

Washington-Caldwell School District
May 12, 2008 - Washington School Library
Board Meeting Minutes

I. Call to order:

- Mr. Baker called the meeting to order @ 6:31 p.m.
- Pledge of Allegiance

II. Roll Call:

- T. Baker, J. McNamara, A. Midthun, F. Theriault were present. T. Bluhm excused.

III. Agenda:

- Motion to approve agenda – Motion to approve by Mr. Midthun, Second by Mr. Theriault. Approved 4-0.

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

V. Prior Board Minutes:

- Approval of minutes of the April 28, 2008 Board Meeting. Motion to approve by Mr. Theriault, second by Mr. Kieckhefer. Approved 4-0.

VI. Treasurer's Report:

- The district bookkeeper has made copies of the Fund 60 and Fund 10 details available for board review. Motion for approval by Mr. Midthun / 2nd Mr. Theriault - Approved 4-0.

VII. Written Communications:

- Letter from Sara Lilla on Security, Advanced Curriculum, and Incentive Trips.

VIII. Reports:

- **District Administrator's / Superintendent's Report:**
 - Mr. Morgan will meet with project planners on HWY 164 issues.
 - Mr. Morgan will be out of district on May 20 for PDP training. This will help with new teacher training issues and licensing.
 - Dell computer purchase needs to be signed by clerk and notarized. This needs to be done as soon as possible.
 - State is coming to agreement on funding for schools for next school year. Funding may not be received until end of the year, making for potential cash flow issues. This might lead to short term loan needs.
- **School Report:**
 - Project Cape through Runzheimer is pending. The readers of the grant are interested in proposal, but will ask the district to resubmit for additional information. The request was for a mobile lab. They would like a more detailed proposal on how it would change instruction.
 - DPI grant for over \$100,000.00 over five year period for at risk and alternative education. We were denied last year so this is a great success. Dawn Krebsbach and Kelly Vogt worked many hours on obtaining this grant.
 - AIMS Web testing is complete. This year seems to have been good success. We are on target for where we should be. The process has been smooth.
- **PTO Report:**
 - PTO purchases new equipment for the school sound system. We received a 16 channel mixing board with several microphones. Three choir microphones will also be on stage for concerts. There is about \$600.00 left over for potentially two more microphones.
- **Board Report:**

- Mr. Midthun asked about the previously proposed Spanish expansion. Mr. Morgan could not identify any areas that could be cut financially for this program to take its place. Time commitment could possibly be made. It does not appear that next year's funding increase could substantiate this program. The district will examine other funding possibilities for expanding this program.
- Mr. Baker asked about how incentive trips and other events are schedule for busing or parents driving. Mr. Theriault asked about the annual registration fee for students. Mr. Morgan explained that the registration fee probably could not be used for that. Mr. Midthun asked about using an annual activity fees so there were no surprises throughout the year. Mr. Morgan explained that there may be changes in the way additional activities are scheduled, funded, and coordinated. Mr. Morgan recommended adding an agenda item for the June board meeting.

IX. Old Business:

1. Strategic Planning – Planning flyer and communication for distribution to community.
2. Safety Committee – Additional discussions on the security camera system. There is no conclusion or vote on the subject at this time. A proposal has been received for a digital record with potential of sixteen cameras. The proposal is for slightly over \$13,000.00.

X. New Business:

1. Special Education budget for 2008-2009 year – The planned Special Education Cooperative with Waterford Graded being added has an evaluated savings of about \$13,626.00 based on this year's cost.
2. Beautification Committee – Potential phase two is being planned. Mr. Kieckhefer will be in contact will a concrete contractor for some of the work. Committee will have first meeting June 2, 2008.

XI. Citizens and Delegations:

- Amber Kujawa presented a question on 5th grade next year. There will be two self-contained classes, not part of the house middle-school system. The middle-school will share teachers in a house-concept.
- Tony Midthun commented about the Waterford Graded work to be more energy conscious. This issue was discussed in Strategic planning a few years ago. Additional plans are in place to move forward in steps.
- Tim Baker asked about the sign in front needing repair. This is being worked on.

Next Meeting Dates:

Regular Board Meeting – June 16, 2008 @ 6:30 p.m.

Strategic Meeting – June 2, 2008 @ 6:00PM.

Playground Planning – June 2, 2008 @ 6:30PM.

Safety Committee – June 2, 2008 @ 5:30PM.

Adjournment:

Motion to adjourn by Mr. Midthun with second by Mr. Theriault at 8:01PM. Approved 4-0.

Board Clerk

Date