

WALDRON AREA SCHOOLS
BOARD OF EDUCATION

A regular meeting of the Waldron Area Schools Board of Education was held on September 13, 2004, and was called to order at 7:30 p.m. by president, Richard Storehalder. Members present were Bonnie Leininger, Mark Baker, Scott Knapp, Dianna Oates, Harold Emens, Tom Schaedler, and Richard Storehalder. Members of the audience joined the Board in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Four members of the 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 August 9, 2004, regular meetings minutes.

Motion by member M. Baker, seconded by T. Schaedler that the Board of Education approve and pay general fund bills covered by checks #20280 through #20333 and #15825 through #15833. Motion carried 7 – 0.

An Election Consolidation Hearing was conducted. Superintendent S. Merfeld presented the election options to the Board of Education. Motion by member M. Baker, seconded by member H. Emens that the Waldron Board of Education adopt the attached resolution setting the May election date in both even and odd years as the regular election date for the District on an annual basis, to continue hereafter until changed pursuant to law, if permitted. (see attached resolution No. 2) A role call vote was taken with members voting as follows: D. Oates – yes, H. Emens – yes, S. Knapp - yes, B. Leininger - yes, M. Baker - yes, T. Schaedler - yes, and R. Storehalder – yes. Motion carried 7 – 0.

Miss Maghann Zimmerman came before the Board of Education, requesting a waiver for .5 physical education credit. Due to a scheduling conflict, Miss Zimmerman does not feel that it is possible for her to complete her P.E. requirements as stated in the student handbook. It was noted by Superintendent S. Merfeld that the graduating class of 2005 will be the last students to face this scheduling conflict. Motion by Dianna Oates, seconded by H. Emens that the waiver be granted. Members voting yes: T. Schaedler, B. Leininger, H. Emens, D. Oates. Members voting no: S. Knapp, and M. Baker. Motion carries 4 – 2.

Superintendent S. Merfeld presented the Honeywell Instant Alert program to the Board, requesting approval to enter into a contract with Honeywell for this school/parent communication program. It was noted that this would be paid for from Title V Funds. Motion by member S. Knapp, seconded by member H. Emens that Waldron Area Schools enter into an agreement with Honeywell Corporation for the First Alert communications system. Motion carried 7 – 0.

Superintendent S. Merfeld petitioned the Board for permission to enter into a search for the purpose of purchasing a new school bus. Motion by member T. Schaedler, seconded by member D. Oates that Waldron Area Schools purchase a new bus, pending approval from the lawyers. Motion carried 7 – 0.

Superintendent S. Merfeld reported on the in-service scheduled for September 27, 2004. This will be a county-wide in-service for all areas of the school staff. He reported on the status of the new elementary boilers; they are in place but not connected for service at this time. The new security system is now in service and a demonstration of the security cards and cameras will take place after the meeting. Mr. Merfeld also reported on a new “pep club” that he would like to form to assist the Waldron student-body in attending away athletic contests and supporting their fellow classmates.

Mrs. Sandra Schantl gave her elementary and middle school reports, reporting enrollment in the elementary at 155 and the middle school at 97. She also informed the Board of all upcoming events.

At 8:55 member Dianna Oates requested that the Board of Education go into closed session to discuss a personnel issue, this motion was supported by M. Baker. Motion passes 7 – 0. The Board returned to open session at 9:49.

Motion by member Tom Schaedler to adjourn the meeting at 9:50, seconded by member Mark Baker. Motion carried 7 – 0.

Bonnie Leininger, Board Secretary