

MINUTES

**Regular Board of Education Meeting
Wednesday, December 17, 2008
6:00 p.m.
Board Meeting Room, Caddie Woodlawn**

Board Members Present: Alice Baldini, Dave Bauer, Paul Hoch, Tammy Hoyt, Paula Myers, Robert Pelke, Becky Richardson, Bob Wittig

Student Representatives: Clay Scott and Alyssa Thermos

Administrative Staff Present: Pat Basche, Bill Clouse, Jan Lund, Jerry Walters

Meeting called to order and roll call

Board of Education President, Mr. Hoch, called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance

Notice of Meeting

Mr. Walters stated that the meeting was properly noticed by publishing the date, time, place, and agenda in the December 11, 2008, issue of the *Courier Wedge* and by posting the agenda at the Durand High School, at Caddie Woodlawn, at the Durand Community Library, and on the district website.

Consent Agenda

- a. Agenda
- b. Minutes of the regular meeting on November 19, 2008
- c. Vouchers: Addendum to the November Fund 10 voucher list including checks numbering 12844 to 12882 in the amount of \$180,597.33; and the December Fund 10 voucher list including checks numbering 12883 to 13020 in the amount of \$417,604.49.
- d. Treasurer's Report: As of November 30, 2008, the total balance of all district funds was \$1,131,400.31.
- e. Contracts
 - i. 7th Grade Girls Basketball Coach Hire: Mike Brunner

Motion made by Mrs. Richardson and seconded by Mrs. Baldini to approve the consent agenda items. Motion carried by a unanimous voice vote.

Appearances Before the Board

- a. Senator Kathleen Vinehout

Senator Vinehout was unable to attend the meeting. She will try to make it to a future Board of Education meeting.
- b. Eric Davidson, Bauman Associates: 2007-08 Audit Report

Mr. Eric Davidson, auditor from Bauman Associates, presented a summary of the July 1, 2007 to June 30, 2008, audit report. Mr. Davidson stated that the fiscal year ended well and there were no control deficiencies to report. Mr. Davidson commented that the district will save interest by having refinanced the general obligation debt. He also stated that by refinancing the WRS debt, it will definitely get paid off now rather than continue to grow. Mr. Davidson took questions from Board members, stating that he does not give financial advice, but audits books based on accounting standards.
- c. Public Comments

Sharon Hemmeke expressed concern about student harassment at school. She would like to know what the procedure is on dealing with harassment and what the guidance counselor's efforts are in dealing with harassment. She wants the school to be a safe environment where a child can find support if needed.

District Recognition

This month's district recognition went to the Maxville Alternative Program. Mrs. Gwen Sweeney, alternative education teacher, and two students, Ariella Corbecky and Ariel Menting, gave a power point presentation on an environmental science project they worked on about trees and recycling. They talked about how different subjects like science, reading, and art

were integrated into this one project. Mrs. Sweeney talked about the curriculum at Maxville and about some of the service learning projects the students are involved with. A parent of a student attending Maxville was at the meeting and expressed her support of the program. A letter from a parent of another student was read which expressed appreciation for the program because of the enthusiasm and success she is seeing with her son. Mrs. Basche added that the students and staff work on building trust and relationships, and as a result, the students feel important and cared about which leads to a better rate of success of staying in school and graduating. Mr. Clouse has noticed an incredible sense of family at Maxville. The students are always working and focused, and they help keep each other in line.

Old Business

- a. Second readings, discussion and possible action on the following policies:
 1. Use of School Facilities
Motion made by Mrs. Baldini and seconded by Mrs. Richardson to approve the Use of School Facilities Policy. Motion carried by a unanimous voice vote.
 2. Library Media Center Selection of Materials
Motion made by Mr. Bauer and seconded by Mrs. Baldini to approve the Library Media Center Selection of Materials policy. Motion carried by a unanimous voice vote.
 3. Discipline Policy: Amending C-4 of Step Program to Step 6-8
Motion made by Mrs. Baldini and seconded by Mrs. Hoyt to approve the amendment to the Discipline Policy, amending C-4 of Step Program to Step 6-8. Motion carried by a unanimous voice vote.
 4. Series 100 of Policy Manual
Motion made by Mrs. Myers and seconded by Mr. Bauer to approve the first half of Series 100 of the Policy Manual (Educational Philosophy through Board Member Compensation and Expenses). Motion carried by a unanimous voice vote.
 5. Virtual Education Amendment
Motion made by Mrs. Richardson and seconded by Mrs. Baldini to approve the amendment to the Virtual Education Policy. Motion carried by a unanimous voice vote.

