

WAKEFIELD COMMUNITY SCHOOL

HEARING AND BOARD MINUTES

September 12, 2007

Three hearings were held prior to the regular meeting with the following board members present: Bartels, Bebee, Christensen, Cloninger, Lunz and Victor. Also present were Superintendent Heimann, Secondary Principal Heitz, Elementary Principal Patzel and Recording Secretary Marcia Kratke. Visitors present were LaVonne Carson, Kathy Muller, and Linda Steinman.

President Lunz conducted a public hearing at 6:45pm to discuss, consider, receive input, and suggested modifications from district patrons relating to the current internet usage/safety policy. There being no suggestions or modifications the hearing was closed at 6:48pm.

President Lunz opened a public hearing at 6:50pm for the purposes of hearing support, opposition, criticism, suggestions or observations from district patrons relating to the adoption of the proposed budget for School Year 2007-2008 and to consider amendments relative to the proposed budget. Dr. Heimann explained the proposed budget expenditures and tax requirements for each fund. All present were given the opportunity to ask questions concerning the proposed budget. There being no other input President Lunz closed the hearing at 7:10pm.

President Lunz conducted a public hearing at 7:10pm for the purposes of hearing support, opposition, criticism, suggestions or observations from district patrons relating to setting the final tax request at a different amount than the prior year tax request. Dr Heimann explained the proposed tax rate of \$1.117042 is 1.3088 cents less than the previous year. There being no other discussion President Lunz closed the hearing at 7:15pm.

The regular meeting was called to order at 7:15pm by President Lunz. President Lunz informed the public of the Open Meeting Laws posted in the meeting room and accessible to all members of the public as required by law. She affirmed that all board members had received notice of the meeting and the meeting notice had been published in a timely manner prior to the meeting date.

LaVonne Carson stated that she thought the transition with the new administration went smoothly.

Kathy Muller thanked the board for budgeting the funds to continue the INELL project. The staff also appreciates the late starts that have been designated this school year for collaboration on various topics.

Linda Steinman expressed gratitude for the non-fiction books that were purchased.

Terri Sampson entered the meeting at 7:30pm.

Motion by Bartels, seconded by Bebee to approve the consent agenda as amended. President Lunz stated the motion and the result of a roll call vote being all ayes, motion carried. Bills were approved for the end of the fiscal year as follows: General \$43,133.61; and Lunch: \$2,177.71. Bills were approved for September as follows: General: \$ 251,764.97; Payroll: \$ 148,971.06; Lunch: \$15,486.55; Cooperative: \$ 6,571.33 and Employee Benefit: \$ 183.60.

Elementary Principal Report

Mr. Patzel reported that 51 students are enrolled in the elementary after-school program. Reading, math, enrichment activities and homework assistance are the areas in which students are being helped.

Parent/Teacher Conferences will be held on Thursday, Sept 27 from 3:00-9:00pm.

Secondary Principal Report

Mr. Heitz stated he has been visiting classrooms at various times during the day. He has seen many positive relationships between teachers and students.

A letter will be sent to all parents concerning access to the new student information system, Power School.

Superintendent Report

Dr. Heimann read a “thank-you” from Mark and Angie Borg.

Due to the early date for the next scheduled board meeting, Dr. Heimann asked the board to move the regular board meeting date to October 15 at 7:00pm to allow time for monthly bills to be received.

Dates for NASB conference in Omaha are Nov. 14-16. Board members who plan to attend need to let Marcia know for reservations.

Committee Reports

Policy: Proposed changes in policies will have the first reading tonight. A schedule has been set for the review of all policies.

Building/Grounds: Information being gathered for replacement of cardiovascular equipment in the activity center. New wall mats are being purchased in the main gym. Companies have been contacted for locker replacement bids. A group of parents and the building/grounds committee will be meeting on Sept. 24 concerning the track issue.

Business/Finance: The committee met and went over the proposed budget extensively before sending it to the board for approval.

Curriculum: Met with the faculty committee and administration on the proposed agenda for the 2-hr. late starts. The committee felt the late starts are very beneficial.

