

WALDRON AREA SCHOOLS
BOARD OF EDUCATION

A regular meeting of the Waldron Area Schools Board of Education was held on September 14, 2009 and was called to order at 7:30 p.m. by president, Dick Storehalder. Members present were Scott Knapp, Joe Fether, Dick Storehalder, Tom Schaedler, Jen Long, Sabine Young, and Jay Williams. 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 the Waldron Area School August 10, 2009 regular meeting of July 13, 2009. Motion by member J. Williams, support by member T. Schaedler to approve the minutes. Motion passed 7 – 0.

Motion by member T. Schaedler, support by member J. Fether that the Board approve the payment of general fund bills with check #24443-24488 & 16237-16247. Motion passed 7 – 0.

In committee reports, member J. Williams reported that the Athletic Counsel met and prepared for the 2nd reading of the athletic handbook. They are still working on numbers for each sport. It was noted that teams must have any fundraisers approved by the Superintendent. Mr. Stitt reported that he had a sponsor for the athletic med kits. The personnel committee met with the bus drivers on 9/14/09 to work on the contract changes.

Motion by member S. Knapp, support by member J. Williams that the Board approve the Athletic Handbook including the change that states “buses may stop to eat after games for no more than 45 minutes at the discretion of the coach”. Motion passed 7 – 0.

Motion by member S. Knapp, support by member T. Schaedler that the Board accept the resignation of Jennifer Langston as the JV Volleyball coach. Motion passed 7 – 0.

Motion by member J. Fether, support by member J. Long that the Board approve the hiring of Debbie Spencer as the JV Volleyball coach. Motion passed 5 – 2 (Fether – yes, Long – yes, Williams – yes, Storehalder – yes, Schaedler – no, Knapp – yes, Young – no). It was requested by the Board that the Superintendent work on guidelines for hiring of coaches in an emergency situation by the next meeting.

In the Superintendent’s report Mr. Stitt reported that the summer lunch program served 1890 students served and the food service program was one of four district to receive a \$5,000 award for the Breakfast Challenge. This money is to be used for improvements to the food service program. Mr. Stitt will be attending a conference in Traverse City where he will speak on the Breakfast program at Waldron Area Schools and will be awarded the cash prize. Waldron Area Schools met AYP in all areas for the 2008-2009 school year.

The Board went in to closed session at 7:55 p.m. per request of Brian Fix, bus driver to discuss driver contracts. Returned to open session at 8:40 p.m.

Motion by member J. Williams, support by J. Fether that the change in the bus drivers contracts will be effective January 1, 2010. Motion passed 7 – 0.

Motion by member D. Storehalder support by member J. Fether that the Board investigate the cost of moving bus repair to an independent contractor and eliminating the bus supervisor. Members Storehalder and Schaedler will do the investigation.

Motion by member J. Williams support by member J. Fether that the motion be amended to state that member D. Storehalder and member T. Schaedler will investigate the cost of having the buses repaired by an independent contractor. Amendment passed 6 – 1.
Motion passed 7 – 0.

Motion by member J. Williams, support by member T. Schaedler to adjourn at 9:12 p.m.. Motion passed 7 – 0.