22239-22279, #16166 – 16172, and 120908 & 122208. Motion passed 7 – 0.

In Old Business, the Board conducted the second reading of the Early Graduation Policy as presented by Mr. Stitt. Motion by member J. Williams, support by member R. Ryan that the Board adopt the policy as presented. Motion passed 7 – 0.

Motion by member J. Williams, support by member J. Long that the Board approve the Consumers Energy Resolution allowing the school to participate in General Educational Institutional Provision allowing for educational discounts on our energy bills. Motion passed 7 – 0.

Students John Emens, Alicia Knapp, and Levi Long were present at the meeting to present information on a Fellowship of Christian Athletes (FCA) organization that they would like to start at Waldron High School and Waldron Middle School. Motion by member R. Ryan, support by member J. Williams that the Board approve the organization of this group at our schools. Motion passed 7 – 0.

Motion by member J. Williams, support by member J. Fether that the Board grant Business Manager permission to change the Multi-Trust accounts held at County National Bank to sweep accounts held at the same bank to increase interest earnings. Motion passed 7 – 0.

By request of Phil Monahan, Board President Storehalder offered to entertain a motion to reconsider the previous decision to deny permission to rent the school building to film a movie. There was a lack of motion in support of the reconsideration.

In the Superintendent's report, Mr. Stitt reminded the Board that school board election petitions are due to the County Clerks office by February 10, 2009, he presented information on the County Wide Special Education Millage, and he suggested that the Board consider paperless board packets.

Motion by member T. Schaedler, support by member S. Knapp that the Board go into closed session at 8:27 p.m. to discuss personnel issues. Motion passed 7 – 0.

The Board returned to open session at 9:04 p.m.

Motion by member S. Knapp, support by member R. Ryan to adjourn at 9:06 p.m. Motion passed 7 – 0.

Robin Ryan, Secretary

* Notes taken by P. Knapp, Business Manager