Personnel: A reminder that the next meeting will be Oct. 24 at 4:00pm

Strategic Planning: Distributed possible goals for board consideration. Board members are asked to prioritize them to their top three and return to Dr. Heimann.

Old Business: None

New Business:

Motion by Christensen, seconded by Bartels to exceed the \$1.05 levy limitation by an amount equal to the reduction in State Aid due to the Temporary Aid Adjustment Factor not to exceed \$47,490.05. President Lunz stated the motion and the result of a roll call vote being all ayes, motion carried.

Motion by Victor, seconded by Bebee to approve the proposed budget for the 2007-2008 school year for the following funds: General, Depreciation, Employee Benefit, Contingency, Activities, Special Building, Bond, Lunch, Qualified Capital Purpose Undertaking, Cooperative and Student Fee. President Lunz stated the motion and the result of a roll call vote being all ayes, motion carried.

Motion by Bebee, seconded by Bartels that the property tax request for the General Fund is set at \$1,898,014.22; the tax request for the Bond Fund is set at \$116,195.45 and the tax request for the Qualified Capital Purpose Undertaking Fund is set at \$73,233.08. (A copy of the complete resolution is attached.) After the stated resolution was read the result of a roll call vote being all ayes, the resolution was adopted.

Motion by Bartels, seconded by Cloninger to accept the current internet usage/safety policy with no changes. President Lunz stated the motion and the result of a roll call vote being all ayes, motion carried.

Motion by Bartels, seconded by Christensen to approve the first reading of the Parent Involvement Policy # 1005.03 with the addition of Title III information to parents and waive the second reading of the policy. President Lunz stated the motion and the result of a roll call vote being all ayes, motion carried.

Motion by Christensen, seconded by Cloninger to approve for first reading of updates made to the following policies due to legislative changes: Policy # 402.15, Policy # 410.07, Policy # 415.07, Policy # 503.09, Policy # 705.05, Policy # 706.03, Policy # 804.03, and Policy # 1005.08. President Lunz stated the motion and the result of a roll call vote being all ayes, motion carried.

Motion by Bebee, seconded by Bartels to enter into executive session at 8:24 pm to conduct a student due process hearing. President Lunz stated the motion and the result of a roll call vote being all ayes, motion carried. President Lunz restated the purpose for the executive session.

Motion by Bebee, seconded by Bartels to reconvene into regular session at 9:12pm. President Lunz stated the motion and the result of a roll call vote being all ayes, motion carried.

Motion by Bebee, seconded by Christensen to waive the option enrollment deadline and allow a minor student from Allen to attend Wakefield for the 2007-08 school year. President Lunz stated the motion and the result of a roll call vote being all ayes, motion carried.

Motion by Bartels, seconded by Cloninger to approve a personal leave request for a certified teacher as stated by board policy. President Lunz stated the motion and the result of a roll call vote being all ayes, motion carried.

Motion by Victor, seconded by Bebee to approve the following people as volunteer coaches: Jeff Keagle, Andy Brenn, Wes Blecke. President Lunz stated the motion and the result of a roll call vote being all ayes, motion carried.

Motion by Cloninger, seconded by Bebee to approve Deb Nicholson as the One-Act Play sponsor and Wayne State College students, Mark Young and Jose Hernandez as assistants. President Lunz stated the motion and the result of a roll call vote being all ayes, motion carried.

Motion by Bebee, seconded by Christensen, to enter into executive session at 9:28pm for the purpose of discussing and addressing the concerns from the hearing held previously during the meeting. President Lunz stated the motion and the result of a roll call vote being all ayes, motion carried. President Lunz restated the purpose for executive session.

Motion by Bartels, seconded by Christensen to reconvene into regular session at 10:12pm. President Lunz stated the motion and the result of a roll call vote being all ayes, motion carried.

Motion by Bartels, seconded by Cloninger to direct President Lunz to write a response on behalf of the board of education to address the student due process hearing. President Lunz stated the motion and the result of a roll call vote being all ayes, motion carried.

Motion by Christensen, seconded by Bartels to adjourn at 10:21pm. President Lunz stated the motion and the result of a roll call vote being all ayes, motion carried.

Tim Bebee
Secretary

Marcia Kratke
Recording Secretary