

WALTHAM C.C. ELEMENTARY SCHOOL DISTRICT #185
MARCH 16, 2011 REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES
South Building/Art & Music Room

Board President Jim McCabe called the Waltham Elementary School Board meeting of March 16, 2011 to order at 6:15 p.m.

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

Pledge of Allegiance: All

Recognize Visitors/Comments: Roger Hegland (Maintenance/Custodian), Mike Roebuck (Parent), Tom Collins (News-Tribune Reporter), Nichole St. Germain (Teacher Rep), Pat Mini (Teacher), Linda Townsend (Teacher), Ginger Ludford (Parent) and her children Reese and Renn, and Mike Olson (Principal-elect).

Approval of Consent Agenda: Eric Luce moved, seconded by Jeff Rothrock to approve the minutes of the Regular Board meeting minutes of February 23, 2011, Executive Session of February 23, 2011; bills as presented in the amounts of \$139,583.88 from Education Fund, \$8,451.47 from Operations & Maintenance Fund, \$14,151.72 from the Transportation Fund, \$5,006.25 from the Municipal Retirement/Soc. Sec. Fund, \$159.59 from the TORT Fund, \$100.00 from the Fire Prevention & Safety Fund for a total of \$167,452.91; and the Treasurer's Report. Buffy Hoskins – yea, Eric Luce – yea, Jim McCabe – yea, Jeff Rothrock – yea, and Carol Senica – 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 – Ginger Ludford
2. Facilities – Mr. Hegland reported he spread three loads of rock in the parking lot at North, seeded the area around the basketball court and received the kit to rebuild the circulating pump at North and it has been working very well.
3. Enrollment – District enrollment is up by two at the South building, and an 8th grader is scheduled to start on Monday, March 21, 2011.
4. IASB Spring Dinner Mtg. Summary – Illinois Lt. Governor was the guest speaker; and a certificate was received for Jason Depenbrock as participating delegate.
5. Excellence in Education Nominee's – Mr. Abney is nominating Mrs. Jennifer Smith and Mrs. Wendy Hagenbuch as the certified staff nominee's, and Mr. Roger Hegland as the non-certified staff nominee.
6. 8th grade Trip Agenda – The class trip will be on Friday, May 20, 2011.
7. Principals' Report – ISAT's are finished with the 6th & 3rd grade classes having perfect attendance for the entire week, they will receive a pizza party; Track practice has started and Mike Olson has the schedule completed with 8 meets scheduled; grades 2, 4 and 6 had "Smoke-Free" Presentations; seven students will be going to the state History Fair; the Vermilion Conference Academic Tournament is scheduled for March 19th at South; and the PTCC Pancake Breakfast will be on March 20th at North.

Executive Session: Carol Senica moved, seconded by Buffy Hoskins to move into Executive Session in order to discuss appointment, employment, compensation, performance, or dismissal of specific personnel, and student discipline. Buffy Hoskins – yea, Eric Luce – yea, Jim McCabe – yea, Jeff Rothrock – yea, and Carol Senica – yea. Motion carried with 5 yeas, 0 nays. Moved at 6:45 p.m.

Eric Luce moved, seconded by Jeff Rothrock to return to Regular Session. Buffy Hoskins – yea, Eric Luce – yea, Jim McCabe – yea, Jeff Rothrock – yea, and Carol Senica – yea. Motion carried with 5 yeas, 0 nays. Returned at 8:07 p.m.

Unfinished Business: None

Employment: Carol Senica moved, seconded by Eric Luce to approve employment of Kristen Adams as Head Track Coach and Mike Adams as Assistant Track Coach for the 2010-2011 school year with stipends as per contract Appendix B. Motion carried with 5 yeas and 0 nays.

Excellence in Education Recipients: Eric Luce moved, seconded by Jeff Rothrock to approve Mrs. Wendy Hagenbuch and Mrs. Jennifer Smith as certified staff members and Mr. Roger Hegland as non-certified staff member nominees for the Regional Office of Education Excellence in Education Banquet. Motion carried with 5 yeas, 0 nays.

Employment of Tenured Certified Personnel: Buffy Hoskins moved, seconded by Jeff Rothrock that Jennifer Smith and Christi Hellman are completing their fourth year and are hereby placed on tenure for the 2011-2012 school year. Buffy Hoskins – yea, Eric Luce – yea, Jim McCabe – yea, Jeff Rothrock – yea, and Carol Senica – yea. Motion carried with 5 yeas, 0 nays.

Jeff Rothrock moved, seconded by Carol Senica that due to financial needs, Waltham Elementary School District #185 will release the Technology Coordinator with future staffing to be determined at a later date. Buffy Hoskins – yea, Eric Luce – yea, Jim McCabe – yea, Jeff Rothrock – yea, and Carol Senica – yea. Motion carried with 5 yeas, 0 nays.

Employment of Part-Time Certified Personnel: Buffy Hoskins moved, seconded by Eric Luce that Shirley Smythe is re-employed as four-fifths time Music teacher for the 2011-2012 school year with salary determined as per contract. Motion carried with 5 yeas, 0 nays.

Carol Senica moved, seconded by Buffy Hoskins that Kathy Schultz is re-employed as four-fifths time Art teacher for the 2011-2012 school year with salary as determined per contract.

Employment of Non-Tenured Certified Personnel: Eric Luce moved, seconded by Buffy Hoskins the following are to be re-employed for the 2011-2012 school year with salary as per contract and/or established by the Board: 1) Third year teacher Annie Dinkel, 2) Second year teacher Nina Mitchell, 3) First year teacher Nichole St. Germain. Motion carried with 5 yeas, 0 nays.

Employment of Non-Certified Instructional Aides: Buffy Hoskins moved, seconded by Jeff Rothrock that due to financial needs, Waltham Elementary School District #185 will release all non-certified instructional aides with future staffing to be determined at a later date. Motion carried with 5 yeas, 0 nays.

Employment of Athletic Coaches: Carol Senica moved, seconded by Jeff Rothrock that due to financial needs, Waltham Elementary School District #185 will release all Athletic coaches with future staffing to be determined at a later date. Motion carried with 5 yeas, 0 nays.

Retain Health Insurance Broker: Eric Luce moved, seconded by Buffy Hoskins to retain The Horton Group to serve as our insurance broker, at no cost to the District, for Health Insurance for the 2011-2012 school year. Motion carried with 5 yeas, 0 nays.

Retain Liability Insurance Broker: Buffy Hoskins moved, seconded by Jeff Rothrock to retain Ramza Insurance as our liability insurance broker, at no cost to the District, for the 2011-2012 school year. Motion carried with 5 yeas, 0 nays.

Other Business: The Board authorizes Mr. Abney to research the needs for a full-time Social Worker for the District.

Personnel Comm. Of the Whole: Eric Luce moved, seconded by Buffy Hoskins to schedule Tuesday, March 29, 2011 at 6 p.m. at Waltham South as the Personnel Comm. of the Whole meeting Executive Session for the purpose of the Superintendent's Evaluation. Motion carried with 5 yeas, 0 nays.

Adjournment: Eric Luce moved, seconded by Buffy Hoskins to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried with 5 yeas, and 0 nays. Meeting adjourned at 8:13 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Susan J. Hewitt
Board Secretary

James P. McCabe
Board President