

WALDRON AREA SCHOOLS  
BOARD OF EDUCATION

A regular meeting of the Waldron Area School Board of Education was held on March 10, 2003, and was called to order at 7:39 p.m. by president, Richard Storehalder. Members present were M. Baker, D. Oates, S. Knapp, H. Emens, T. Schaedler, B. Leininger, and R. Storehalder. Members of the audience joined the board in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

President Storehalder welcomed those in attendance. Member B. Leininger reported for the Personnel Committee; member R. Storehalder reported for the Budget Committee; and member S. Knapp reported for the Building and Grounds Committee.

Dr. Thomas Gay, superintendent, read a letter from Mr. Robert Henthorne, Hillsdale County Intermediate School District Superintendent, regarding the fiber optic program. Dr. Gay also reviewed the five-year sinking fund plan developed in conjunction with the Building and Grounds Committee, and informed the board that a letter had been sent to Tom Watkins on the constitutionality of prayer in school in accordance with the No Child Left Behind federal legislation.

Mr. Scott Merfeld, secondary principal, presented the High School/Middle School report. He congratulated the varsity boy's basketball team on winning the league and district titles; congratulated the FFA Chapter on their achievements at state contest, and informed the board that the new computers leased for the high school lab were "up and running". He also apprised the board that a past student, currently attending the Morris Spears Campus, would like to receive a diploma from Waldron High School, as Morris Spears does not grant diplomas. Mr. Merfeld further stated that the student will have enough credits to meet all requirements for graduation, and that his grades had improved tremendously since he last attended here.

Motion by member H. Emens, seconded by member T. Schaedler that the Board of Education approve the agenda items as amended. Motion carried 7 – 0.

Motion by member B. Leininger, seconded by member T. Schaedler that the Board of Education waive the reading of the minutes and approve the Waldron Area School District Board of Education February 10, 2003, Regular Meeting minutes as amended. Motion carried 7 – 0.

Member H. Emens read a communication he received from Curt and Joni Leininger.

Motion by member M. Baker, seconded by member H. Emens to approve and pay general fund bills covered by checks #19484 through 19526 and #15713 through # 15715. Motion carried 7 – 0.

Motion by member M. Baker, seconded by member S. Knapp that the Board of Education approve the revised budget for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2003, as per attached. Motion carried 7 – 0.

Motion by member T. Schaedler, seconded by member B. Leininger that the Board of Education approve the non-renewal of the contract of employment of Sandra Schantl as detailed in the attached resolution. 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.

Motion by member D. Oates, seconded by member S. Knapp that the Board of Education accept the request from Hillsdale Academy to join the South Central Athletic Association in track and cross-country. Motion carried 7 – 0.

Motion by member T. Schaedler, seconded by member B. Leininger that the Board of Education accept the appointment of Sue Gruber, Business Manager, to perform the regular duties of the Board of Education Secretary in the administration of all school elections in the district. Motion carried 7 – 0.

Superintendent Gay requested that the Board of Education move to closed session for discussion of the superintendent's evaluation. Board moved to closed session at 9:15 p.m.

Board returned to open session at 10:55 p.m.

Motion by member S. Knapp, supported by member T. Schaedler that the Board of Education not extend the superintendent's contract for another year. Members voting yes: S. Knapp, B. Leininger, T. Schaedler, H. Emens, D. Oates, and R. Storehalder. Members voting no: M. Baker. Motion carried 6 – 1.

Motion by member T. Schaedler, seconded by member B. Leininger to adjourn at 10:55 p.m. Motion carried 7 – 0.