

WALTHAM C.C. ELEMENTARY SCHOOL DISTRICT #185  
**NOVEMBER 19, 2014 REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES**  
South Building-Board Room

Board President Jim McCabe called the Waltham Elementary School Board meeting of November 19, 2014 to order at 6:00 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:** Dr. Larry Carlton, Interim Supt., Mrs. Kristine Eager, Principal, and Mrs. Melanie Lukacsy, Asst. Principal

**Pledge of Allegiance:** All

**Visitors:** Mike Adams (Parent), Jayne & Mark Henry (Parents), Angie Hartman (Parent), Jill & AJ Bollis (WEEF VP and Student Council Rep), Amy Weber (Parent), Diane Siembab (Teacher Rep), Tom Collins (News-Tribune), Mehgan Haage (PTCC President), Jen & Matthew Cetwinski (Parents), Rhonda Aimone (PTCC Treasurer).

**Student Council Update:** AJ Bollis, Student Council Vice-President updated the Board on the current happenings: Spirit Week and the Food Drive that is getting underway.

**Approval of Consent Agenda:** Jeff Whalen moved, second by Buffy Hoskins to approve:

- Regular & Executive Board October 15, 2014,
- Special Board November 10, 2014,
- Treasurer's Report,
- IASB PRESS Policies-2<sup>nd</sup> Reading,
- Approve Asphalt Bid

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 – Amy Weber
2. Facilities – Mrs. Eager reported: she will be having monthly meetings with Roger Hegland and Rick Maltas; everything is in good working order; we are ready for snow after the plow gets put on the mower; would like to look into a new mower in the future, the current one is 15 years old and repairs are needed – possibly a Government program; and shelves are needed in the locker room at the south building for better storage as a result of the inspection by the State Fire Marshal.
3. Enrollment – Current enrollment is up by two and is 227.
4. Teacher Presentation – None
5. Tentative Tax Levy – Dr. Carlton presented his tentative FY16 Budget, along with the Tentative FY14 Tax levy. There will need to be a Truth in Taxation Hearing as the Levy is 14.62%.
6. Parent Conference Update – The survey results were presented and there will be a committee meeting consisting of administration and a teacher from each grade level to see if any changes need to be made.
7. School Report Card – Mrs. Eager presented the School Report Card, and while the district average is over the State average, the ISAT scores are down due to the new cut scores. These issues will be resolved once the curriculum is completely aligned with the Common Core.
8. Staff Turnovers – After questions from a staff member last month, Mrs. Eager presented a spreadsheet depicting which staff members have left, and the reason on file.
9. Board Retreat – Mr. McCabe informed the board the retreat date will be Tuesday, January 6, 2015 at 6 p.m. at Waltham South. Ms. Laura Martinez from IASB will be sending out a questionnaire that will need to be filled out and sent back promptly in order for the results to be tallied.
10. Wireless Service/Opportunity – Mrs. Eager explained the problems the North building has been experiencing with the Internet and the history of ways the District has tried to get it fixed in the past few years.

11. Principal/Asst. Principal Report – Mrs. Lukacsy reported: the Jr. High Band went to LP for Band Night; the Fall Festival was well attended; Parent-Teacher Conferences have concluded; Ag in the Classroom has started in 4<sup>th</sup> grade; Thanksgiving Break is coming up along with the Winter Programs; the 8<sup>th</sup> grade Girls Basketball team placed 2<sup>nd</sup> in the Vermillion Conference Tournament; Boys Basketball has started and the 7<sup>th</sup> grade is working hard on History Fair.

**Other:** Mr. McCabe read a statement from the Board in regards to an anonymous letter the members had received. As the Board does not address anonymous letters, there will be a committee forming with two Board members, WEEF & PTCC rep's and possibly two parents for a venue to bring up neutral solutions.

A Board member asked if there are no Government funds to help with a new mower at north, could we please look into hiring it out instead of Mr. Hegland doing it. The agreement the district has with the Township is Waltham mows and they do our plowing.

### **Action Items Prior to Executive Session**

**7.1 Approve the Tentative FY14 Tax Levy:** Jeff Whalen moved, second by Brian Shofner to approve the Tentative FY14 Tax Levy as presented. Motion carried with 7 yeas, 0 nays.

**7.2 Set Truth in Taxation Hearing:** Jason Depenbrock moved, second by Brian Shofner to set Wednesday, December 17, 2014 at 5:45 p.m. at Waltham North as the Truth in Taxation Hearing. Motion carried with 7 yeas, 0 nays.

**7.3 Change Board Meeting Location:** Jeff Whalen moved, second by Kathy Jereb to change the December 17, 2014 Board Meeting to Waltham North. Motion carried with 7 yeas, 0 nays.

**7.4 Approve School Report Card:** Buffy Hoskins moved, second by Jeff Whalen to approve the School Report Card as presented. Motion carried with 7 yeas, 0 nays.

**7.5 Set Board Retreat Date:** Kathy Jereb moved, second by Michael Roebuck to set Tuesday, January 6, 2015 at 6 p.m. at Waltham South as the Board Retreat date. Motion carried with 7 yeas, 0 nays.

**Executive Session:** Jeff Whalen moved, second by Jason Depenbrock to adjourn to Executive Session to discuss appointment, employment, compensation, performance or dismissal of specific personnel. 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(1) at 7:07 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 Jeff Whalen to return to Regular Session at 7:20 p.m. Motion carried with 7 yeas, 0 nays.

### **Action Items After to Executive Session**

**9.1 Resignation:** Jeff Whalen moved, second by Kathy Jereb to accept the resignation of Ms. Erin Duffy as the 5<sup>th</sup>/6<sup>th</sup> Girls Volleyball Coach as presented. Motion carried with 7 yeas, 0 nays.

**9.2 Employment:** Brian Shofner moved, second by Brian Shofner to employ Mrs. Amy Weber as 5<sup>th</sup>/6<sup>th</sup> Girls Volleyball Coach for the 2014-2015 School Year with salary as per Appendix B of the Contract. Motion carried with 7 yeas, 0 nays.

**Motion to Adjourn:** Jeff Whalen moved, second by Brian Shofner at 7:25 p.m. Motion carried with 7 yeas, and 0 nays.

Respectfully Submitted,

Susan J. Hewitt  
Board Secretary

James P. McCabe  
Board President