

WALTHAM C.C. ELEMENTARY SCHOOL DISTRICT #185  
**APRIL 27, 2011 REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES**  
South Building/Art & Music Room

Board President Jim McCabe called the Waltham Elementary School Board meeting of April 27, 2011 to order at 6:15 p.m.

**Roll Call:** Board Members present at the time of roll call were, Buffy Hoskins, Eric Luce, Mike Roebuck, Jeff Whalen and Jim McCabe. Jason Depenbrock was not in attendance.

**Pledge of Allegiance:** All

**Recognize Visitors/Comments:** Tom Collins (News-Tribune Reporter), Jarrett Papineau (Teacher Rep), Alice Westbrook (Student Aide), and Mike Olson (Principal-elect).

**Comments:** Mrs. Westbrook expressed the collective anxiety of herself and her fellow Student Aide's regarding their concern as to whether or not they would be re-employed July 1, 2011. They feel by not knowing ahead of time, it is affecting personal, financial decisions.

**Approval of Consent Agenda:** Jeff Whalen moved, seconded by Eric Luce to approve the minutes of the Regular Board meeting minutes of March 16, 2011, Executive Session of March 16, 2011, Regular Personnel Comm. Of the Whole March 24, 2011, Executive Personnel Comm. March 29, 2011; bills as presented in the amounts of \$195,441.24 from Education Fund, \$14,248.73 from Operations & Maintenance Fund, \$22,111.32 from the Transportation Fund, \$8,304.40 from the Municipal Retirement/Soc. Sec. Fund, \$22,947.30 from the TORT Fund, \$342.50 from the Fire Prevention & Safety Fund for a total of \$263,395.49; and the Treasurer's Report. Buffy Hoskins – yea, Eric Luce – yea, Jim McCabe – yea, Mike Roebuck – yea, and Jeff Whalen – yea. Motion carried with 5 yeas, 0 nays.

Reports from Superintendent Robert Abney were heard on the following along with the review of Board Packet inclusions.

1. Board Salute – Carol Senica and Jeff Rothrock
2. Facilities – Mr. Abney reported that Mr. Hegland has built a loft for storage at the North building and the new grass by the basketball court is growing nicely.
3. Enrollment – District enrollment is up by one more at the South building.
4. Quarterly Financial Report – Mr. Abney gave a brief overview of the District's finances at this time. The State of Illinois is behind on their Special Education and Transportation payments to the District.
5. Articulation Day Summary – This was held at LPHS this year, and a few of our staff were facilitators.
6. 2011-2012 School Calendar – Mr. Abney shared three different versions of the tentative calendar.
7. IASB Delegate – Tabled.
8. Energy Grant – The District was awarded a Reap Energy Grant which will help pay for solar panels and air conditioning.
9. Principals' Report – Mrs. Kinzer will be on vacation in May and would like the Board to authorize her to pay all outstanding bills upon her return; registration will be held on July 26, 2011 at North from 8 a.m. to 7 p.m., and August 2<sup>nd</sup> from 8-3 p.m.; John Cassell will be conducting the IASB training for the Board during Executive session at the June meeting; there is no flood insurance at the South building and Mr. Abney will call Ramza Insurance for a quote; the Jr. High dance went very well; the Awards Banquet was enjoyed by all; and the annual Crisis Plan Mtg. was held on April 12<sup>th</sup> at North.

**Executive Session:** Buffy Hoskins moved, seconded by Jeff Whalen to move into Executive Session in order to discuss appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or

dismissal of specific personnel, contract negotiations, special education lawsuit and land acquisition. Buffy Hoskins – yea, Eric Luce – yea, Jim McCabe – yea, Mike Roebuck – yea, and Jeff Whalen – yea. Motion carried with 5 yeas, 0 nays. Moved at 7:16 p.m.

Eric Luce moved, seconded by Jeff Whalen to return to Regular Session. Buffy Hoskins – yea, Eric Luce – yea, Jim McCabe – yea, Mike Roebuck – yea, and Jeff Whalen – yea. Motion carried with 5 yeas, 0 nays. Returned at 8:36 p.m.

**Unfinished Business:** None

**Accept Retirement Notice:** Jeff Whalen moved, seconded by Eric Luce to accept, with regret, the early retirement notice of Ms. Doreen Balzarini, effective the last day of the 2010-2011 school year. Buffy Hoskins – yea, Eric Luce – yea, Jim McCabe – yea, Mike Roebuck – yea, and Jeff Whalen – yea. Motion carried with 5 yeas, 0 nays.

**Approve 2011-2012 School Calendar:** Eric Luce moved, seconded by Buffy Hoskins to approve the 2011-2012 School Calendar – Version 3 as presented. Motion carried with 5 yeas, 0 nays.

**Personnel Comm. Of the Whole:** Jeff Whalen moved, seconded by Buffy Hoskins to schedule Wednesday, May 18, 2011 at 5:30 p.m. at Waltham South as the Personnel Comm. of the Whole Meeting. Motion carried with 5 yeas, 0 nays.

**Appoint IASB Delegate:** TABLED

**Appoint IASB Governing Board Rep:** Jeff Whalen moved, seconded by Buffy Hoskins to appoint Eric Luce as IASB Governing Board Rep for the coming year. Motion carried with 5 yeas, 0 nays.

**Authorize Land Acquisition:** Jeff Whalen moved, seconded by Buffy Hoskins to authorize Jim McCabe, Eric Luce and Mr. Abney to investigate and pursue the extension of the land contract with the Stacks and additional real-estate. Buffy Hoskins – yea, Eric Luce – yea, Jim McCabe – yea, Mike Roebuck – yea, and Jeff Whalen – yea. Motion carried with 5 yeas, 0 nays.

**Other Business:** None

**Adjournment:** Buffy Hoskins moved, seconded by Jeff Whalen to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried with 5 yeas, and 0 nays. Meeting adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Susan J. Hewitt  
Board Secretary

James P. McCabe  
Board President