

Washington-Caldwell School District
November 17, 2008 - Washington School Library
Board Meeting Minutes

I. Call to order:

- Mr. Baker called the meeting to order @ 6:30 p.m.
- Pledge of Allegiance

II. Roll Call:

- T. Baker, T. Bluhm A. Midthun, F. Theriault present. B. Kieckhefer excused.

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

V. Prior Board Minutes:

- Minutes for October 20, 2008 board meeting. Motion to approve by Mr. Theriault with second by Mr. Bluhm. Motion passes 4-0.
- Minutes from Special Board meeting on November 3, 2008. Minutes amend to remove Bill Kieckhefer. Rena Novak was added to the list of attendees. Motion to approve with changes by Mr. Midthun. Second by Mr. Theriault. Motion carries 4-0.

VI. Treasurer's Report:

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

VII. Written Communications:

- None

VIII. Reports:

- **District Administrator's / Superintendent's Report:**
 - **Bulldog Awards:**
 - Awarded to Sydney Ciano, Matt Hendrix, Abby Jung, and Sara Terrian were awarded the Bulldog Achievement Award for their work on project with retired and seniors.
 - Mike and Leah Borchardt were recognized with the Bulldog Involvement Award for their work preparing the school directory.

- Leigh Warnell was recognized as a staff member with the Bulldog Results Award for her superb efforts in teaching music.
 - **Introduction of Guests:** Tracy Gengler (WiDOT), Scott Gunderson (Wisconsin State Assembly), Bob Langmesser (Town of Waterford Chair)
 - **Highway 164 Project:** Tracy Gengler presented information on the Highway 164, Racine County plan. She provided a handout on the project. It includes the area of Highway 164 from Highway 36 to the Racine/Waukesha county line. Most of the road will be resurfaced. However, the road from Wood Road to the Waukesha County line will be rebuilt. In front of Washington School, there will be an expanded lane and 12' wide right turn lane. The turning radius of the corner will also be reduced, taking some property from the district. Various citizens and delegates asked questions of the WiDOT representative. Concerns were raised about: The turn lane, speed near the school, proximity of school building to the road, elimination of the ditch, and more. Potential changes to the plan included: Assisting the school with financial impact of adding classrooms to eliminate the use of the current K and 1st grade rooms, eliminating the turn lane, moving the road west, crash barriers, and other ideas. Additional discussions will be planned prior to finalizing the plans. Construction is tentatively planned for the Spring of 2012.
 - **Technology Report:** Kelli Vogt presented information on our technology program. Information was provided on computer hardware, software, smartboards, E-Rate, technology plan, and the website.
 - **Dr. Pienkos Report:** He provided information on the following:
 - Upcoming board elections
 - Special Education bussing
 - Classroom observation
 - Parent teacher Conferences scheduled for Nov 24 and 25.
 - School Improvement Committee
 - Gifted and Talented Program
 - Years of Service Recognition
 - Meeting with the Tichigan Lions Club
 - New district maps have been received
 - Grants, including REAP.
 - Veterans Day organized by Michelle Bozio
 - Arrangement of school office
- **Board Report:**
 - Mr. Midthun reported that he and Dr. Pienkos attended the intergovernmental meeting on October 29, 2008. A state of the school was provided, along with information from our strategic plan.
 - **PTO Report:** Sara Lilla reported the following:

- Fall fest was a big success. All had a good time.
- PTO purchased two funnel balls and soccer goals.
- New fund raising (Script) has been started.
- Basket raffle will be on sale during conferences and during Christmas concert.
- Cookie sale on for Christmas concert
- Dec 3 will be cookies with Dr. P.
- Special holiday visitor will be here on 12/19.
- Possibility of spaghetti dinner in February.
- End of the year carnival also planned.

IX. Old Business:

1. A field trip policy will be presented at a future meeting.
2. Strategic Planning – The last meeting was an update of goals. A plan to finalize our goals is planned for January.
3. Security – No meeting was held.
4. Curriculum – An inventory of the curriculum has been initiated.
5. The last two policy series 600 policies were read.
6. Approval of gifted and talented program – Motion to approve program by Mr. Bluhm with a second by Mr. Midthun. Motion carries 4-0.
7. Approval of 403(b) program as presented in October – Motion to approve by Mr. Baker. Second by Mr. Theriault. Motion carries 4-0.

X. New Business:

1. New support staff position – Recommendation of hiring of Lillian Grundy in addition to the existing staff member. Motion to approve by Mr. Bluhm with a second by Mr. Theriault. Motion carries 4-0.
2. Support Staff Contract – Existing staff has questions on contract.

XI. Citizens and Delegations:

- Bill Osborne – Made comments on highway plan and how it might affect playground activities.
- Casey Verette – Made comments on highway plan and who to bring concerns to.
- Joe Spankowski – Made comments on highway plan and sound issues that might increase student disruption.

X. Closed Session (Wis. Stat. 19.85(1)(c) (e) and (i)):

- Adjourned to closed session at 8:35PM. Mr. Midthun with second by Mr. Theriault. Motion passed 4-0.
- Return to open session motion by Mr. Midthun with second by Mr. Theriault at 9:04PM. Approved 4-0.

XI. Action on Closed Session Items:

- None

Next Meeting Date:

Regular Board Meeting - Monday - December 15, 2008 - 6:30PM

Adjournment:

Motion to adjourn by Mr. Midthun with second by Mr. Baker 9:05PM. Approved 4-0.

Board Clerk

Date