

**Washington-Caldwell School District
February 22, 2010 - Washington School Library
Special 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, T Bluhm, W. Kieckhefer, and F. Theriault present.

V. Agenda:

- Change to the agenda moving tour to the end of the meeting. The 2010 to 2011 budget discussion will be moved to the beginning of New Business. Motion made to approve agenda by Mr. Midthun with changes. Second by Mr. Bluhm. Motion passed 5-0.

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 Mobil, the Caldwell Town Bulletin Board, Greeley's Country Store, and in the Waterford Post.

VII. Assistant Business Manager Presentation:

- Ms. Borgwardt presented a project budget for the next school year. A copy of the presentation will be available in the district office.

VIII. District Administrator Presentation

- Dr. Pienkos presented options for budget management for the next couple school years. A copy of Dr. Pienkos' projections and proposals will be available in the district office. This was followed by a short board discussion about the presentations.

XIII. Citizens and Delegations:

- Jody Ott offered the idea of parent volunteers for serving lunch. Ms. Borgwardt offered that the idea had been tried before and volunteers did not always show up for service.
- Monica Baker asked about the total cost of custodial services. Ms. Borgwardt calculated approximately \$94,000.00, in salary and benefits for the three staff members. However, this included the full time staff member that did maintenance in addition to custodial duties.
- Monica Baker asked about renegotiating contracts with professional staff and whether contract were in stone until they came up for renewal.
- Monica Baker offered thanks to the board for examining the K4 program.
- Monica Baker offered concerns with cutting special education aide positions. She asked how many aides are in the school, but not in special education. In addition, she offered how many aides are recommended by the IEPs.
- Monica Baker offered concerns with budget cuts when the district makes capital improvements to the building.

- Beth Morowicz asked about costs associated with the enrollment fees or textbook fees.
- Beth Morowicz asked about costs associated with paid staff at extra-curricular programs.
- Beth Morowicz asked about volunteer services for the school, such as plumbing that Todd Morowicz does.
- Beth Morowicz commented about K4 program and the costs that this program would incur. Dr. Pienkos offered information on studies regarding the K4 program.
- Beth Morowicz asked about open enrollment numbers and the possibility of rejecting the open enrollment out. Currently there are 34 students already open enrolled out. However, the new numbers of open enrollment in and out is flat.
- Michelle Bozio offered concern with meeting legal requirements for IEPs if reducing staff.
- Kelly Vogt offered information that the electives do not cost \$4,000.00 per year. In addition, the program has strong buy-in from the 7th and 8th grade students.
- Kelly Vogt indicated that fund balance was created due to the resolution of the special education county.
- Kelly Vogt indicated that some of the issues with the old part of the building and some of the best teaching takes place in the old part of the building.
- Kelly Vogt offered that eliminating a teaching position might affect class size and eliminate the concept of WCSD being a destination district.
- Rebecca Malco asked about the Highway 164 project and concern with safety.
- Rebecca Malco offered that the new gym floor resolved some safety issues. She added that the district needs to resolve safety issues.
- Todd Bluhm offered that the additional tax money to resolve the deficit would be a minimal amount, approximately \$20 per month. He added that the community needs to make that decision.

XIII. Changed Agenda

- The board elected not to proceed to closed session and rescheduled the discussion to Monday, March 22, 2010.

Adjournment:

Motion to adjourn by Mr. Midthun. Second by Mr. Bluhm. Motion carried 5-0.

Board Clerk

Date