

**Washington-Caldwell School District**  
**Regular Board Meeting Minutes**  
**October 20, 2008**  
**Washington School**  
**6:30 p.m.**

- I. Call to Order at 6:30PM
  - A. Pledge of Allegiance
- II. Roll Call – Mr. Baker, Mr. Bluhm, Mr. Midthun, Mr. Kieckhefer, and Mr. Theriault present.
- III. Approve Agenda. Motion to approved agenda made by Mr. Midthun with a second by Mr. Bluhm. Motion carries 5-0.
- 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 on October 17, 2008.
- V. Approve minutes for September 15, 2008 Board Meeting and October 6, 2008 Strategic Planning meeting.
  - A. September 15, 2008 Minutes – Motion to approve by Mr. Theriault with a second by Mr. Kieckhefer. Motion carries 5-0.
  - B. October 4, 2008 Minutes – Motion to approve with change in title to “Committee Meetings” by Mr. Midthun with a second by Mr. Theriault. Motion carries 5-0.
- VI. Treasurer’s Report – Motion to approve by Mr. Kieckhefer with a second by Mr. Midthun. Motion carries 5-0.
- VII. Written Communications
  - A. Reminder of Super Board Meeting in Rochester on October 29, 2008
  - B. Letter to DOT by District Administrator regarding speed limit in area of school and Hwy 164 update. Dr. Pienkos asked administrator to be here November 17, 2008.
- VIII. Reports
  - A. District Administrator’s Report
    1. Bulldog Achievement, Involvement and Results Awards
      - Officer for Student Council received Bulldog Achievement awards. They include Allison Kieckhefer (President), Andrew Kieckhefer (Vice-President), Nick Kaldor (Secretary), and Erica Gallun (Treasurer)

- Bulldog Results award made to Ginger Janke for going above and beyond her duties.
- Bulldog Involvement award to Laura Baker for activities at the school.

2. Reading Curriculum Report (Pauline Loduha)

Ms. Loduha provided an overview of our reading program. A copy of the overview is attached.

3. Curriculum Instruction Update

Jill Salzmann will complete inventory of all curriculum and instruction materials.

4. Gifted and Talented Committee Report

Guests have come in to discuss programs at other schools. Committee will have recommendations for November board meeting.

5. Written Report

- Dr. Pienkos provided information on upcoming elections and board members whose term is ending in 2009.
- Information presented on staff evaluations and observations.
- Jill Salzmann will complete curriculum inventory.
- In-Service went very well this quarter.
- Dr. Pienkos and Kay Borgwardt will attend WASB meeting in Madison.
- Star Gazing program recognizing students for doing the right things is rolling very well.
- School is looking at using copier better.
- REAP grant being used to install SmartBoard equipment.
- Examining ideas for changing window at front entry and installing new door.

B. School Report

Report given during Ms. Loduha's report.

C. PTO Report

Mike Borchardt is working on school directories and will be delivered to the school this week. Written information provided by Char Wegner.

D. Board Report

Information from state on apportionment of taxes sent to the board clerk.

IX. Old Business

A. Field Trip Policy/Fee Update

Tabled until November

B. Committee Meeting

1. Safety

Working on flip-chart for emergency situations. Schematics of school completed and available for emergency situations.

2. Strategic Planning

Examination of existing goals and writing of future goals is underway. Goals will then be prioritized.

3. Curriculum

Jill and Dr. Pienkos will be conducting inventory of curriculum and instructions materials.

C. Bus Transportation

Dr. Pienkos researched transportation issues for co-curricular activities, etc. One option is obtaining documentation from parents for transportation. The other option is providing bus transportation for students when the child's parent is not available. This option carries a cost of about \$1,650.00. The district will implement the second option. Students will not be permitted to travel with anyone other than the child's parent or the bus company.

X. New Business

A. New Support Staff Positions – approval of hiring Diane Tyliniski and Cory Foat

Motion to approve Tyliniski made by Mr. Midthun with a second by Mr. Baker. Motion carries 5-0.

Motion to approve Foat made by Mr. Kieckhefer with a second by Mr. Bluhm. Motion carries 5-0.

B. Approve 2008 tax Levy

Motion to approve levy of \$1,395,132 for a rate of 0.00679618. Motion to approve by Mr. Bluhm with a second by Mr. Baker. Mr. Midthun opened discussion on the matter to ask if fund balance should be used for additional tax relief or other planning measures. Roll Call Vote: Mr. Baker – No, Mr. Kieckhefer – No, Mr. Bluhm – Yes, Mr. Theriault – Yes, Mr. Midthun – Yes. Motion carries 3-2.

C. 600 Series Board Policy

All except 670 and 695 have been approved. First reading of those will be in November.

D. Approve server room bid

Bids accepted from two companies for cooling of the server room. Dr. Pienkos recommends South Port Heating and Cooling for \$4,800.00 be approved as the low bid for similar work. This excludes the electrical done by a different contractor. Motion to approve by Mr. Midthun with a second by Mr. Theriault. Motion carries 5-0.

E. Approve and adopt resolutions to establish a new written 403(b) Plan Document to comply with recent Internal Revenue Service regulations.

Policy is tabled for November meeting.

F. Special Board Meeting with WASB consultant

The board will meeting with Dr. Birchbauer in an open meeting on November 10, 2008 at 6PM.

XI. Citizen's and Delegations

Joe Spankowski commented on having some of fund balance identified for specific purposes.

Dawn Krebsbach commented on having plans for fund balance in light of the district asking for more money in referendum a few years ago.

Bill Osborne commented on having an emergency fund. He also can provide consultation on the copier replacement.

XII. Upcoming Meeting:

- Monday, October 27 @ 3:40 p.m. – Faculty/Staff Meeting
- Wednesday, October 29 @ 6:30 p.m. – Super Board Meeting
- Monday, November 3 @ 5:30 p.m. School Board Committee Meeting
- Tuesday, November 4 – Election Day
- Wednesday, November 5 @ 12:30 p.m. Waterford Administrator’s Meeting
- Friday, November 7 – End of 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter (Early Release Day. 12:40 p.m.)
- Friday, November 14 – Report Cards Go Home
- Monday, November 17 @ 6:30 p.m. School Board Meeting
- January 21-23, 2009 – Annual School Boards’ Convention (Milwaukee)

XIII. Set committee meeting dates: Strategic Planning Committee, and Regular Board Meeting.

XIV. Adjourn to Closed Session:

- a. To discuss certified teacher employment compensation and hiring of support personnel and support staff contract pursuant to State Statute 19.85(1)(f).
- b. To discuss Social and Personal Histories of Specific Persons Which Cannot Be Discussed in Open Session Because They Pertain to Individual Pupil Records pursuant to State Statute 19.85(1)(f).

Motion to adjourn to closed session by Mr. Bluhm with a second by Mr. Theriault. Motion carries 5-0.

XV. Return to Open Session

Motion to return to open session made by Mr. Bluhm with second from Mr. Kieckhefer. Motion carries 5-0.

XVI. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn by Mr. Midthun with a second by Mr. Bluhm. Motion carries 5-0.