



Waverly Community Schools

Regular Meeting

Monday, September 22, 2008 7:30 PM

Agenda of Regular Meeting

The Board of Education Waverly Community Schools

A Regular meeting of the Board of Education of Waverly Community Schools will be held September 22, 2008, beginning at 7:30 PM in the Board Room, 515 Snow Road, Lansing, MI.

The subjects to be discussed or considered or upon which any formal action may be taken are as listed below. Items do not have to be taken in the order shown on this meeting notice.

Unless removed from the consent agenda, items identified within the consent agenda will be acted on at one time.

- I. Call to Order and Pledge to the Flag - President John Broughton
- II. Special Presentations
 - A. Presentation of Audit Report - Plante & Moran
 - B. Summer School Recognition - Dorothy Blackwell
- III. Correspondence - Secretary Edith Suttles
- IV. Public Comment
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 - A. Curriculum Advisory Committee Report
 - B. Facility/Policy Advisory Committee Report
 - C. Finance/Personnel Advisory Committee Report
 - D. Other

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XI. Public Comment

XII. Other Board Business

XIII. Adjournment

**WAVERLY COMMUNITY SCHOOLS
BOARD OF EDUCATION
REGULAR MEETING
September 8, 2008**

Opening of Meeting

The regular meeting of the Waverly Community Schools Board of Education was called to order by President John Broughton at 7:30 p.m. in the Board Room of the Administrative Center, 515 Snow Road, Lansing, Michigan.

Members Present:

Mr. John Broughton, President
Mr. Britt Slocum, Vice President
Mr. Calvin Jones, Treasurer
Mrs. Fonda Brewer-Williams, Vice Secretary-Treasurer
Mrs. Mary Ann Martin, Trustee
Mrs. Kim Smith, Trustee

Members Absent:

Mrs. Edith Suttles, Secretary

Staff Present:

Dr. Thomas J. Pillar, Superintendent
Mrs. Jacklin Blodgett, Asst. Superintendent for Finance & Personnel
Mr. Bruce Johnson, Director of Operations and Student Services
Mrs. Dorothy Blackwell, Director of Curriculum
Mr. Rob Spagnuolo, Business Manager
Karen Burgess
Gretchen Mikula
Dave Percival
Gloria Gonzalez
Rebecca Pease

Others Present:

Kathleen Moynahan
Mary Jo White

Pledge

Member Smith led the pledge of allegiance to the flag.

Special Presentation

None

Remarks by the Board President

President Broughton congratulated Jacklin Blodgett and her team of volunteers for organizing Wavapalooza, calling it a wonderful event. He acknowledged the sponsors of Wavapalooza included Meijer; GM – Lansing Operations; the Polack Corporation; National City Bank; Comerica Bank; Manpower; Lansing Board of Water & Light; Chipotle; U.S. Threads; and Capital City International Trucks. He thanked the business partners for their support not only of Wavapalooza, but also throughout the school year.

Correspondence

None

Public Comment

Addressing the Board during Public Comment was Kathleen Moynahan.

Student Representative Report

Student Representative Luke Bunge reported distributing schedules early went very well. Everything has gone well at the high school – the only problem seems to be with locker combinations. The Student Senate

Student Representative Report (cont.)

needs to find a time to meet with Freshman Senators due to the change in lunch times. Luke stated Wavapalooza was a big event involving many students and families.

Board Member Comment

Member Martin noted Wavapalooza was an incredible successful with lots of people. She indicated she stayed and watched the band's performance at the football game. Member Martin also said opening day at Winans went very smoothly. She attended the initial meeting of ISOA last Wednesday. Dave Chapin, East Lansing superintendent, is representing the superintendents this year. He reported a Round Table retreat was held, with all 12 superintendents attending. Member Martin reported information on two events being sponsored by the ISD. The first event, called Education 21K, is a breakfast at the Kellogg Center on Wednesday, September 10th. Matt Dugener will discuss how school board members, educators, media, government and business leaders can strengthen collaborative efforts to help our students and region succeed in the global marketplace. The second event is a Meet the Candidates forum on October 8th at the ISD. Questions pertaining to education will be submitted to the candidates in advance of the forum. Their answers will appear on-line.

Member Brewer-Williams stated there was a really good use of time at the recent Board work/study session. She reported she had the opportunity to attend the High School on opening day, and noted those she spoke to and shook hands with were in good spirits. Member Brewer-Williams said she also visited the Ombudsman program with Dorothy Blackwell. She stated Wavapalooza had a great turnout and was a great function for all ages.

Member Slocum apologized for being unable to attend the Board's professional development day and opening day at East due to other commitments. He indicated he was a participant in Wavapalooza and agreed it was a huge success. Member Slocum reported he raised \$130 at the event for Destination Imagination to offset their trip to national competition. He is matching that amount and donating it to St. Vincent Home.

