

WALTHAM C.C. ELEMENTARY SCHOOL DISTRICT #185
SEPTEMBER 28, 2011 REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES
North Building/Special Needs Room

Board President Jim McCabe called the Waltham Elementary School Board meeting of September 28, 2011 to order at 6:04 p.m.

Roll Call: Board Members present at the time of roll call were, Jason Depenbrock, Buffy Hoskins, Kathy Jereb, Eric Luce, Michael Roebuck, Jeff Whalen and Jim McCabe.

Pledge of Allegiance: All

Recognize Visitors/Comments: Roger Hegland (Maintenance/Custodian), Elaine Wasilewski (Teacher Rep), Tom Collins (News-Tribune reporter), Michele Luce (Parent), and Michelle McCabe (Parent).

Approval of Consent Agenda: Jeff Whalen moved, seconded by Eric Luce to approve the minutes of the Regular Board meeting of August 17, 2011; bills as presented in the amounts of \$193,838.98 from Education Fund, \$29,673.79 from Operations & Maintenance Fund, \$9,211.24 from the Transportation Fund, \$7,842.93 from the Municipal Retirement/Soc. Sec. Fund, \$217.23 from the TORT Fund, for a total of \$240,784.17; and the Treasurer's Report. Jason Depenbrock – yea, Buffy Hoskins – yea, Kathy Jereb – yea, Eric Luce – yea, Jim McCabe – yea, Michael Roebuck – yea, and Jeff Whalen – yea. Motion carried with 7 yeas, 0 nays.

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

1. Board Salute – Michele Luce, Buffy Hoskins and Michelle McCabe
2. Facilities – Mr. Hegland reported he received bids for new bleachers with the low bid coming in at \$21,000; he is in the process of building a riser platform that will be stored at the North building and then transported to the South when needed for the Winter program and graduation.
3. Enrollment – District enrollment is up by two and the District is within 10-19 from the past few school years.
4. Bright Star Award – Waltham received this award for the 2nd year in a row as one of 79 Districts out of the 868 in the State of Illinois to receive it.
5. 2011 School Report Card – Waltham has done an excellent job again.
6. Application for Recognition of Public Schools – Waltham has met all of the criteria and will submit this with the State.
7. TIF Agreements – The Waterpark & Industrial Park TIF's are with the City of LaSalle and have never been approved.
8. Timely & Meaningful Consultation – Yearly meeting to identify home-schooled children with disabilities.
9. Auditor Discussion – Wilcoxson & Assoc. have asked for an extension again this year for our annual audit report. Mr. Abney asked the Board's permission to start looking for a new auditor for the District.
10. IASB Master School Board Member – Our Board President, Jim McCabe was awarded this honor at the IASB Fall Dinner Mtg. on September 8, 2011.
11. North Utica Business Association – Mr. Abney reported on the first meeting. Waltham is an Associate member (non-voting) and the businesses are excited about enlisting Waltham students as community service volunteers and sponsoring field trips.
12. Principals' Report – Mr. Olson reported on Curriculum night attendance by grade level; student discipline; Progress Reports were sent home and only a handful of students are receiving D's and/or F's; Girls Basketball is moving along nicely; Aims Web testing is complete and the data is being collected; 8th graders took an Explore Test Item Analysis Test; and the District fire/lockdown/tornado and bus drills are being scheduled.

Executive Session: Buffy Hoskins moved, seconded by Jason Depenbrock to move into Executive Session to discuss appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance or dismissal of personnel. Jason Depenbrock – yea, Buffy Hoskins – yea, Kathy Jereb – yea, Eric Luce – yea, Jim McCabe – yea, Michael Roebuck – yea, and Jeff Whalen – yea. Motion carried with 7 yeas, 0 nays. Moved at 6:52 p.m.

Jeff Whalen left the meeting

Eric Luce moved, seconded by Buffy Hoskins to return to Regular Session. Jason Depenbrock – yea, Buffy Hoskins – yea, Kathy Jereb – yea, Eric Luce – yea, Jim McCabe – yea, and Michael Roebuck – yea. Motion carried with 6 yeas, 0 nays. Returned at 8:47 p.m.

