

WALDRON AREA SCHOOLS
BOARD OF EDUCATION

A regular meeting of the Waldron Area Schools Board of Education was held on September 8, 2008 and was called to order at 7:30p.m. by president, Dick Storehalder. Members present were Joe Fether, Dick Storehalder, Tom Schaedler, Robin Ryan, Jen Long and Jay Williams, member Scott Knapp was absent. 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 11, 2008 regular meeting and the special meeting of August 27, 2008 minutes. Motion by member J. Williams, support by member R. Ryan to approve the minutes. Motion passed 6 – 0.

Motion by member T. Schaedler, support by member J. Fether that the Board approve the payment of general fund bills with check #22107 - 22140 and #16128-16136. Motion passed 6 – 0.

In Old Business, Superintendent Stitt recommended that the Board contract Selective Data Systems, Inc. to provide our advanced technology needs. Motion by member J. Williams, support by member J. Long that the Board contract Selective Data Systems, Inc. for the 2008-2009 school year. Motion passed 6 – 0.

There was a request by Kathy Lockwood that the Board re-open the issue of athletic buses stopping to eat after ball games. This practice was discontinued according to the Transportation Recommendation passed at the regular meeting of July 14, 2008. Motion by R. Ryan, support by member J. Williams that the Board revisit the transportation issue. Motion passed 5 – 1 (member D. Storehalder cast the one negative vote).

Motion by member J. Williams, support by member T. Schaedler that the Board reinstate the option of allowing buses to stop and eat on the way home from athletic contests. Motion passed 5 – 1. (Member D. Storehalder cast the one negative vote).

In New Business motion by member J. Williams, support by member J. Fether that the Board approve the coaching recommendations as presented by Mr. Bowers, Athletic Director (Marilyn Winchell for 7th grade volleyball and Debbie Spencer for 8th grade volleyball). Two coaches will split the compensation allotted for a single middle school coach. Motion passed 6 – 0.

Jan Tombeau and Debbie Porter were present to address the Board on a WEA Grievance issue regarding a teaching assignment. (see attached grievance form).

President D. Storehalder requested that the Board go into closed session to discuss the WEA Grievance at 9:05 p.m. Motion by member T. Schaedler, support by member J. Williams that the Board enter closed session. Motion passed 6 – 0.

Open session resumed at 9:21 p.m.

Motion by member T. Schaedler, support by member J. Williams that the Board deny the Grievance by the WEA. Motion passed 6 – 0 by roll call vote.

Motion by member T. Schaedler, support by member J. Long to adjourn at 9:23 p.m. Motion passed 6 – 0.

Robin Ryan, Secretary

* Notes taken by P. Knapp, Business Manager