Member Jones congratulated everyone involved in the successful Wavapalooza, Board member work/study session, and the wonderful staff orientation. He reported he participated in the great "welcome back" session at Windemere View. Member Jones distributed information on an orientation for all students interested in the Board of Water & Light's First Step program for high school seniors.

Member Smith reported she was at Colt on opening day, describing it as awesome. The kids were excited and ready to be back. She also stated she loves Wavapalooza and it was so nice the weather cooperated this year.

Adoption of Agenda

A motion was presented by Member Martin and supported by Member Brewer-Williams. MOTION: The Board of Education adopt the meeting agenda as presented.

Motion carried. VOTE: AYES – 6; NAYS – 0; (Member Suttles absent).

******Approval of Minutes***

The minutes of the regular meeting of August 11, 2008 and the special meeting of August 25, 2008 were approved as presented.

******Financial Recommendation – Report #08-16 – For Action***

The treasurer's report was approved as presented.

*****Certification of Winter Tax Levy – City of Lansing, Lansing, Delta, Windsor and Watertown Townships – Report #08-17 – For Action**

The Board of Education adopted the proposed winter tax levy for the City of Lansing, Lansing, Delta, Windsor, and Watertown Townships as presented in Report #08-17. A certified copy is affixed to the official minutes of this meeting.

Personnel Report – Report #08-18 – For Action

A motion was presented by Member Slocum and support by Member Jones. MOTION: The Board of Education approve the employment of Nichole Fox (.4 Middle School Life Skills Teacher); Lili Risser (Middle School Spanish Teacher); Jose Gutierrez (.5 East Spanish Teacher); and Ramona Mendez (Elementary Spanish Teacher).

Jacklin Blodgett reported four positions have been filled and there is still an opening at Winans. Member Slocum asked how this action addresses the Board's policy regarding cultural proficiency. Mrs. Blodgett referred to Action Plan 3 of the Strategic Plan which states we will increase diverse representation on our administration, instructional, and support staff throughout the district to reflect the diverse composition of the student body, as attrition allows. Our staff ethnic ratios will improve with the hiring of these individuals. Member Slocum stated he is pleased with our efforts to obtain a more diverse staff.

Motion carried. VOTE: AYES – 6; NAYS – 0; (Member Suttles absent).

Master Agreement Ratification – Waverly Education Association – Report #08-19 – For Action

A motion was presented by Member Slocum and supported by Member Smith. MOTION: The Board of Education approve the tentative agreement as negotiated between the Waverly Education Association and the Board of Education as presented in Report #08-19.

Motion carried. VOTE: AYES – 6; NAYS – 0; (Member Suttles absent).

Board members expressed appreciation for the excellent collaborative efforts by both teams in reaching a two-year agreement.

Master Agreement Ratification – Waverly Educational Support Personnel Association – Report #08-20 – For Action

A motion was presented by Member Martin and supported by Member Smith. MOTION: The Board of Education approve the tentative agreement as negotiated between the Waverly Educational Support Personnel Association and the Board of Education as presented in Report #08-20.

Motion carried. VOTE: AYES – 6; NAYS – 0; (Member Suttles absent).

Board members expressed appreciation for the excellent collaborative efforts by both teams in reaching a two-year agreement.

Master Agreement Ratification – Bus Drivers – International Union of Operating Engineers Local 547 AFL-CIO – Report #08-21 – For Action

A motion was presented by Member Jones and supported by Member Martin. MOTION: The Board of Education approve the tentative agreement as negotiated between the International Union of Operating Engineers Local 547, AFL-CIO, representing the District's transportation department and the Board of Education as presented. This agreement is a 2% increase for the 2008-2009 school year and a 2% increase for the 2009-2010 school year.

Motion carried. VOTE: AYES – 6; NAYS -0; (Member Suttles absent).

Master Agreement Ratification – Bus Drivers – International Union of Operating Engineers Local 547 AFL-CIO – Report #08-21 – For Action (Cont.)

Board members expressed appreciation for the excellent collaborative efforts by both teams in reaching a two-year agreement.

Resolution – School Board Commitment to Improve Student Performance – For Discussion

A resolution demonstrating the Board's support for improved student performance was presented for discussion. A suggestion was made to include a bullet denoting the Board's partnership with parents.

The resolution will be presented at the September 22nd Board meeting for action.

Superintendent's Report

Bruce Johnson presented an enrollment report, subject to change by the official count date.

Dr. Pillar reported the start-up of school went relatively smoothly. He thanked Board members for being at the buildings on opening day to welcome students, parents, and staff.

Dr. Pillar stated there will be an upcoming review of the Strategic Plan. He has asked President Broughton to put together an Ad Hoc Committee.

Dr. Pillar announced the new billboard is up at the Lansing Mall. It features academics, extra-curricular activities, fine arts, and athletics. Its purpose is to market the district in a high-traffic area.

