

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

Board President Jim McCabe called the Waltham Elementary School Board meeting of March 18, 2015 to order at 8:00 p.m.

Roll Call: Board Members present: Jason Depenbrock, Kathy Jereb, Brian Shofner, Jeff Whalen and Jim McCabe

Board Members Absent: Buffy Hoskins, and Michael Roebuck

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

Pledge of Allegiance: All

Visitors: Louis Lukacsy (Asst. Principal's Husband), Alice Westbrook (Paraprofessional), Tyler Finley (Teacher), Amber Backus (Teacher), Erin Duffy (Teacher), Eric Bara (Teacher), Sally Grubar (Teacher Rep), Diane Siembab (Teacher), Rick Maltas (Custodian), Carrie & Malcolm Roebuck (Family), Jill & AJ Bollis (Family), Roger Hegland (Custodian), Rick Hardy (Future Board Member), Amy Jaronski (Teacher), Jackie Lucio (Teacher), Ann Baumgarten (Teacher) Elaine Wasilewski (Teacher), Linda Moyer-Halm (Resident of Utica).

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

- Regular & Executive Board February 18, 2015,
- Regular Building & Grounds Comm. of the Whole March 9, 2015,
- Regular Personnel Comm. of the Whole March 11, 2015,
- District Bills,
- Treasurer's Report,
- Approve payment of April, 2015 bills as needed with Bill Report to be presented at the Regular April 29, 2015 Board Meeting,
- Approve NCIMD Milk Bid for the 2015-2016 school year as presented.

Roll Call Vote: "Yeas" – Jason Depenbrock, Kathy Jereb, Brian Shofner, Jeff Whalen and Jim McCabe. "Nays" – None. Motion carried with 5 yeas, 0 nays.

Reports, Updates and Informational Items:

1. Student Council – AJ Bollis, Vice-President informed those in attendance that Ms. Berman's 7B won the Pasta for Pennies fundraiser and will receive an Olive Garden lunch-total amount raised in grades 3-8 was \$787.82; and the Student Council is working on a Waltham Pride initiative to encourage students to take pride in their school.
2. Teacher Presentation-None
3. Facilities – Mr. Hegland reported: North bldg.-a gutter and downspout by the office needed to be replaced and the south building boiler had a leak, which was repaired. Mr. McCabe reported receiving the Health/Life Safety report from the Regional Superintendent and all is clear.
4. Enrollment – Current enrollment is 228, which is up by two as a family moved into the District.
5. Personnel Comm. of the Whole Update – Mr. McCabe thanked the staff members for attending and helping the Board achieve their goals with their suggestions and discussions.
6. Insurance Bids – Only one bid was received.
7. Vision & Mission Statements – Mrs. Eager presented the statements the staff collaborated on.
8. 2015-016 School Calendar – No further changes
9. IASB Spring Dinner Update – Jim McCabe thanked Putnam County School District for hosting the event, many schools are adopting the Vision 20/20 initiative and in the future there will be local presentations.
10. Excellence in Education Nominee's – Kathy Schultz, Amber Backus and Joan Graham
11. Registration Fee's – Staying the same

12. Lawn Mowing Bid – Mr. Hegland mentioned the district mower is about 15 years old and was asked to get additional bids on that along with a cost analysis.
13. Change May Board Meeting – Changed to May 20th due to Graduation.
14. Principal/Asst. Principal Report – Mrs. Lukacsy reported: Mary Claire Tomminello and Jalen Depenbrock were selected for the John Ourth Award; the staff is continuing to work on Best Practices in Literacy; all 19 7th grade students continued on to the Regional History Fair and 15 received a Superior ranking while 4 received Excellent and will compete in Springfield at the State History Fair on May 7th; PARCC testing is underway and the Melikin Puppet show was Friday, March 13th at Waltham North for an all school assembly (the south students were bused to the north building for the show).

Other: A Board member asked for an update on technology and Mrs. Eager commented the Erate 471 was just filed and the district has a contract to move forward with fiber which will be \$2,000 cheaper and a portion should be erate-able.

Action Items Prior to Executive Session

7.1 Approve Vision & Mission Statements: Jeff Whalen moved, second by Kathy Jereb to approve the Vision & Mission Statements as presented. Motion carried with 5 yeas, 0 nays.

