

Washington-Caldwell School District
February 16, 2009 - Washington School Library
Board Meeting Minutes

I. Call to order:

- Mr. Baker called the meeting to order @ 6:00 p.m.
- Pledge of Allegiance

II. Roll Call:

- T. Baker, A. Midthun, F. Theriault, and W. Kieckhefer - Present. T. Bluhm Absent

III. Closed Session (Wis. Stat. 19.85(1) (c) and (f)):

- Adjourned to closed session at 6:04 PM. Mr. Baker with second by Mr. Theriault. Motion passed 4-0.
- Return to open session motion by Mr. Midthun with second by Mr. Baker at 6:30PM. Approved 4-0.

IV. Return to Open Session

V. Agenda:

- Motion to approve by Mr. Theriault. Second by Mr. Kieckhefer. Approved 4-0

VI. Public notice:

- The Public Notice of this meeting was stated and designated at the last regular Board Meeting and additional notice was placed at Washington School, Ron's Super Service, Tichigan Mobile, the Caldwell Town Bulletin Board, Greeley's Country Store, and in the Waterford Post.

VII. Prior Board Minutes:

- Minutes from January 19, 2008, board meeting were reviewed. Motion to approve with changed to the board report to remove ancillary information. Motion by Mr. Midthun with a second by Mr. Kieckhefer. Motion carried 4-0.

VI. Treasurer's Report:

- Motion to approve by Mr. Midthun with a second by Mr. Theriault - Motion carries 4-0.

IX. Written Communications:

- A letter from Patty Lee was read, thanking the school for her award last month.

VIII. Reports:

○ **Bulldog Awards:**

- Cathy Jung was recognized with the Bulldog award for her work in the Kindergarten room and other work throughout the school. She goes above and beyond her responsibilities and is pleasant to work with.

○ **Dr. Pienkos Report:** He provided information on the following:

- His written report was submitted to the board.

- The sprint election is April 7, 2009.
- Teacher evaluations continue.
- Monday, March 2, 2009 will be a snow emergency make-up day.
- He also held his first coffee meeting at Ron's Service Station.
- Dr. Pienkos commented on the BUG program and partnership with the Waterford Area Kiwanis.
- **School Report:** The following was provided:
 - A middle school teen activity night is being planned for March 6, 2009. The event will be sponsored by Runzheimer. A flyer was provided to the board.
- **PTO Report:** The following will be provided:
 - Dan Theriault read the written PTO report.
- **Board Report:**

IX. Old Business:

1. A new temporary committee was formed to better implement field trip and fees for activities.
2. Committee Meetings:
 - a. Strategic Planning – Mr. Baker provided a summary of the committee meetings and the current agenda. Last month the Highway 164 expansion plan was discussed, along with issues that the school can consider to deal with the changes. Dr. Pienkos explained the preliminary discussions on replacing the classrooms close to Highway 164 and other needs of the school.
 - b. Safety – None
 - c. Curriculum – Members of the committee went to the CESA office to discuss curriculum. A timeline was developed for advancing the committee. In addition the curriculum inventory has been completed.
 - d. Building and Grounds – Committee will start meeting in March. Mr. Kieckhefer wants to make an early start to the improvements this summer.
3. School Board Policies – Policies are being compiled and developed. The plan is to compile the policies and forward to WASB for review and comment.
4. An update from district's counsel was presented that negotiations are scheduled with the Wisconsin Department of Transportation. Included in this update was information on the Highway 164 project.

X. New Business:

1. Dr. Pienkos recommended posting a 35%-50% Spanish Teacher for 2009-2010. Motion for approval by Mr. Baker with a second by Mr. Theriault. Motion carried 4-0.
2. The reading of policy series 100 was waived with direction to Dr. Pienkos to proceed with working with WASB.
3. Dr. Pienkos provided a summary of some of the information available on the Stimulus package that is anticipated to be distributed over the next two years by the US Treasury.

XI. Citizens and Delegations:

- Dawn Krebsbach commented on the Spanish program and partnering with North Cape. She also mentioned open enrollment and the need to attract students from area schools.

- Susan Midthun commented on the Spanish program and that some of the students that went into high school and needed to repeat some Spanish to catch up to the existing programs.
- Kay Borgwardt clarified that although we need to compete with other schools, we are not really a business. We have limited funds available, rather than charging based on the services we offer.
- Michelle Bozio commented on G&T and Spanish programs, the need to provide quality future employees to area businesses. She mentioned the option of asking some of those businesses to help with starting these programs. She also mentioned grade assignments and levels and questions that were posed to her. She directed these questions to Dr. Pienkos.

Next Meeting Date:

Committee Meetings–Monday, March 2, 2009- starting at 5:30PM

Board Meeting–Monday–March 16, 2009, 6:00PM Closed Session/6:30PM Regular Meeting.

Adjournment:

Motion to adjourn by Mr. Midthun with second by Mr. Theriault at 8:11PM. Motion carried 4-0.

Board Clerk

Date