

Washington-Caldwell School District
September 15, 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, B Kieckhefer, A. Midthun, F. Theriault present. T. Bluhm absent.

III. Agenda:

- Amend agenda to add Bus Transportation to New Business. Amend agenda to add State Statute 19.85 (1)(i) to closed session agenda. Motion to approve with amendment by Mr. Baker. 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 August 18, 2008 Board Meeting – Minutes not available at this time.
- Minutes for August 26, 2008 Special Board Meeting – Change to section 6 to Mark Pienkos. Motion to approve minutes by Mr. Kieckhefer with second by Mr. Midthun. Motion passes 4-0.

VI. Treasurer's Report:

- Motion for approval by Mr. Midthun / 2nd Mr. Theriault - Approved 4-0.

VII. Written Communications:

- Letter from anonymous parent regarding board policy and expectation.
- Letter from Village of Rochester asking a board member to attend the super board meeting on October 29, 2008 at 6:30PM. Mr. Midthun will attend.

VIII. Reports:

- **District Administrator's / Superintendent's Report:**
 - **Waterford Union High School:** Keith Brandstetter attended the meeting to present the high school's plan and goals. This presentation included information on diversity, curriculum, facility use, articulation with Gateway Tech, At Risk, Communication, Departmental Review, Student Planning and Career Development, Technology, and Special Education.

The plan is available on the Waterford Union High School website for additional review.

- **QUEST Program:** Kelli Vogt reported on the QUEST grant from DPI that was secured for students that are not special education but might be struggling academically. Students show low WKCE scores and low class grades should benefit from this program as well as students with attendance issue. There are currently 9 students in the program. The district needs to hire an additional aide that is supported by this grant. The school is searching for the aide.

- **Board Report:**
 - Well wishes were given to Robert Spence for his service to the district over the summer. He was presented with a token of appreciation from the Board.
 - Mark Pienkos, the new district administrator/principal was introduced.

- **School Report:**
 - Mark Pienkos reported on numerous items. He recognized staff, parents, and students for their hard work during the time that he has been observing. Dr. Pienkos recognized Robert Spence for his work and dedication to the school so far. Dr. Pienkos announced an initiative for compliance with gifted and talented requirements. The school had a fire drill last week that went well and helped prepare the school for emergencies. Other emergency preparedness is planned. He provided information on the program that was observed on 9/11/2008.
 - Rewards were presented to various award winners:
 - Bulldog Achievement Awards were given to Sarah Terrian and Samantha Janke for their work on leading announcements and being student leaders in the 9/11 programs.
 - Bulldog Results Awards were given to Kelli Vogt and Charmaine Wegner for efforts in securing a DPI grant.
 - Bulldog Results Awards were given to Dawn Krebsbach and Gary Lilla for their efforts in securing additional grants.

- **PTO Report:**
 - Charmaine Wegner reported on the new officers. Robyn Theriault is President / Sara Lilla is Vice President / Sue Osborne is Treasurer / Charmaine Wegner is Secretary.
 - She reported on potential donation of soccer and basketball equipment and other playground materials.
 - A new volunteer program was offered this year, which seems to be a success.

- Parts of the previous community fair have been broken into smaller sections and stretched throughout the year.
- A Market Day representative is needed for PTO.
- A carnival coordinator for the end of the year is also needed.
- Mike and Leah Borchardt are working on a directory.

IX. Old Business:

1. Playground Committee - The concrete work and landscaping on the Denoon Road side of the school was completed for the year. Alex Clement will be working on a project for his Boy Scout Eagle Scout project.
2. Field Trip Policy Fee - Mr. Spence is proposing a small fee (Approximate \$20) for K-5 non-curriculum trips. Grades 6-7 would be a small fee (Approximately \$6) and Grade 8 would be a larger fee (Approximately \$150) with the potential for fund raising. This matter will be finalized by the district administrator with a first reading at the October board meeting.
3. Strategic Planning - Has not met pending new administrator start. First meeting of the year will be October 6, 2008 at 6PM.
4. Foreign Language - Robert Spence reported the difficulties in finding a replacement foreign language teacher. He offered various options for the program. The position is currently handled by a long term substitute. Dr. Pienkos will continue to search for the answer to this issue.

X. New Business:

1. New Support Staff position - Tabled
2. WASB Regional Meeting - The fall meeting is October 1, 2008 in Elkhorn, WI.
3. Curriculum Committee - A Curriculum and Technology Committee will be chaired under a board member. The first meeting will be October 6, 2008 at 6:30PM.
4. Gifted and Talented - The board has been provided with information regarding regulations that require a Gifted and Talented Program. PI 801 requires plan, person (coordinator), identify students in five areas of giftedness, multiple criteria for identification, and have a program for them to participate with their parents. Dr. Pienkos has been working with Dawn Krebsbach on the matter and will be coordinating a plan and committee for the program. A recommendation will be made to the board by the November board meeting.
5. Contract liquidation damages - Article 27 in the Master agreement calls for damages to be assessed against a teacher that terminated the contract after August 15, 2008. Motion was made by Mr. Baker with a second by Mr. Midthun. Motion carries 4-0.
6. Bus Transportation - Dr. Pienkos presented an issue on bus transportation for extra-curricular activities. The issue with liability of non-parents driving

students as an agent of the district was discussed. Dr. Pienkos will develop a proposed policy for the next board meeting. The board shall adopt an interim policy that the district provides bus transportation to and from school functions. In the event a parent wants to provide transportation they can only drive their child for school those functions. A bus will be provided for students to attend these events. Motion made by Mr. Midthun with a second by Mr. Theriault. Motion carries 4-0.

XI. Citizens and Delegations:

- Dawn Krebsbach thanked Dr. Pienkos for the acknowledgement for the grant writings that have taken place. She offered her help for other grants as well. She is excited about the QUEST program and also excited about talented and gifted programs. She added the importance of finding the aide for the program.
- Kelli Vogt commented on the busing and transportation for other school events. Dr. Pienkos will contact corporate counsel to clarify the issue.
- Gary Lilla also commented that the school does need to control student access when not leaving the district with the parent or guardian.
- Kay asked to clarify the student activity policy.
- Ann Francisco also commented that it would be difficult to monitor the requirement of Wisconsin Statute 121.555.

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

- Adjourned to closed session at 8:01PM. Mr. Midthun with second by Mr. Kieckhefer. Motion passed 4-0.
- Return to open session motion by Mr. Midthun with second by Mr. Baker at 9:01PM. Approved 4-0.

XI. Action on Closed Session Items:

- None

Next Meeting Date:

Regular Board Meeting – Monday – October 20, 2008 – 6:30PM.

Adjournment:

Motion to adjourn by Mr. Midthun with second by Mr. Kieckhefer 9:03PM. Approved 4-0.

Board Clerk

Date