

WALDRON AREA SCHOOLS  
BOARD OF EDUCATION

A regular meeting of the Waldron Area Schools Board of Education was held on November 8, 2004, and was called to order at 7:30 p.m. by president, Richard Storehalder. Members present were Scott Knapp, Dianna Oates, Harold Emens, Tom Schaedler, Bonnie Leininger, Mark Baker, and Richard Storehalder. Members of the audience joined the Board in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Members of the Waldron High School Government class were in attendance and introduced themselves to the Board of Education.

The Board of Education waived the reading of the minutes and approved the Waldron Area School District Board of Education October 11, 2004, regular meeting minutes.

Motion by member M. Baker, seconded by member H. Emens that the Board of Education approve and pay general fund bills covered by checks #20376 through #20427 and #15834 through #15843. Motion carried 7 – 0.

The Board conducted the second reading of the revised “Use of School Facilities and Equipment” policy. Motion by member S. Knapp, seconded by member H. Emens that the Board of Education adopt the revised “Use of School Facilities and Equipment” policy as presented and attached. Motion carried 7 – 0.

Superintendent Merfeld recommended that the Board of Education develop a community service policy that includes criteria for qualifying community service activities as required by the Michigan Merit Award Board. The matter was referred to the Policy Committee.

Motion by member H. Emens, seconded by member S. Knapp that the Board of Education adopt the Participating Resolution for the 2004-2005 Michigan School Readiness Program State Aid as attached. Motion carried 7 – 0.

Mrs. Margo Fether, FFA Advisor, was present with several students who had attended the National FFA Convention in Louisville, Kentucky. Each student commented on a different portion of the trip, and each reported a positive experience.

Mr. George Kintner, Advisor for the Class of 2005, petitioned the Board to approve a senior trip consisting of a cruise to the Bahamas during spring break 2005. Motion by member T. Schaedler, seconded by member D. Oates that the Board of Education approve the senior class trip consisting of a Royal Caribbean Cruise to the Bahamas during spring break 2005. Motion carried 7 – 0.

W.E.A. representative, George Kintner, requested that the Board of Education move into closed session for discussion of teacher contract negotiations. Motion by member S. Knapp, seconded by member B. Leininger that the board of Education move into closed session at 8:50 p.m. for discussion of teacher contract negotiations. Motion carried 7 – 0.

The Board returned to open session at 9:07 p.m.

Motion by member S. Knapp, seconded by member T. Schaedler that the Board of Education approve the proposed Master Agreement between Waldron Area Schools and the Waldron Education Association for the 2004 – 2005 school year as presented and attached. Members voting yes: T. Schaedler, B. Leininger, S. Knapp, H. Emens, D. Oates, and R. Storehalder. Member voting no: M. Baker. Motion carried 6 – 1.

Superintendent Merfeld reported that the new elementary boilers had been installed and were working, and that replacement of the transformers providing lighting for the athletic fields had been completed. He extended his thanks to the staff and community for their patience during the installation of the new boilers and the replacement of the transformers, and he especially thanked Mr. Cliff Fether and his staff for the extra effort and time they put into the projects.

Motion by member T. Schaedler, seconded by member H. Emens to adjourn at 9:24 p.m.  
Motion carried 7 – 0.

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Bonnie Leininger, Secretary