

Waldron Area Schools  
Board of Education

A reschedule regular meeting of the Waldron Area School Board of Education was held on March 12, 2004, and was called to order at 7:30 p.m. by president, Richard Storehalder. Members present were H. Emens, T. Schaedler, B. Leininger, S. Knapp, R. Storehalder, and M. Baker. Member absent was T. Schaedler. 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 February 9, 2004, regular meeting minutes and February 27, 2004, special meeting minutes as presented.

Motion by member M. Baker, seconded by member B. Leininger that the Board of Education approve and pay general fund bills covered by checks #20040 through #20066 and #15765 through #15769. Motion carried 6 – 0.

Mrs. Sandra Schantl, principal, presented the elementary and middle school reports.

Mrs. Margo Fether, FFA Advisor, reported the results of the State FFA Convention held at Michigan State University March 9, 10, and 12, 2004. Nine members received State Degrees; Nathan Baker, Jamie Calhoon, Kimberly Emens, Dawn Fellows, Melissa Fender, Michelle Fender, Elizabeth Gruman, Steven Sanders, and Kimberly Shantz; and four members received Outstanding Junior awards; Emily Gruman, Janell Lashaway, Sarah Lockwood, and Kimberly Monahan. There were two State Proficiency Winners; Nathan Baker received gold for Crop Production and will move on to the national level, and Dawn Fellows received silver for Small Animal Production. Nathan Baker was elected State FFA Secretary. Also receiving gold awards were Berndette Killion for her Creed Speech, Travis Bernath for Public Speaking, and the Junior High Conduct of Meetings, Team A, consisting of Timothy Jagielski, Sarah Kintner, Melania Klingler, Carl Knapp, Byron Leininger, Cody Mohr, and Shelly Oates. The Demonstration Team consisting of Janell Lashaway, Sarah Lockwood, and Kimberly Monahan received a silver award for their demonstration on “The Harvesting of Honey”, and the Junior High Conduct of Meetings, Team B, consisting of Alexandra Eaton, Joshua Fellows, Jordan Flotkoetter, Ashley Jagielski, Samuel Lockwood, Danielle Mann, John Martin, Bethany Merfeld, and Travis Sanders received a silver award. Elizabeth Gruman, Sarah Lockwood, and a group calling themselves “Old Men” were selected through talent competition to present at various sessions. Miss Gruman sang, Miss Lockwood danced, and the “Old Men” consisting of Andrew Hall, Kody Hiatt, William Covin Sanders, and Erik Wickham presented a skit. Emily Knapp, Hyun Joo Lee, and Kathryn Stutzman preformed as part of the State FFA Band.

Motion by member M. Baker, seconded by member S. Knapp that the Board of Education accept the modified energy savings proposal for the scope of work to be done from Honeywell. Motion carried 6 – 0.

Motion by member S. Knapp, seconded by member H. Emens that the Board of Education authorize the Superintendent to advertise and facilitate the Request for Proposal process for a Performance Contracting Program. Motion carried 6 – 0.

Mr. Scott Merfeld, superintendent, congratulated the FFA members on their success at the State FFA Convention. Mr. Merfeld informed the board that he had received the latest ACT scores and that the average score was 24; three points higher than the state average.

Mrs. Lydia Sattler introduced herself to the board. Mrs. Sattler is spearheading an Elementary Career Day, and is resurrecting a parent/teacher organization in the elementary.

At the request of Superintendent Merfeld, the Board of Education moved into closed session at 8:40 a.m. for review of the Superintendent's evaluation.

The Board of Education returned to open session at 10:45 p.m.

Motion by member S. Knapp, seconded by member H. Emens that the Board of Education accept the Superintendent's evaluation as presented to Mr. Merfeld. Motion carried 6 – 0.

Motion by member S. Knapp, seconded by member M. Baker to extend Superintendent Merfeld's contract for three years as a standard superintendent contract. Motion carried 6 – 0.

Motion by member B. Leininger, seconded by member S. Knapp to adjourn at 10:48 p.m. Motion carried 6 – 0.