Approve the FY12 Budget: Eric Luce moved, seconded by Buffy Hoskins to approve the FY12 Budget as presented. Jason Depenbrock – yea, Buffy Hoskins – yea, Kathy Jereb – yea, Eric Luce – yea, Jim McCabe – yea, and Michael Roebuck – yea. Motion carried with 6 yeas, 0 nays.

Approve The Application for Recognition of Public Schools: Buffy Hoskins moved, seconded by Eric Luce to approve the 2011-2012 Application for Recognition of Public Schools as presented. Motion carried with 6 yeas, 0 nays.

Approve TIF Agreements: Jason Depenbrock moved, seconded by Buffy Hoskins to approve the Intergovernmental Agreements between the City of LaSalle and Waltham Grade School District 185 as presented. Jason Depenbrock – yea, Buffy Hoskins – yea, Kathy Jereb – yea, Eric Luce – yea, Jim McCabe – yea, and Michael Roebuck – yea. Motion carried with 6 yeas, 0 nays.

Employment: Buffy Hoskins moved, seconded by Jason Depenbrock to approve the employment of Mr. Robert L Abney, Superintendent for the 2011-2012 school year with a base salary of \$86,520, and the 2012-2013 school year with a base salary of \$89,548.20. Jason Depenbrock – yea, Buffy Hoskins – yea, Kathy Jereb – yea, Eric Luce – yea, Jim McCabe – yea, and Michael Roebuck – yea. Motion carried with 6 yeas, 0 nays.

Approve Admin. Salary Compensation and Benefit Report: Buffy Hoskins moved, seconded by Jason Depenbrock to approve the July 1, 2010-June 30, 2011 (FY11) Salary, Compensation & Benefit Report as presented and to instruct the Administration to post the report on the school district website. Motion carried with 6 yeas, 0 nays.

Approve 2011 Illinois District Report Card: Eric Luce moved, seconded by Kathy Jereb to approve the 2011 Illinois District Report Card as presented. Motion carried with 6 yeas, 0 nays.

Approve Extra-Curricular Assignments: Jason Depenbrock moved, seconded by Buffy Hoskins to approve the FY12 Extra-Curricular assignments as presented below with salaries established as per contract Appendix B where applicable, with the exception of Asst. Volleyball Coach. The Asst. VB Coach is a voluntary/unpaid position for the 2011-2012 school year.

2011-2012 Extra-Curricular Positions

8th Grade Sponsor = Wilson
Art Fair Coordinator = Schultz
History Fair = Wilson
Yearbook Sponsor = St. Germain
New Teacher Mentoring Chairperson = Smith
Music Stipend = Smythe
Char. Counts/PBIS Committee = Hellman

Boys Basketball Coach = Jacobson
Asst. Boys Basketball Coach = Guerrero
Girls Basketball Coach = Laio
Asst. Girls Basketball Coach = Hartman
Girls Volleyball = Mitchell
Asst. Volleyball Coach = Jereb
Cheerleading = Golgin

Char. Counts/PBIS Committee = Mitchell
Char. Counts/PBIS Committee = Schultz
Char. Counts/PBIS Committee = Wills
Science Fair Coordinator = Berman

Academic Team Coach = Smith
Coed Track Coach = Adams, K
Coed Asst. Track Coach = Adams, M

Approve the Title I District E-Plan: Buffy Hoskins moved, seconded by Kathy Jereb to approve the updated Title I E-Plan as presented. Motion carried with 6 yeas, 0 nays.

Set Budget Comm. of the Whole Meeting: Jason Depenbrock moved, seconded by Eric Luce to set the Budget Committee of the Whole Meeting for Wednesday, November 2, 2011 at 6 p.m. at Waltham North. Motion carried with 6 yeas, 0 nays.

Other: A Board member passed out copies of two separate articles on Technology and an instructional handout on Dropbox, which is an off-site technology storage site.

Adjournment: Buffy Hoskins moved, seconded by Eric Luce to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried with 6 yeas, and 0 nays. Meeting adjourned at 9:05 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Susan J. Hewitt
Board Secretary

James P. McCabe
Board President