

WALTHAM C.C. ELEMENTARY SCHOOL DISTRICT #185
JULY 20, 2011 REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES
North Building/Special Needs Room

Board President Jim McCabe called the Waltham Elementary School Board meeting of July 20, 2011 to order at 6:08 p.m.

Roll Call: Board Members present at the time of roll call were, Buffy Hoskins, Kathy Jereb, Eric Luce, Mike Roebuck, Jeff Whalen (arrived at 6:09) and Jim McCabe. Jason Depenbrock was not in attendance.

Pledge of Allegiance: All

Recognize Visitors/Comments: Roger Hegland (Maintenance/Custodian), Jason Johannes (Johannes Bus Service), Larry Laio & Sandie Pode (Waltham Boosters), Pat Mini (Teacher Rep), and Karen Fassig & Bob Stevenson (ICBS).

Approval of Consent Agenda: Jeff Whalen moved, seconded by Eric Luce to approve the minutes of the Regular Board meeting of June 22, 2011, Executive Board meeting of June 22, 2011, Regular session of the Transportation Comm. of the Whole of June 29, 2011; bills as presented in the amounts of \$210,767.34 from Education Fund, \$15,796.31 from Operations & Maintenance Fund, \$9,194.13 from the Debt Services Fund, \$1,532.61 from the Transportation Fund, \$3,725.62 from the Municipal Retirement/Soc. Sec. Fund, \$7,112.87 from the TORT Fund, for a total of \$248,128.88; 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.

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

1. Board Salute – Waltham Boosters
2. Facilities – Mr. Hegland reported: South building completed. North: hallway not finished, new Science room needs its sinks and Smart Boards need to be installed. Also, the boiler needed a few minor repairs.
3. IL CHIP DNA Program – Il Masonic Lodge supplies all the materials, and gives all of the information back to the parent. All at no cost.
4. FOIA Officer – Mr. Abney felt the District needs a FOIA/OMA officer at each building.
5. Building Rental – The Starved Rock Runners are requesting the use of the South gym for the annual marathon.
6. Principals' Report – Mr. Olson reported: The Office staff has been receiving Teacher Ease Training; the class splits will not be posted at registration due to the new state mandates on classroom balancing; the website is under construction; Algebra class will be at 7:30 a.m.; Jr. High students will be offered a new incentive for community service in the form of a gold cord to wear at graduation.
7. Fire Lane – The Utica Fire Dept. stressed the need for a Fire Lane along the south side of the playground at the South building at the Village Board Meeting for the safety of the students.
8. Illini Cloud Grant – The District received a letter from the ROE that shows the school districts that are qualified to apply for this grant due to high-need families, and Waltham is not on the list.

Unfinished Business: Buffy Hoskins moved, seconded by Eric Luce to approve the 2nd reading of the IASB Press Policies. Motion carried with 6 yeas, 0 nays.

Approve Hazardous Bus Resolution: Eric Luce moved, seconded by Buffy Hoskins to approve the Resolution to Ratify the Approved Status of Hazardous Bus Routes as presented. Motion carried with 6 yeas, 0 nays.

Review Jan.-June Executive Session Minutes: Buffy Hoskins moved, seconded by Eric Luce the Executive session minutes from January – June 2011 remain confidential and therefore closed to public inspection. 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.

Destruction of Audio Recordings: Buffy Hoskins moved, seconded by Eric Luce to approve the destruction of audio recordings for the following closed session meetings: 4/5/09-Executive Session, 5/26/09-Executive Session, 6/17/09-Executive Session, 7/22/09-Executive Session, 9/9/09-Executive Session of the Planning & Goals Comm. of the Whole, 10/21/09-Executive Session, 11/18/09 Executive session of the Personnel Comm. of the Whole, 11/18/09-Executive Session, 12/16/09-Executive Session. 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 Transportation Committee Recommendation: Buffy Hoskins moved, seconded by Eric Luce to approve the recommendation of the Transportation Comm. of the Whole and award the bus contract to Johannes Bus Service for three years as presented. 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 Committee Chairperson Change: Eric Luce moved, seconded by Buffy Hoskins to approve Kathy Jereb as the Chairperson of the Special Education Committee of the Whole in place of Buffy Hoskins. Motion carried with 6 yeas, 0 nays.