7.2 Approve 2015-2016 School Calendar: Jeff Whalen moved, second by Brian Shofner to approve the 2015-2016 School Calendar as presented. Motion carried with 5 yeas, 0 nays.

7.3 Approve 2015-2016 Registration Fee's: Kathy Jereb moved, second by Brian Shofner to approve the 2015-2016 School Registration Fee's as presented. Motion carried with 5 yeas, 0 nays.

7.4 Authorization to Advertise for Lawn Mowing Bids: Jeff Whalen moved, second by Kathy Jereb to authorize Administration to advertise for bids for lawn mowing services, and to get bids and a cost analysis for a new mower. Motion carried with 5 yeas, 0 nays.

7.5 Employment of Contractual Continued Service Employee: Jeff Whalen moved, second by Brian Shofner that Ms. Kathy Schultz has completed her fourth year and is hereby granted Contractual Continued Service for the 2015-2016 school year. Motion carried with 5 yeas, 0 nays.

7.6 Employment of Probationary Certified Personnel: Jeff Whalen moved, second by Jason Depenbrock the following are to be re-employed for the 2015-2016 school year with salary as per contract and/or established by the Board:

- 1) Third year teacher Tyler Finley
- 2) Third year teacher Eric Bara
- 3) Third year teacher Amber Backus
- 4) First year teacher Antoinette Calhan
- 5) First year teacher Amy Jaronski
- 6) First year teacher Jackie Lucio
- 7) First year teacher Caryn Pursley

Motion carried with 4 yeas, 1 nay.

7.7 Change May Board Meeting Date: Jason Depenbrock moved, second by Brian Shofner to change the May Board meeting to Wednesday, May 20, 2015 at 6 pm at Waltham South. Motion carried with 5 yeas, 0 nays.

7.8 Insurance Bids: Jason Depenbrock moved, second by Jeff Whalen to approve Ramza Insurance Property/Liability Insurance package of \$13,507, and Ramza Insurance Workman's Comp. Insurance package of \$13,923. Roll Call Vote: "Yeas" – Jason Depenbrock, Kathy Jereb, Brian Shofner, Jeff Whalen and Jim McCabe. "Nays" – None. Motion carried with 5 yeas, 0 nays.

Executive Session: Jeff Whalen moved, second by Brian Shofner to adjourn to Executive Session to discuss appointment, employment, compensation, performance or dismissal of specific personnel. 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(1) at 8:28 p.m. Motion carried with 5 yeas, 0 nays.

Closed Meeting Roll Call: Jason Depenbrock, Kathy Jereb, Brian Shofner, Jeff Whalen and Jim McCabe.

Motion to Return to Open Session: Jason Depenbrock moved, second by Brian Shofner to return to Regular Session at 9:42 p.m. Motion carried with 5 yeas, 0 nays.

Action Items After to Executive Session:

9.1 Employment: Jeff Whalen moved, second by Kathy Jereb to approve the employment of Ms. Jaime Voss as long-term paraprofessional for the remainder of the 2014-2015 school year effective March 16, 2015 with a salary of \$12.67/hour with hours to be determined. Motion carried with 5 yeas, 0 nays.

9.2 Non-Renewal: Jeff Whalen moved, second by Kathy Jereb to adopt the Resolution Authorizing Non-Renewal and Dismissal of second year probationary teacher, Ms. Erin Duffy, P.E./Health Teacher, as presented. Roll Call Vote: "Yeas" – Jason Depenbrock, Kathy Jereb, Brian Shofner, Jeff Whalen and Jim McCabe. "Nays" – None. Motion carried with 5 yeas, 0 nays.

9.3 Resignation: Jeff Whalen moved, second by Kathy Jereb to accept, with regret, the resignation of Ms. Caryn Pursley, 4th grade teacher, at the end of the 2014-2015 school year. Motion carried with 5 yeas, 0 nays.

Motion to Adjourn: Jeff Whalen moved, second by Kathy Jereb at 9:46 p.m. Motion carried with 5 yeas, and 0 nays.

Respectfully Submitted,

Susan J. Hewitt
Board Secretary

James P. McCabe
Board President