

WALTHAM C.C. ELEMENTARY SCHOOL DISTRICT #185
DECEMBER 14, 2011 REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES
North Building/Special Needs Room

Board President Jim McCabe called the Waltham Elementary School Board meeting of December 14, 2011 to order at 6:01 p.m.

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

Pledge of Allegiance: All

Recognize Visitors/Comments: Steve Nelson (Studio GC Architect), Jarrett Papineau (Teacher Rep), Bonnie Kinzer (District Bookkeeper), Dave, Keri, Danielle & Adam Claggett (Waltham family).

Approval of Consent Agenda: Jeff Whalen moved, seconded by Eric Luce to approve the minutes of the Regular Board meeting of November 16, 2011, the minutes of the Executive session of November 16, 2011; bills as presented in the amounts of \$185,674.60 from Education Fund, \$14,490.17 from Operations & Maintenance Fund, \$14,936.94 from the Transportation Fund, \$8,550.80 from the Municipal Retirement/Soc. Sec. Fund, \$2,800.00 from the Capital Projects Fund, for a total of \$226,452.51; and the Treasurer's Report. Buffy Hoskins – yea, Kathy Jereb – yea, Eric Luce – yea, Jim McCabe – yea, Michael Roebuck – yea, and Jeff Whalen – yea. Motion carried with 6 yeas, 0 nays.

Approve Tax Levy: Jeff Whalen moved, seconded by Buffy Hoskins the 2012 Tax Levy Resolution is approved as presented. Buffy Hoskins – yea, Kathy Jereb – nay, Eric Luce – yea, Jim McCabe – yea, Michael Roebuck – yea, and Jeff Whalen – yea. Motion carried with 5 yeas, 1 nay.

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

1. Board Salute – Adam Claggett
2. Facilities – Mr. Hegland reported everything is up and running; the portable stage was used for the Christmas programs and is now torn down.
3. Enrollment – District enrollment has stayed steady, though one 1st grader is moving and there will be four new students starting in January, 2012.

Jeff Whalen left the meeting at 6:24 p.m.

4. South Building Rental – The Village of North Utica is requesting rental of the South gym in order to hold a public meeting.
5. Studio GC Presentation – Mr. Steve Nelson gave the Board an update on the energy grant projects.
6. District Direction – Mr. Abney gave a PowerPoint presentation on the goals and direction he is taking the District.
7. Discussion of Board In-service – Mr. McCabe explained the need for Board Self-Evaluation and Board training and we are able to have both done at the same time. There is also Open Meetings Act training on February 28, 2012 at OTHS for any interested Board members.
8. Principals' Report – Mr. Olson reported: PBIS training is moving along; all non-tenured teachers have been observed; the Winter programs went very well; the History Fair will be Thursday, December 15th at 4 pm at Waltham North; Boys basketball is going very well; Cheerleading is doing a great job; Girls Volleyball has started; and Bowling and the Academic Teams are getting started.

Executive Session: Eric Luce moved, seconded by Buffy Hoskins to move into Executive Session to discuss appointment, employment, compensation, performance, or dismissal of personnel and student discipline. Buffy Hoskins – yea, Kathy Jereb – yea, Eric Luce – yea, Jim McCabe – yea, and Michael Roebuck – yea. Motion carried with 5 yeas, 0 nays. Moved at 7:48 p.m.

Eric Luce moved, seconded by Buffy Hoskins to return to Regular Session. Motion carried with 5 yeas, 0 nays. Returned at 8:22 p.m.

Approve IASB Policies – 2nd Reading: Eric Luce moved, seconded by Buffy Hoskins to approve the IASB Policies as presented. Motion carried with 5 yeas, 0 nays.

Accept Resignation: Buffy Hoskins moved, seconded by Kathy Jereb to accept the resignation of Mrs. Christi Hellman, teacher, effective the end of the 2011-2012 school year. Motion carried with 5 yeas, 0 nays.

Approve Destruction of Executive Session Recordings: Eric Luce moved, seconded by Buffy Hoskins to approve the destruction of audio recordings for the following closed session meetings: Executive Session of Regular Board Meetings: 9/19/07, 10/17/07, 12/19/07, 1/16/08, 2/20/08, 3/18/08, 3/18/08, 4/16/08, 5/21/08, 6/18/08, 10/15/08, 11/19/08, 1/21/09, 2/18/09, 3/18/09, 4/15/09, 5/26/09, 6/17/09, 7/22/09, 8/19/09, 10/21/09, 11/18/09, 12/16/09, 1/20/10, 3/17/10, 4/14/10. Executive Sessions of the Planning & Goals Comm.: 9/9/09; Personnel, Bldg. & Grounds & Finance Comm.: 2/26/08; Board Self-Evaluation of 3/4/08; Personnel & Finance Comm.: 10/08/08, 12/17/08, 1/28/09; Personnel Comm. of the Whole: 4/28/08, 10/21/09, 11/18/09, 2/8/10-tapes 1 & 2, 3/2/10, 2/17/10-tapes 1, 2 & 3, 3/2/10-tapes 1 & 2, 3/17/10, 3/25/10, 4/14/10, and 4/21/10. Buffy Hoskins – yea, Kathy Jereb – yea, Eric Luce – yea, Jim McCabe – yea, and Michael Roebuck – yea. Motion carried with 5 yeas, 0 nays.

Set Date for Board In-Service: Buffy Hoskins moved, seconded by Michael Roebuck to set the Board Training for Wednesday, January 25, 2012 at 5:30 p.m. at Waltham North. Motion carried with 5 yeas, 0 nays.

Employment: Buffy Hoskins moved, seconded by Kathy Jereb to approve Mrs. Brenda Kirsteatter as Volunteer Assistant Academic Coach for the 2011-2012 school year. Motion carried with 5 yeas, 0 nays.

Approve Payment of Bills: Michael Roebuck moved, seconded by Buffy Hoskins to authorize the payment of all December 2011 bills and to include the report of the additional paid bills in the January 2012 Board Report. Buffy Hoskins – yea, Kathy Jereb – yea, Eric Luce – yea, Jim McCabe – yea, and Michael Roebuck – yea. Motion carried with 5 yeas, 0 nays.

Approve Building Rental: Eric Luce moved, seconded by Kathy Jereb to approve the rental of the South gym on Tuesday, December 20, 2011 by the Village of North Utica as presented. Motion carried with 5 yeas, 0 nays.

Other: A Board member asked if parents would be receiving their child's information on the Think Link. Mr. Olson stated that Ms. Twidell is working on the printing of the information for the parents but it was not ready, yet.

Adjournment: Kathy Jereb moved, seconded by Eric Luce to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried with 5 yeas, and 0 nays. Meeting adjourned at 8:29 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Susan J. Hewitt
Board Secretary

James P. McCabe
Board President