

WALDRON AREA SCHOOLS
BOARD OF EDUCATION

A regular meeting of the Waldron Area Schools Board of Education was held on May 11, 2009 and was called to order at 7:30p.m. by president, Dick Storehalder. Members present were Scott Knapp, Joe Fether, Dick Storehalder, Jen Long, Jay Williams, Tom Schaedler 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 April 13, 2009 regular meeting and the April 27, 2009 special meeting. Motion by member J. Williams, support by member R. Ryan to approve the minutes. Motion passed 7 – 0.

Mr. Stitt presented Mrs. Kellie Fidler, Special Education teacher with the *Excellence in Special Education Award*, this award is given to one educator per county and is chosen by the Hillsdale Intermediate School District and the Parent Advisory Committee.

Motion by member T. Schaedler, support by member J. Fether that the Board approve the payment of general fund bills with check #24277-24307, #16201 – 16204, 031309 & 041409. Motion passed 7 – 0.

The Class of 2010 presented the Board with a list of students interested in participating in the 2010 Senior Trip. The list contains at least 50% of the class per Board Policy. Class advisors, Lisa Baker and Shelley Knowlan and Mackenzie Price requested that the Board allow them to continue with plans to take a Caribbean Cruise for their senior trip, this would mean leaving the Continental U.S. and requires special permission from the Board per policy. Motion by member J. Long, support by member R. Ryan that the Board allow the Class of 2010 to plan a cruise vacation that includes leaving the Continental U.S.. Motion passed 5 – 2 (Ryan – Y, Williams – N, Schaedler – Y, Knapp – Y, Long – Y, Fether – Y, Storehalder – N)

Motion by member T. Schaedler, support by member J. Fether that the Board use Rehmann Robson as the school auditing firm for the next three years. Motion passed 7 – 0.

Motion by member J. Williams, support by member J. Fether that the Board go into closed session at 7:50 p.m. to discuss a personnel issue. Motion passed 7 – 0.

Board returned to open session at 8:20 p.m.

Motion by member T. Schaedler, support by member J. Williams that the Board accept the 2009-2010 General Fund Operating Budget Resolution. Motion passed 7 – 0.

Motion by member J. Long, support by member R. Ryan that the Board accept the football coaching recommendation presented by the interview committee. Motion failed 3 – 4 (Long – Y, Ryan – Y, Fether – N, Knapp – N, Schaedler – N, Williams – N, Storehalder- Y).

In the Superintendent's report Mr. Stitt congratulated Mr. Tom Schaedler for being re-elected to the Board of Education and Sabine Young the newly elected member; they will assume their seats on July 1, 2009. He reported on the new summer work program and the free summer lunch program that the school will be participating in. He also reported that the school has received a Health School Grant and a student from the high school wrote for and received the Hillsdale County YOUTH grant to schedule a speaker for students in the fall.

Member T. Schaedler reported on the Budget Committee meeting and member J. Williams reported on the Athletic Council meeting.

Motion by member J. Williams, support by member R. Ryan to adjourn at 9:02 p.m. Motion passed 7 – 0.

* Notes taken by P. Knapp, Business Manager