New Business

- a. 2009 WASB Delegate Assembly Resolutions
Motion made by Mr. Wittig and seconded by Mrs. Hoyt to approve the resolutions for the WASB Delegate Assembly that Mrs. Myers will be attending at the State Education Convention. Motion carried by a unanimous voice vote.
- b. Budget projection information
Mr. Walters presented the 2009-10 budget projection of \$11,609,548 in revenues and \$12,038,864 in expenditures, resulting in a deficit of \$429,316. Mr. Walters said his goal is to submit a balanced budget without reducing personnel. Savings could come from filling teacher vacancies with either new teachers or retired teachers; taking a year off from the computer replacement cycle; establishing a foundation; using budget surplus from 2007-08; reducing membership on the Board of Education; and being more efficient with paper—move toward paperless.
- c. Review of process of filling vacant Board of Education member seat
Mr. Hoch read a letter of resignation from board member Mark Doughty effective December 15, 2008. A vacancy notice will be published in the Courier Wedge and posted on the school district website. The interview process for filling the vacancy will be part of the January 14, 2009, Board of Education meeting. Mr. Hoch thanked Mr. Doughty for his service to the Board and the school district.

Committees

- a. Policy Committee
 1. First Readings of Remainder of Series 100 of Policy Manual
Mr. Walters presented the first readings of the remainder of Series 100 of the Policy Manual.

Administrative Reports

Student Representatives, Clay Scott and Alyssa Thermos:

- The 2nd annual blanket raffle is being held. Proceeds from the raffle will be put toward a scholarship. The scholarship is for active student council members pursuing a post secondary education.

- A new school climate committee has been formed. The purpose of the committee is to promote respect among students and staff.

Mrs. Lund, Elementary Principal:

- The Arkansaw Elementary Christmas program was last week. The attendance was phenomenal, but parking was horrendous. The students did a fantastic job. Thank you to Mrs. Zwiefelhofer, Mrs. Cyr, and Mr. Sterzinger for their work with the Christmas program.
- The Kindergarten Christmas program will be held next week. The program has a sleepover theme, so the children will be in their pajamas. Thank you to Mrs. Wozniczka for her work with the Kindergarten Christmas program.
- There are 28 students in the 5th and 6th grade band. The band performed at the Masonic Lodge at Durand's Home for the Holidays festivities. The band also performed before the Arkansaw Elementary Christmas program and the Junior High Band and Choir Christmas program. They will also perform before the Kindergarten Christmas program next week.
- Arkansaw Elementary students are collecting food for the food pantry. Their goal is to collect 100 items per class.

Mrs. Basche, Director of Pupil Services:

- The Medicaid reimbursement program is going from a paper based documentation process to electronic. Diane Hoyt and Mrs. Basche have attended training on the new electronic process and are training staff.

Mr. Clouse, Jr/Sr High Principal:

- The Show Choir program is scheduled for Saturday, December 20th, at 7:00 p.m., but will be Tuesday, December 23rd if Saturday's program is cancelled due to the weather.
- The Senior High Band and Choir concert will be Monday, December 22nd, at 7:00 p.m.
- There will be a boy's basketball tournament at Durand on December 29th and 30th with Mondovi, Eleva-Strum, and Sparta and a girl's basketball tournament at Mondovi on January 2nd and 3rd.
- Mr. Poeschel and Mrs. Flanagan were recognized for their involvement with the students in taping and editing programs that are aired on the local cable channel.
- Mr. Kvislen, Mrs. Sandberg, Mr. Roinila, and students were recognized for organizing and developing a new Positive School Climate Committee.
- Students held a winter clothing drive.
- Cash donations are being taken in the office for the food pantry.

Mr. Walters, District Administrator:

- A CESA 11 school lunch price survey was handed out, as well as a CESA 11 survey on September enrollments, equalization aid, mill rates, etc.
- The 2007-09 teacher's master contract has been signed and backpay checks are being processed. The opening negotiations for the 2009-11 teacher's master contract will be on January 13th, at 5:00 p.m. in the Board Room at Caddie.
- A WASB membership certificate has been received.

Any Other Business Properly Brought Before the Board

None.

Adjournment

Motion made by Mr. Wittig and seconded by Mrs. Myers to adjourn. Motion carried by a unanimous voice vote.

Meeting adjourned at 8:42 p.m.

Secretary,

Linda Komro