

WALTHAM C.C. ELEMENTARY SCHOOL DISTRICT #185
NOVEMBER 16, 2011 REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES
North Building/Special Needs Room

Board President Jim McCabe called the Waltham Elementary School Board meeting of November 16, 2011 to order at 6:07 p.m.

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

Pledge of Allegiance: All

Recognize Visitors/Comments: Roger Hegland (Maintenance/Custodian), Tom Collins (News-Tribune reporter), Judy, Dawn and Ralph (Johannes Bus Drivers) and Kathy Schultz (arrived at 6:26 p.m.).

***Board members were recognized for Board Member Appreciation Day and assorted pies were enjoyed by everyone present.**

Approval of Consent Agenda: Eric Luce moved, seconded by Jason Depenbrock to approve the Regular minutes of the Budget & Finance Comm. Mtg. of November 2, 2011 with the correction of the wording "Tentative Tax Levy" to "EAV increase". Jason Depenbrock – yea, Buffy Hoskins – yea, Kathy Jereb – yea, Eric Luce – yea, Jim McCabe – yea, and Jeff Whalen – yea. Motion carried with 6 yeas, 0 nays.

Eric Luce moved, seconded by Buffy Hoskins to approve the corrected minutes of the Regular Board meeting of September 28, 2011, the minutes of the Regular Board meeting of October 28, 2011, the minutes of the Executive session of October 28, 2011, Executive Budget & Finance Comm. Mtg. of November 2, 2011, Regular Board Retreat of November 10, 2011; bills as presented in the amounts of \$131,030.42 from Education Fund, \$9,404.48 from Operations & Maintenance Fund, \$119,552.50 from Debt Services Fund, \$15,564.29 from Transportation Fund, \$5,399.65 from Municipal Retirement/Soc. Sec. Fund, \$8,411.00 from Capital Projects Fund, \$335.00 from Fire Prevention & Safety Fund, for a total of \$289,697.34; and the Treasurer's Report. Jason Depenbrock – yea, Buffy Hoskins – yea, Kathy Jereb – yea, Eric Luce – yea, Jim McCabe – 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 – Johannes Bus Drivers
2. Facilities – Mr. Hegland reported the portable stage is done, except for the steps.
3. Enrollment – District enrollment has not changed.
4. IASB Policies-1st Reading – Review of the current PRESS Policy suggested changes.
5. Tentative Tax Levy – Mr. Abney reported we will need to hold a Truth in Taxation Hearing as he will be asking for a Tax Levy of 9.5%.
6. No Item
7. Principals' Report – Mr. Olson reported on the 1st Quarter discipline; four students performed in the IMEA; Girls basketball is over and the girls did very well; and the food drive went great for such a short period of time.
 - 5.7.1. Parent Teacher Conferences-Overall, 216 students out of 221 were represented at conferences. This is the highest number of parents attending conferences Waltham has seen.

Executive Session: Buffy Hoskins moved, seconded by Jeff Whalen to move into Executive Session to discuss appointment, employment, compensation, performance or dismissal of personnel and student discipline. Jason Depenbrock – yea, Buffy Hoskins – yea, Kathy Jereb –

yea, Eric Luce – yea, Jim McCabe – yea, and Jeff Whalen – yea. Motion carried with 6 yeas, 0 nays. Moved at 6:56 p.m.

Jason Depenbrock moved, seconded by Buffy Hoskins to return to Regular Session. Motion carried with 6 yeas, 0 nays. Returned at 7:44 p.m.

Approve negation of pending contract: Jason Depenbrock moved, seconded by Buffy Hoskins to approve to negate the pending Cheerleading contract of Mrs. Denise Golgin effective November 16, 2011. Motion carried with 6 yeas, 0 nays.

Approve 2011 Tax Levy Resolution: Jeff Whalen moved, seconded by Buffy Hoskins the 2011 Tax Levy Resolution is approved as presented. Jason Depenbrock – yea, Buffy Hoskins – yea, Kathy Jereb – nay, Eric Luce – yea, Jim McCabe – yea, and Jeff Whalen – yea. Motion carried with 5 yeas, 1 nays.

Set Truth in Taxation Hearing: Jeff Whalen moved, seconded by Eric Luce to set the Truth in Taxation Hearing for Wednesday, December 14, 2011 at 5:45 p.m. at Waltham North. Motion carried with 6 yeas, 0 nays.

Approve Rental of North Gym: Jeff Whalen moved, seconded by Jason Depenbrock to approve the rental of the North gym by Mrs. Tiffany Lewis for Saturday, November 19, 2011 and to approve the rental of the North gym by Mrs. Bonnie Kinzer for Thursday, November 24, 2011 as presented. Motion carried with 6 yeas, 0 nays.

Approve Calendar Waiver: Jeff Whalen moved, seconded by Jason Depenbrock to waive the following legal holidays as required under Public Act 96-640: the Birthday of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., the Birthday of President Abraham Lincoln, the Birthday of Casimir Pulaski, Columbus Day and Veteran's Day in order to hold school, schedule teachers' institutes, conduct parent-teacher conferences, or conduct staff development (in-service) activities. Motion carried with 6 yeas, 0 nays.

Approve New Auditor: Eric Luce moved, seconded by Jeff Whalen to approve the recommendation of the Budget & Finance Committee of the Whole meeting of November 2, 2011 to employ Hopkins & Associates as the District Auditors. Motion carried with 6 yeas, 0 nays.

Employment: Jeff Whalen moved, seconded by Jason Depenbrock to approve the employment of Mrs. Ginger Ludford as Cheerleader Sponsor for the 2011-2012 school year with salary as per contract Appendix B. Motion carried with 6 yeas, 0 nays.

Other: Mr. Olson will be polling the students to see what kind of extra-curricular activities they would like, i.e. Drama, Baseball, Softball, Speech.

Mr. Abney informed the Board that Studio GC has extended an invitation for the members to attend their hospitality room on Saturday, November 19, 2011 during the Triple I Conference.

Adjournment: Jeff Whalen moved, seconded by Eric Luce to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried with 6 yeas, and 0 nays. Meeting adjourned at 7:56 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Susan J. Hewitt
Board Secretary

James P. McCabe
Board President