

WALTHAM C.C. ELEMENTARY SCHOOL DISTRICT #185  
**FEBRUARY 18, 2015 REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES**  
South Building – Board Room

Board President Jim McCabe called the Waltham Elementary School Board meeting of February 18, 2015 to order at 6:02 p.m.

**Roll Call:** Board Members present: Jason Depenbrock, Buffy Hoskins, Kathy Jereb, Michael Roebuck, Brian Shofner, Jeff Whalen and Jim McCabe  
Board Members Absent: None

**Also Present:** Mrs. Kristine Eager, Principal, and Mrs. Melanie Lukacsy, Asst. Principal

**Pledge of Allegiance:** All

**Visitors:** Jill Urban-Bollis (Parent), Rhonda Aimone (Parent), AJ Bollis (Student Council), Tom Collins (News-Tribune), Kathy Schultz (Teacher), Amber Backus (Teacher Rep), Prudence Halm (Parent), Jayne Henry (Parent), Andy Cawley (District Tech Coord.), and Tina Hardy (Parent).

**Approval of Consent Agenda:** Jeff Whalen moved, second by Brian Shofner to approve:

- Regular & Executive Board January 21, 2015,
- District Bills,
- Treasurer's Report.

Roll Call Vote: "Yeas" – Jason Depenbrock, Buffy Hoskins, Kathy Jereb, Michael Roebuck, Brian Shofner, Jeff Whalen and Jim McCabe. "Nays" – None. Motion carried with 7 yeas, 0 nays.

**Reports, Updates and Informational Items:**

1. BOARD SALUTE – ANDREW CAWLEY
2. Student Council – AJ Bollis, Vice-President informed those in attendance about the fundraiser, Pasta for Pennies for the Leukemia & Lymphoma Foundation through Olive Garden; the History Fair will be February 25<sup>th</sup>, the Science Fair February 27<sup>th</sup> and the Chess Club has started meeting.
3. Teacher Presentation-PBIS Presentation – Mrs. Kathy Schultz, Art Teacher, presented the results of the PBIS walkthrough that had been conducted in both buildings. Overall, the District is doing great.
4. Board/Parent/Community Committee Update – Mr. McCabe reported the Committee had met once more and developed a summary that all Board Members were in possession of. The recommendations will be discussed with Dr. Carlton upon his return.
5. Facilities – Mrs. Eager reported: after meeting with Roger Hegland and Rick Maltas, there have been no major issues in either building; Administration will be looking into the Government grant for lawn care and also will solicit bids from local businesses. Also, the Planning Committee is moving forward with the Building Project and will be meeting Thursday, February 19<sup>th</sup>.
6. Enrollment – Current enrollment is 226 as a family moved back into the District.
7. Board & Staff Dinner Meeting – To be held on Wednesday, March 11, 2015 at 5:30 p.m. at Waltham South.
8. FOIA Request/Response – Mrs. Eager shared the FOIA Request and Response that had been received.
9. Property/Workman's Comp/Board Liability Coverage – The District will be bidding this insurance.
10. Set Graduation Date – Consensus of the Board is to set the date for Wednesday, May 27, 2015.
11. 2015-2016 Tentative Calendar – Mrs. Eager presented the tentative calendar to the Board, it needs to be approved by the Calendar Committee before final approval by the Board.
12. Bullying Policy – The IASB PRESS statement is the current policy on Bullying is sufficient and covers cyber-bullying. Mrs. Eager will add verbiage to the next Student Handbook.
13. Change April Board Meeting – Due to the Election and the need for a Reorganization Meeting, Mrs. Eager would like to change the April meeting to the 29<sup>th</sup>.
14. Principal/Asst. Principal Report – Mrs. Lukacsy: Congratulations to Katie Stoneking on 1<sup>st</sup> Place in the Spelling Bee; Read Across America is scheduled for the week of February 23-27<sup>th</sup>, there will be events during the week and culminate with guest readers on Friday, the 27<sup>th</sup>; and February 17<sup>th</sup> will be a minor/major free celebration at both buildings. Mrs. Eager reported they are on the E-Rate bids which take 28 days.

- a. Kindergarten Round-Up – 21 students have been registered for next school year.

**Other:** IASB Spring Dinner Reminder – please make your reservation with Mrs. Hewitt, ASAP.

**Action Items Prior to Executive Session**

**7.1 Set Board & Staff Dinner Meeting Date:** Kathy Jereb moved, second by Jeff Whalen to set Wednesday, March 11, 2015 at 5:30 p.m. at Waltham South as the Annual Board & Staff Dinner Meeting. Motion carried with 7 yeas, 0 nays.

**7.2 Authorize Administration to Let Property/Workman’s Comp/Board Liability Coverage to Bid:** Jeff Whalen moved, second by Buffy Hoskins to authorize Administration to let for bid the Property Casualty Insurance/Workman’s Compensation /School Board Legal Liability Coverage. Motion carried with 7 yeas, 0 nays.

**7.3 Set 2015 Graduation Date:** Kathy Jereb moved, second by Michael Roebuck to set Wednesday, May 27, 2015 at 7 pm. at Waltham South as 8<sup>th</sup> grade Graduation. Motion carried with 7 yeas, 0 nays.

**7.4 Change the April, 2015 Board Meeting:** Buffy Hoskins moved, second by Michael Roebuck to change the Regular School Board Meeting from Wednesday, April 15, 2015, to Wednesday, April 29, 2015 at 6 p.m. at Waltham South. Motion carried with 7 yeas, 0 nays.

**Executive Session:** Jason Depenbrock moved, second by Buffy Hoskins to adjourn to Executive Session to discuss appointment, employment, compensation, performance or dismissal of specific personnel. 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(1) at 6:58 p.m. Motion carried with 7 yeas, 0 nays.

**Closed Meeting Roll Call:** “Yeas” – Jason Depenbrock, Buffy Hoskins, Kathy Jereb, Michael Roebuck, Brian Shofner, Jeff Whalen and Jim McCabe. “Nays” – None.

**Motion to Return to Open Session:** Jason Depenbrock moved, second by Brian Shofner to return to Regular Session at 7:13 p.m. Motion carried with 7 yeas, 0 nays.

**Action Items After to Executive Session:**

**9.1 AD Resignation:** Jeff Whalen moved, second by Brian Shofner to accept the resignation of Ms. Erin Duffy as Athletic Director effective the end of the 2014-2015 School Year. Motion carried with 7 yeas, 0 nays.

**9.2 Approve Family Medical Leave Request:** Brian Shofner moved, second by Buffy Hoskins to approve the Family Medical Leave Request of Mrs. Melanie Lukacsy, Asst. Principal from April 2, 2015 until four weeks prior to the start of the 2015-2016 school year as presented. Motion carried with 7 yeas, 0 nays.

**Motion to Adjourn:** Jeff Whalen moved, second by Jason Depenbrock at 7:15 p.m. Motion carried with 7 yeas, and 0 nays.

Respectfully Submitted,

Susan J. Hewitt  
Board Secretary

James P. McCabe  
Board President