

**WALDRON AREA SCHOOLS
BOARD OF EDUCATION**

A Regular meeting of the Waldron Area Schools Board of Education was held on July 14, 2003, and was called to order at 7:40 p.m. by president, Richard Storehalder. Members present were T. Schaedler, B. Leininger, R. Storehalder, M. Baker, D. Oates, S. Knapp, and H. Emens. Members of the audience joined the board in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Motion by member M. Baker, seconded by member B. Leininger to approve and pay general fund bills covered by checks # 19658 through #19708. Motion carried 7 – 0.

Motion by member B. Leininger, seconded by member D. Oates that the Board of Education waive the reading of the minutes and approve the Waldron Area School District Board of Education June 9, 2003, regular and special meeting minutes as presented. Motion carried 7 – 0.

Member S. Knapp reported for the Negotiation Committee and the Building and Grounds Committee. Mr. Merfeld reported on personnel.

Motion by member M. Baker, seconded by member T. Schaedler that the Board of Education establish Sunday, June 6, 2004, at 2:30 p.m., in the school district multipurpose room for graduation ceremonies for the class of 2004. Members voting yes: H. Emens, T. Schaedler, B. Leininger, M. Baker, and R. Storehalder. Members voting no: D. Oates and S. Knapp. Motion carried 5 – 2.

Motion by member S. Knapp, seconded by member M. Baker that the Board of Education accept the 2003-2003 school calendar as presented, pending approval by the Waldron Education Association. Motion carried 7 – 0.

Motion by member S. Knapp, seconded by member B. Leininger that the Board of Education approve Mr. Matthew Wonders and Mr. Patrick Lakotos as assistant varsity football coaches. Motion carried 7 – 0.

Motion by member S. Knapp, seconded by member H. Emens that the Board of Education recall M. Beth Shaw and Rebecca Sullivan from lay-off status as recommended by Mr. Merfeld.. Motion carried 7 – 0.

Motion by member S. Knapp, seconded by member T. Schaedler that the Board of Education hire Mr. Scott Merfeld as Superintendent and High School Principal on a one year contract with periodic evaluations. Motion carried 6 – 1. It was suggested that Mr. Merfeld meet with Mrs. Schantl and the Personnel Committee to define administrative responsibilities.

Representatives from the Waldron Fireworks Committee were present and engaged the board in discussion of the planned fireworks display during the Labor Day Celebration. A decision on whether the board would allow the fireworks display to take place on school district property was postponed until the next regular board meeting.

The Board of Education conducted a first reading of the 2003 – 2004 Elementary and Secondary Handbooks.

Motion by member S. Knapp, seconded by member M. Baker that the Board of Education award the bread bid to Nickles Bakery of Defiance, Ohio and the milk bid to Prairie Farms of Napoleon, Ohio. Motion carried 7 – 0.

Motion by member T. Schaedler, seconded by member H. Emens that lunch prices remain the same as last year: elementary lunch - \$1.50; high school/middle school lunch - \$1.75; adult lunch - \$2.50; reduced lunch - \$.40; big boy - \$.50; breakfast - \$1.25; reduced breakfast - \$.30; milk - \$.25 with the exceptions being big boy on school pizza day - \$.75, and big boy on Domino's pizza day - \$1.00. Motion carried 7 – 0.

Motion by member S. Knapp, seconded by member T. Schaedler that the Board of Education give the superintendent the authorization to accept letters of resignation, fire and hire employees until the Board of Education can meet to approve any actions. Motion carried 7 – 0.

Member M. Baker presented photographs of the corn maze located on his property and sponsored by the FFA. The maze will be open during the Labor Day Weekend Festivities.

Mr. Hephner, Transportation/Custodial Supervisor commented on his and his staffs' responsibilities and the time required accomplishing them.

Motion by member T. Schaedler, seconded by member H. Emens to adjourn at 9:48 p.m. Motion carried 7 – 0.

Bonnie Leininger, Secretary