

**Washington-Caldwell School District
May 18, 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, F. Theriault, W. Kieckhefer, T. Bluhm, Mr. Midthun present.

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

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

IV. Return to Open Session

Election of Board Officers:

Election of President: Tim Baker nominated for president by Mr. Midthun seconded by Mr. Bluhm. Mr. Midthun made a motion to close the nomination and cast a unanimous ballot for the sole nominee. A second by Dan Theriault was made. Motion carried 5-0.

Election of vice president: Todd Bluhm nominated for president by Mr. Midthun seconded by Mr. Kieckhefer. Mr. Midthun made a motion to close the nomination and cast a unanimous ballot for the sole nominee. A second by Dan Theriault was made. Motion carried 5-0.

Election of Clerk: Anthony Midthun nominated for clerk by Mr. Theriault seconded by Mr. Kieckhefer. Mr. Theriault made a motion to close the nomination and cast a unanimous ballot for the sole nominee. A second by Mr. Bluhm was made. Motion carried 5-0.

Election of Treasurer: Bill Kieckhefer nominated for treasurer by Mr. Theriault seconded by Mr. Baker. Mr. Midthun made a motion to close the nomination and cast a unanimous ballot for the sole nominee. A second by Mr. Bluhm was made. Motion carried 5-0.

Election of Director and CESA II Representative: Dan Theriault nominated for Director and CESA II Rep president by Mr. Kieckhefer seconded by Mr. Bluhm. Mr. Midthun made a motion to close the nomination and cast a unanimous ballot for the

sole nominee. A second by Mr. Bluhm was made. Motion carried 5-0.

V. Agenda:

- Motion made to approve agenda by Mr. Theriault. Second by Mr. Bluhm. Motion carried 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 April 20, 2009 – Corrections made to Mr. Kieckhefer's name. Motion to accept with changes by Mr. Midthun. Second by Mr. Bluhm. 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:

- Dr. Pienkos received a letter from Racine County regarding funds that are provided to the county under ARRA.

VIII. Reports:

◦ **Bulldog Awards:**

- Ms. Justine Laux received the Bulldog Involvement Award for her efforts in painting the mural in the main school office.
- The Tichigan Lions Club was presented with the Bulldog Involvement Award for their interest in supporting our "Years of Service" employee recognition program.

◦ **Dr. Pienkos Report:**

- Jonna Walkowski presented information about incoming Kindergarten. Twenty One students were screened. The school is tentatively expecting 25 students.
- Board policies have been delivered to WASB for review in August.

- **PTO Report:** The following was provided:
 - PTO is sponsoring the staff recognition lunch on May 22, 2009.
 - PTO nominations are going to be done at the end of this school year rather than in the fall.
 - Planning is underway for school carnival.

- **District Report on Hwy 164 Project:** The following was provided:
 - Tracy Gengler from WI-DOT and Rebecca Roecker from Davis and Kuelthau were present to discuss the project. Board president Tim Baker recused himself from the discussion and vote due to a conflict of interest. Ms. Gengler explained the states issues on the project. Ms. Roecker explained some of the issues that might develop with such a transfer.
 - Bill Osborne made comment on the 100 foot set-back requirement and the need to keep a safe distance from the roadway. Bill also commented on the number of kids in the yard during recess.
 - Mr. Theriault mentioned that the de-acceleration lane may get used as a passing lane when left turning cars are present.
 - Jamie Strasser commented on the concern for highway traffic that close to the school.
 - Bill Kieckhefer commented on the volume of traffic that is proposed to increase.
 - Jonna Walkowski commented on the distraction of highway traffic near the school.
 - Sue Bachofen commented on the road being 23 feet from the highway and the concern for student safety.
 - Daniel Hoffarth commented on the speed limit for the area.
 - Dawn Krebsbach is concerned with the safety of the highway near the school.

Motion to go into closed session at 7:42PM, to discuss highway project by Mr. Kieckhefer with a second by Mr. Theriault. Motion carried 5-0.

Motion to return to open session at 8:45, by Mr. Midthun with a second by Mr. Theriault. Motion carried 5-0.

Mr. Bluhm made a motion to reject the state offer to purchase land to the west of the district property and

tender a counter-offer to be constructed by district counsel. Mr. Midthun made a second. Motion carried 5-0.

IX. Old Business:

1. Committee Meetings: Future meetings to be changed back to the first Monday of the month. Each committee was discussed.

X. New Business:

1. Recommendation for approval for the contact of Ms. Borchardt for the 2009-2010 school year was on the agenda. The district administrator asked for Motion to approve the contract be tabled. After discussion, motion to approve the contact was made by Mr. Bluhm with a second by Mr. Midthun. Discussion continued on whether the cost would come from fund balance or whether a reduction in state aid will cause additional concerns. Motion carried 4-1.

2. Recommendation to approve support staff contract for the 2009-2010 school year. . Motion to approve the contact by Mr. Bluhm with a second by Mr. Midthun. Motion carried 5-0.

3. Recommendation on the agenda to approve the contract for Kay Borgwardt for 2009-2011 school years. Mr. Baker made a motion to approve the contract with Mr. Theriault making a second. Motion carried 5-0.

4. Recommendation to approve the Spanish instructor position was made. Motion to accept the 6603 agreement with North Cape School District at 40% made by Mr. Midthun with a second by Mr. Baker. Motion carried 5-0.

5. Recommendation to approve the school district grading scale for grades 3-8. Motion to accept the Option One grade scale as presented was made by Mr. Midthun with a second by Mr. Baker. Motion carried 5-0.

6. A first reading of the field trip policy was made. Mr. Midthun commented that the policy should not just be on field trips but on all occasions where the district is asking the parent to pay for education. He also commented that the policy should mention the student fee at the beginning of the year.

7. Recommendation to approve remodeling of the gym; including replacement of the gym floor, service work to the bleachers, and painting of the gym.

a. Gym Floor – a recommendation by the district administrator was made to contract with Baseman Brothers to replace the gym floor for \$58,500.00. A motion was made by Mr. Baker to table the issue until the

committee meeting in June. Motion failed without a second. A motion was made by Mr. Theriault to approve the contact with Baseman Brothers for \$58,500.00.

Motion failed without a second. No action was taken.

b. Bleachers – a recommendation was made by the district administrator to repair the bleacher with a contract through Premier Bleacher Repair for \$9,900.00. No action was taken.

c. Painting – a recommendation to paint the gym was made by the district administrator to contact with \$4,500.00 by Fine Finishes. No action was taken.

XI. Citizens and Delegations:

- Ms. Bozio asked whether the no action items will be on agenda in the future.

Next Meeting Date:

Committee Meetings–Monday, June 1, 2009- starting at 5:00PM

Board Meeting–Monday– June 15, 2009, 6:00PM Closed Session/6:30PM

Regular Meeting.

Other meetings to be announce with public notice.

Adjournment:

Motion to adjourn by Mr. Midthun at 10:10PM . Second by Mr. Bluhm.

Motion carried 5-0.

Board Clerk

Date