

WALDRON AREA SCHOOLS
BOARD OF EDUCATION

A regular meeting of the Waldron Area Schools Board of Education was held on September 12, 2005, and was called to order at 7:30 p.m. by president, Richard Storehalder. Members present were Tom Schaedler, Bonnie Leininger, Scott Knapp, Dianna Oates, Harold Emens, Robin Ryan, and Richard Storehalder. Several members of the High School Government class were also present in the audience. 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 August 8, 2005, special meeting and the August 8, 2005 regular meetings as presented.

Motion by member T. Schaedler, seconded by member H. Emens that the Board of Education approve and pay general fund bills covered by checks #20754 through #20802 and # 15870 through 15879. Motion carried 7 – 0.

The policy committee has requested that a meeting date be set to review current policies.

Mrs. Schantl gave the elementary and middle school reports, reporting enrollment of 145 in the elementary and 104 in the middle school.

Motion by member S. Knapp, seconded by member B. Leininger that the Board approve the hiring of Kimberly Bolz-Sweebe as the part time elementary PE teacher, Tish Anagnostu as the K-1 teacher, and Dina Shinabery as the head cook. Motion passed 7 – 0.

Motion by member H. Emens, seconded by D. Oates that the Board adopt the Bencor amendments as presented by B. Taylor (see attachment). Motion passed 7 – 0.

In the superintendent's report, Mr. McGonigle reported that there will be a board workshop at the Hillsdale ISD on October 6, 2005 reviewing the No Child Left Behind Act, Board and Superintendent Relationships, Standardized Testing, and finishing with a roundtable discussion. All Board members were encouraged to attend.

Mr. McGonigle also reported on our ACT scores, noting that in every subject area with the exception of Algebra, Waldron students are scoring above the State average (our Algebra scores were less than ½ percent below the State average).

Mr. McGonigle explained that he would like to begin meeting with the school improvement committees to begin addressing enrollment issues. He would like to study why students leave Waldron and what we can do to bring them back.

Motion by member S. Knapp, seconded by T. Schaedler to adjourn at 8:01 p.m. Motion passed 7 – 0.