Dr. Pillar announced the Waverly Education Foundation's annual golf outing is Wednesday, September 10th at Hawk Hollow. This event is important to Waverly as the WEF raises money to give back to the district.

Dr. Pillar announced Education 21K, an event sponsored by the Ingham ISD, is Wednesday, September 10th at the Kellogg Center from 7:30 to 9:00 a.m. Dr. Pillar, Rob Spagnuolo, Edith Suttles, John Broughton and Mary Ann Martin will represent the district at the meeting.

Dr. Pillar expressed appreciation to Jacklin Blodgett who had the lead responsibility for Wavapalooza. He also thanked Dorothy Blackwell, Bruce Johnson, Rob Spagnuolo, Eldon McGraw, and the Administrative Center secretaries.

Public Comment

Jacklin Blodgett thanked people in attendance at the Board meeting for their help at Wavapalooza. She expressed her appreciation to Rob Spagnuolo, Gloria Gonzalez, Gretchen Mikula, Becky Pease, Bruce Johnson, and Dorothy Blackwell.

Other Board Business

Member Brewer-Williams reported she saw the sign at the Lansing Mall and stated she is proud to be part of the Waverly Community School District.

Member Martin stated the work/study session was a very good use of everyone's time. Member Broughton remarked he learned that policy can be fun.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 8:22 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Fonda Brewer-Williams, Vice Secretary-Treasurer

***Consent Agenda
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**WAVERLY COMMUNITY SCHOOLS
BOARD OF EDUCATION
REGULAR BOARD MEETING
September 8, 2008**

Report #08-22

FOR ACTION

Subject: Resolution – School Board Commitment to Improved Student Performance

Recommendation:

The Superintendent recommends the Board of Education adopt the attached resolution demonstrating its support for improved student performance.

Statement of Purpose:

Adopting the resolution will affirm the Board’s intent and commitment to support improved student performance at all levels in academics, fine arts, extra-curricular activities, athletics and student services.

Budget Impact:

None. However, the Board of Education will continue to collaborate with the central administration to provide the available resources to support teaching and learning throughout the school year.

Background Information/Historical Perspective:

In the spring of 2008, Waverly Community Schools earned District-wide accreditation through AdvancED *Worldwide*. The accreditation affirmed that Waverly had systems in place to support teaching and learning. On August 27, 2008, during the staff orientation to launch the 2008/09 school year, the superintendent challenged all teachers, support staff, administrators and Board of Education to focus on improved student performance in academics, fine arts, extra-curricular activities, athletics and student services. In addition, the District’s mission statement, beliefs, objectives and strategies included in the current Board approved Strategic Plan call for improved student performance at all levels and among all students. This resolution, if adopted, will be displayed prominently in all schools, the service building and the administrative center to remind all stakeholders of this District-wide commitment to improved student performance articulated by the Board of Education.

Discussion of Options/Alternatives:

The Board of Education always has the option not to accept the superintendent’s recommendation. However, an emerging theme across Waverly is that “failure is not an option.” This resolution supports that emerging theme. It also supports the theme of improved student performance outlined by the superintendent at the opening of the 2008/09 school year. The Board of Education has demonstrated its commitment to supporting teaching and learning throughout Waverly, as well as its support for improved student performance at all levels and for all students.

Strategic Plan Reference: *Strategy #1: Curriculum, Instruction & Assessment: We will continue our efforts to provide instruction and assessment that will prepare our students to meet or exceed state standards on all areas tested and demonstrate Waverly Essential Skills.*

RESOLUTION

Board of Education Commitment to Improved Student Performance

The Waverly Community Schools Board of Education believes improved student performance is the District's most significant responsibility. The Board affirms its commitment to improved student performance by:

- Evaluating student performance data.
- Discussing processes that affect all District programs.
- Examining the impact of the District's instructional program, fine arts, extra-curricular activities, and athletics on student performance.
- Reviewing District goals, as articulated in the Strategic Plan, to ensure focus on improved student performance.
- Striving to find methods to remove barriers to teaching and learning.
- Gathering information from constituents.

Furthermore, the Board of Education is committed to informing all stakeholders about student performance, and when appropriate, how District student performance data compares with common metric measures regionally, state-wide and nationally.

Therefore, the Waverly Community Schools Board of Education resolves that:

- All students are expected to demonstrate to the best of their ability achievement in academics, fine arts, extra-curricular activities and athletics.
- All employees shall devote their effort to ensure and enhance improved student performance in academics, fine arts, extra-curricular activities, athletics and student services.
- The superintendent will recommend initiatives that support and advance improved student performance in academics, fine arts, extra-curricular activities, athletics and student services.
- The Board of Education will devote time to topics that directly support and enhance improved student performance in academics, fine arts, extra-curricular activities, athletics and student services.

This resolution shall be posted in all District buildings and published on the District's web site and in District publications.

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Adopted: September 22, 2008