

Washington-Caldwell School District
March 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 (Late 6:12PM)

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

- Adjourned to closed session at 6:02 PM. Mr. Kieckhefer with second by Mr. Midthun. Motion passed 4-0.
- Return to open session motion by Mr. Midthun with second by Mr. Baker at 6:30PM. Approved 5-0.

IV. Return to Open Session

V. Agenda:

- Motion to approve by Mr. Theriault with change to 3b (Statute). Second by Mr. Bluhm. Approved 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 Mobile, the Caldwell Town Bulletin Board, Greeley's Country Store, and in the Waterford Post.

VII. Prior Board Minutes:

- Minutes from February 16, 2008, board meeting were reviewed. Motion by Mr. Midthun with a second by Mr. Baker. Motion carried 5-0.

VI. Treasurer's Report:

- Ms. Borgwardt provided a summary of the budget.
- Motion to approve by Mr. Midthun with a second by Mr. Kieckhefer – Motion carries 5-0.

IX. Written Communications:

- A letter from the DOE (US) was received discussing the stimulus package and needs of the district.
- A letter from Dawn Krebsbach was read into the record.

VIII. Reports:

○ **Bulldog Awards:**

- Jake Zellmer received the Bulldog Award due to his recent contact with President Obama.

- Jessie Bain received the Bulldog Award, along with her father Bill, for their work in getting new flags for the school.
- Toby Thompson received the Bulldog Award for his efforts with the Forensics club, the Gifted and Talented Program, and the National Junior Honor Society.
- Kelli Vogt, Jill Saltzmann, and Katie Witzling received the Bulldog Award for a recent Teen Activity Night.
- **Dr. Pienkos' Report:** He provided information on the following:
 - Teacher observations are being done.
 - Board policies are being developed.
 - Spanish position has been posted.
 - The February staff meeting was about goal setting and open enrollment.
 - The school is now part of the National Junior Honor Society.
 - Dr. Pienkos has been meeting citizens at Ron's Super Service.
 - He also commented on the success of the Spaghetti dinner, Teen Night, and Book Fair.
 - Mr. Baker discussed a recent meeting with Dr. Pienkos
- **School Report:** The following was provided:
 - None
- **PTO Report:** The following will be provided:
 - Field trip donation of \$5.00 per student was made by PTO, due to the success of recent fundraising for the school. PTO also bought some playground equipment and they are looking forward to it being installed.

IX. Old Business:

1. A draft of the planned fee and field trip plan was presented. Dr. Pienkos reported on the changes to field trip policies and fee structures for school. A policy to approve will be presented at the next meeting.
2. Committee Meetings:
 - a. Strategic Planning - The committee met on March 2, 2009, to discuss the plan and focus on development. The board will meet in open session on March 26, 2009 at 7:30PM to discuss moving the strategic plan forward. (Open to the Public).
 - b. Safety - No Meeting
 - c. Curriculum - A meeting was held with CESA to discuss a long term curriculum plan.
 - d. Building and Grounds - Mr. Theriault is going to be assisting Mr. Kieckhefer on the committee. Mr. Kieckhefer commented on some of the plans for the upcoming year.
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.

X. New Business:

1. First reading of series 200 and 300 was initiated.
2. A committee of teachers has been working on the student handbook. A draft will be presented to the board at an upcoming meeting.
3. The proposed 2009-2010 calendar was presented and recommended for approval. A motion was made to approve the calendar by Mr. Midthun with a second by Mr. Kieckhefer. Motion passed 5-0.

4. A meeting will be held with the Department of Transportation regarding the Highway 164 expansion. The meeting is scheduled for March 26, 2009. Mr. Bluhm will be present to represent the board.
5. A faculty handbook is in development.
6. An update on staffing for 2009-2010 was provided. It is pending results of student counts.

XI. Citizens and Delegations:

- Ann Francisco made comments on the registration date for next summer. She proposed the registration date be moved to June, rather than the current date in August. She also commented on show-casing student artwork on a regular basis, not just during the art walk.
- Sue Osborne made comments on the staffing concerns for two sections of the class. The comments were made regarding moving specific teachers into new classes.
- Tom Briey made comments on the staffing issues and moving specific teachers to new classes. He also had questions for the district administrator.
- Mike Weis had comments on the staffing concerns for two sections of the current 2nd grade class. He was concerned with moving a single teacher on with the same group of students. He also made comments on some of the academic programs that he heard about in the board meeting. Mr. Weis also had questions about what is done with testing scores on a bigger picture than sharing it with the parents.
- Sara Lilla commented on the staffing issues and small class sizes. She was concerned with the non-renewal notice of a specific staff member.
- Char Wegner relayed appreciation from Jill Borchardt for their support during the non-renewal period. Mrs. Wegner commented on the quality of teacher that Ms. Borchardt is.
- Tony Midthun made several comments on the district's financial condition, open enrollment, and other possible students that live in the area.
- Mr. Bluhm talked about small school values and need for parents to be involved in the school.
- Dawn Krebsbach commented on using the non-renewal staff member to be involved with the gifted and talented program and other options.
- Lynn Fischer commented that she works at a larger school and that it does not have the same things that we have as a smaller school.
- Michelle Bozio commented on her son being one of the few people that open enroll into the district. Now that she has had the opportunity to see what Washington School is about, she would not take him back to their home district.
- Katie Witzling commented on the quality of teacher found in Jill Borchardt.
- Susan Midthun raised concerns for building a new structure, when students are not staying in the district.

Next Meeting Date:

Committee Meetings–Monday, April 6, 2009- starting at 5:30PM

Board Meeting–Monday–April 20, 2009, 6:00PM Closed Session/6:30PM Regular Meeting.

Teacher negotiations will be scheduled for April 7, 2009 or April 21, 2009.

Adjournment:

Motion to adjourn by Mr. Midthun with second by Mr. Bluhm at 8:32PM. Motion carried 5-0.

Board Clerk

Date