

WALDRON AREA SCHOOLS
BOARD OF EDUCATION

A regular meeting of the Waldron Area Schools Board of Education was held on November 14, 2005 and was called to order at 8:30 p.m. by president, Richard Storehalder. Members present were Bonnie Leininger, Scott Knapp, Dianna Oates, Harold Emens, Richard Storehalder, and Tom Schaedler; member Robin Ryan was absent. 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 October 10, 2005 regular meeting and November 5, 2005 workshop minutes as presented.

Motion by member H. Emens, seconded by member S. Knapp that the Board of Education approve and pay general fund bills covered by checks #20847 through #20889 and #15883 – 15891. Motion carried 6 – 0.

Member H. Emens reported on the Policy Committee meeting and S. Schantl gave the elementary and middle school reports.

In old business Superintendent McGonigle reported that the Resolution for Merit Scholarship Community Service requirement mandated by the state has since been deemed unlawful by the Attorney General, therefore he recommended that the Board rescind their resolution passed in November of 2004 to require Waldron students to complete community service to be eligible for the Merit Scholarship. Motion by member S. Knapp, second by member H. Emens that the Board rescind the Waldron Board of Education Resolution for Merit Scholarship Community Service, motion passed 6 – 0.

Motion by member T. Schaedler, second by member D. Oates that the Board approve the final senior trip itinerary as presented by Mrs. Price and Mrs. Knapp. Motion passed 5 – 0 (member S. Knapp abstained from voting).

Motion by member B. Leininger, second by H. Emens that the Board approve the hiring of Mrs. Barb Bernath for the head volleyball coach position as recommended by Mr. Bowers, athletic director. Motion passed 6 – 0.

Motion by member H. Emens, second member T. Schaedler that the Board approve the posting for the Secondary (6 – 12) Principal position, thus rearranging the administrative assignments to combine the Superintendent with the Elementary Principal. Motion passed 6 – 0.

In his superintendent's report Mr. McGonigle reported on the newly proposed State curriculum requirements, noting that they are not approved at this time but it is something that we need to be aware of. He reported that the MEAP testing is complete and commended Mrs. Holly Clark on her hard work.

Motion by member B. Leininger, second by member T. Schaedler that the Board move into closed session at the recommendation of the Superintendent at 9:00 p.m. to discuss student issues. Motion passed 6 – 0.

The Board returned to open session at 9:27 p.m. Two expulsion hearings have been set for November 21, 2005 at 7:30 p.m. and 7:45 p.m., the business manager was directed to post them appropriately. There will be a Building & Grounds committee meeting immediately following the hearing.

Motion by member T. Schaedler, second by member S. Knapp to adjourn at 9:37 p.m. Motion passed 6 – 0.