Employment: Eric Luce, seconded by Buffy Hoskins to employ Larry Laio as Head Girls Basketball Coach for the 2011-2012 School year with salary as per Appendix B of the contract. Motion carried with 6 yeas, 0 nays.

Buffy Hoskins moved, seconded by Eric Luce to employ Angie Hartman as Asst. Girls Basketball Coach for the 2011-2012 School year with salary as per Appendix B of the contract. Motion carried with 6 yeas, 0 nays.

Eric Luce, seconded by Buffy Hoskins to employ Justin Jacobson as Head Boys Basketball Coach for the 2011-2012 School year with salary as per Appendix B of the contract. Motion carried with 6 yeas, 0 nays

Buffy Hoskins moved, seconded by Eric Luce to employ Tom Guerrero as Asst. Boys Basketball Coach for the 2011-2012 School year with salary as per Appendix B of the contract. Motion carried with 6 yeas, 0 nays

Eric Luce, seconded by Buffy Hoskins to employ Kristen Adams as Head Track Coach for the 2011-2012 School year with salary as per Appendix B of the contract. Motion carried with 6 yeas, 0 nays

Buffy Hoskins moved, seconded by Eric Luce to employ Mike Adams as Asst. Track Coach for the 2011-2012 School year with salary as per Appendix B of the Contract. Motion carried with 6 yeas, 0 nays

Approve IL CHIP Program: Eric Luce moved, seconded by Buffy Hoskins to approve the use of the IL CHIP DNA Program as presented. Motion carried with 6 yeas, 0 nays.

Approve Additional FOIA Officer: Buffy Hoskins moved, seconded by Eric Luce to appoint Mrs. Susan Hewitt as an additional District FOIA and Open Meetings Officer as presented. Motion carried with 6 yeas, 0 nays.

Approve Transfer of Funds: Buffy Hoskins moved, seconded by Eric Luce to approve the Transfer of \$352,444 of state construction grant funds from the O&M fund to the Construction Project Fund received during the 2004-2005 Fiscal Year. Approve the use of \$174,690 of the state Construction Grant Funds to be used as the matching funds for the Energy grant Project. 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 Building Rental: Eric Luce moved, seconded by Michael Roebuck to approve the rental of the South building by the Starved Rock Runners for Saturday, November 5, and Sunday, November 6, 2011. Motion carried with 6 yeas, 0 nays.

Approve Law Firm Retainer: Eric Luce moved, seconded by Michael Roebuck to approve Robbins, Schwartz, Nicholas, Lifton and Taylor as District Attorneys at a monthly retainer fee of \$100, current billing rates ranging from \$175-\$225 per hour, and Paralegal services at \$100-\$110 per hour. Motion carried with 6 yeas, 0 nays.

Executive Session: Eric Luce 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, employee health insurance, and land acquisition. 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. Moved at 6:44 p.m.

Jeff Whalen moved, seconded by Buffy Hoskins to return to Regular Session. 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. Returned at 7:39 p.m.

Other: A Board member asked why the District does not serve the students hot lunch on a daily basis. Mr. McCabe and Mr. Abney explained they had investigated this before and found that the costs involved in bringing both kitchens up to code, guaranteeing a set amount of lunches per day, the cost of the daily lunches, and also the staff costs involved make daily hot lunch not feasible at this time.

Adjournment: Eric Luce moved, seconded by Buffy Hoskins to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried with 6 yeas, and 0 nays. Meeting adjourned at 8:03 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Susan J. Hewitt
Board Secretary

James P. McCabe
Board President