

WALDRON AREA SCHOOLS
BOARD OF EDUCATION

A regular meeting of the Waldron Area Schools Board of Education was held on March 12, 2007 and was called to order at 7:30p.m. by president, Richard Storehalder. Members present were Harold Emens, Richard Storehalder, Scott Knapp, Bonnie Leininger, Tom Schaedler, D. Oates, and Robin Ryan. Administrators present: S. Philipp, H.S./M.S. Principal and J. McGonigle, Superintendent.

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 and approved the Waldron Area School District Board of Education February 12, 2006 regular meeting.

During public comment Mark Baker requested that the Board consider allowing the FFA Alumni to take over the maintenance of the FFA field as Mrs. Fether reported that they do not have anyone to do it at this time. Keith Brown, secretary to Congressman Tim Walberg was present to inform the Board of upcoming meetings that may be of interest to school districts. On April 3, 2007 Congressman Walberg will be meeting with educators, school board members, administrators, and any other educational leaders. This meeting will be at the Hillsdale ISD at 10:30 a.m. He will also be meeting with any interested farmers on April 10th or 11th, specific date and time is to be announced, to discuss a new agricultural bill.

Motion by member T. Schaedler, support by member H. Emens that the Board approve general fund bills covered by check # 15986 - 15992 and #21431 – 21471. Motion passed 7 – 0.

Motion by member H. Emens, support by member T. Schaedler that the Board accept bids on two (2) 2006 buses as presented. Motion passed 7 – 0.

Motion by member S. Knapp, support by member B. Leininger that the Board approve the Resolution to seek financing bids for the two new buses. Motion passed 7 – 0.

Motion by member T. Schaedler, support by member H. Emens that the Board approve the General Fund budget revisions as presented. Motion passed 7 – 0.

In new business the Superintendent discussed staffing for the 2007-2007 school year. Motion by member S. Knapp, support by member R. Ryan that the Board eliminate two teaching positions for the upcoming year. Motion passed 6 – 1; member D. Oates cast the one negative vote.

Motion by member B. Leininger, support by R. Ryan that the Board hire an assistant softball coach with salary to be negotiated by the negotiation committee. Motion passed 6 – 0; member S. Knapp cast the one negative vote.

Motion by member S. Knapp, support by member B. Leininger that the Board grant the FFA Alumni permission to maintain the FFA field. Motion passed 7 – 0.

Motion by member B. Leininger, support by member T. Schaedler to go into closed session to discuss personnel matters at 8:40 p.m. Motion passed 7 – 0.

Board returned to open session at 9:40 p.m.

Motion by member T. Schaedler, support by member S. Knapp to adjourn at 9:43 p.m. Motion passed 7 – 0.