

WALTHAM C.C. ELEMENTARY SCHOOL DISTRICT #185
SEPTEMBER 24, 2014 REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES
South Building-Board Room

Board President Jim McCabe called the Waltham Elementary School Board meeting of September 24, 2014 to order at 6:02 p.m.

Roll Call: Board Members present: Jason Depenbrock, Buffy Hoskins, Kathy Jereb, Michael Roebuck, Brian Shofner, and Jim McCabe

Board Members Absent: Jeff Whalen

Also Present: Mrs. Kristine Eager, Principal, Dr. Larry Carlton, Interim Supt., and Mrs. Melanie Lukacsy, Asst. Principal

Pledge of Allegiance: All

Visitors: Mike & Kristin Adams (Parents), Tom Collins (News-Tribune), Rhonda Aimone (PTCC), Nichole St. Germain (Teacher), Ann Baumgarten (Teacher), Anna Jereb (Student), Jill & AJ Bollis (Family), Tina Hardy (Parent), Seth Ludford (Student), Nathan Jungers (Unimin), Jamie, Christy & Jack Wallace (Family), Antoinette Calhan (Teacher Rep), Eric Bara (Teacher), Nichole & Emma Mertes (Family), Prudence Halm (PTCC), Deanna Leifheit (Parent), Wendy & Brianna Woulfe (Family), Angie & Addison Lee (Family) and Angie & Tyler Hartman (Family), Mary Steinbach (Parent), Mehgan Haage (PTCC), and Missy George (Parent).

Unimin: The Board was presented with a check from Mr. Nathan Jungers, Plant Manager of Unimin-Utica Plant for the amount of \$44,283, which has paid for the schools Chromebooks for grades: 1, 2, 3, and 4.

Parent: Mrs. Kristen Adams read a letter into the record stating their displeasure in where Waltham's Spring Break was scheduled. Mr. McCabe thanked her and reiterated the District's position of taking that into future consideration.

Parent: Mrs. Jill Urban-Bollis thanked Mr. Bara and all of the teachers for everything they have done for the District students.

PTCC: The officers present were introduced and Mrs. Eager thanked them for all of the fundraising they do for the students.

WEFF: The officers present were introduced and Mrs. Urban-Bollis gave a brief overview of what has been accomplished so far, and what the future plans include.

Approval of Consent Agenda: Buffy Hoskins moved, second by Michael Roebuck to approve:

- Regular & Executive Board August 20, 2014,
- Regular Bldg & Grnds Comm. of the Whole September 2, 2014
- Regular Bldg & Grnds Comm. of the Whole September 9, 2014
- District Bills,
- Treasurer's Report,
- Destruction of Audio Recordings: Executive Special Board September 6, 2013 and Executive Board October 24, 2014.

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

Reports, Updates and Informational Items:

- A. Teacher Presentation: Mrs. Baumgarten and Miss St. Germain explained how their classrooms are using the Chromebooks while showing a power point presentation of their classrooms demonstrating different ways they are being used, and Mrs. Pursley's 4th grade class using the Chromebooks.

- B. Student Council: Mr. Bara introduced this year's Student Council Representatives-two from each grade 5th through 7th and the 8th grade class officers.
1. Facilities – Mrs. Eager reported the North bathrooms have been completed and there have been no issues so far in either building.
 2. Enrollment – Current enrollment is 225.
 3. Old Library Books – Mrs. Eager asked for the Board's permission to donate out of date, extremely old library books. She will contact the Utica Library as they have a town they donate books to.
 4. Application for Recognition – Annual state survey, and the District is in compliance.
 5. Admin. Salary & Compensation Report – Annual report that will be posted to the website.
 6. Board Retreat Date – Consensus is for Tuesday, October 14, 2014 at 6 p.m. at Waltham South.
 7. Principal/Asst. Principal Report – Mrs. Lukacsy update the Board on the District Facebook page; the PBIS ice cream celebration and the first Jr. High Dance (grades 6-8) will be held on Friday, September 26, 2014 from 3-5 p.m. at Waltham North.

Other: A. Discussion was held on a letter the Board received from the Pode family.

B. The Board each received a copy of the Annual Audit from Hopkins & Associates. It has been filed with the state and Mr. Hopkins will be at the October Board meeting to officially present it.

C. Mr. McCabe recognized Jason Depenbrock and Jeff Whalen who were recognized as Master Board Members at the Fall Dinner Meeting of the IASB which was held on September 11, 2014.

Action Items Prior to Executive Session:

7.1 Approve FY15 Budget: Buffy Hoskins moved, second by Jason Depenbrock to approve the FY15 Budget as presented. Roll Call Vote: "Yeas" – Jason Depenbrock, Buffy Hoskins, Kathy Jereb, Michael Roebuck, Brian Shofner, and Jim McCabe. "Nays" – None. Motion carried with 6 yeas, 0 nays.

7.2 Approve Application for Recognition: Brian Shofner moved, second Kathy Jereb to approve the FY15 Application for Recognition of Public Schools as presented. Motion carried with 6 yeas, 0 nays.

7.3 Approve Admin. Salary Compensation & Benefit Report: Buffy Hoskins moved, second by Kathy Jereb to approve the 2014 Administration Salary Compensation and Benefit Report as presented. Motion carried with 6 yeas, 0 nays.

7.4 Set Board Retreat Date: Jason Depenbrock moved, second by Brian Shofner to set Tuesday, October 14, 2014 at 6 p.m. at Waltham South as the Board Retreat date. Motion carried with 6 yeas, 0 nays.

Executive Session: Buffy Hoskins 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 7:03 p.m. Motion carried with 6 yeas, 0 nays.

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

Motion to Return to Open Session: Jason Depenbrock moved, second by Brian Shofner to return to Regular Session at 7:54 p.m. Motion carried with 6 yeas, 0 nays.

Motion to Adjourn: Michael Roebuck moved, second by Jason Depenbrock at 7:55 p.m. Motion carried with 6 yeas, and 0 nays.

Respectfully Submitted,

Susan J. Hewitt
Board Secretary

James P. McCabe
Board President