

Waverly Community Unit School District #6  
Regular Meeting of the Board of Education  
March 11, 2015  
Waverly High School Faculty Workroom

I. Preliminaries

- A. The Board of Education of Community Unit School District #6, Morgan, Sangamon, and Macoupin Counties, Illinois met for the Regular Session March 11, 2015 at 7 p.m. in the Teacher's Workroom of the Waverly High School.

Board President Nancy Heriford called the meeting to order at 7 p.m. and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited. Upon roll being called, the following members were present: Matt Couturiaux, Valerie Duewer, Nancy Heriford, Mike Keeton, Ted Mies, Joe Sutera, and Gail Turner.

B. Joe Sutera moved, Valerie Duewer seconded to approve the minutes of the Regular Session of February 11, 2015. Roll Call: Ayes: Duewer, Heriford, Keeton, Sutera, Turner and Couturiaux. Mies voted present.

II. Recognition of Audience

- A. Todd Hannah and Alaina Sadoras from Allied Design, along with Frank Marras from BRiC, were here to discuss the building repairs. Bids were opened this afternoon from the contractors. With the predicted \$3.1 Million, the bids were all under that estimate. There is little difference between the two low bids. He recommends we offer the bid to R.L. Vollintine Construction out of Springfield for their bid of \$2,779,023. Within this bid the old boiler will be removed, 3 additional electrical outlets in 17 classrooms, and 5 aluminum ladders for the roof. The work will be done on time. The asbestos bids were extremely high. We will wait until the ceilings are removed and get more bids. The different companies that are included in the general contractor's bid are: EL Pruitt, Electric Birdsley, Geo-Thermal air from Edwardsville, and Alpha Dynamics out of

Springfield. They will get started on the bid drawings as soon as they are approved.

- B. Rachel Chamberlin, 1st grade Teacher, showed the board how she uses the tablets in her classroom. The students have reading related tasks and have independent work using Technology. They read different facts about an animal and learn about them. The students have really enjoyed it.
- C. Brijin Haycraft and Melissa Saxer, 2nd grade Teachers, have been teaching their students about Abraham Lincoln. They went on a field trip to his home, and toured the State Capital, They split 24 kids into 3 groups and they made time lines. The students used books to get the most important facts to put on the timeline. The students love learning about the presidents, the field trip was very educational and the students were well behaved and received compliments on their behavior.
- D. Arnie Rahe, Industrial Arts Teacher, was here to show the board what classes he has to offer. His classes build things and solve problems and do hands on activities. He supports the Wounded Warrior project and does projects to support the American Cancer Society. Many students can't take his class due to scheduling conflicts. Some classes he teaches are Home and Auto, Woodworking, and Engineering. Mr. Rahe has a list of 41 students who want to be in his class. More students would take his class as long as they have the option. Some students came to support Mr. Rahe.
- E. Andrew Fuchs, parent and trade worker, expressed his concern with losing the Industrial Arts Program. He doesn't want to see the loss of the program as that some students won't go to college. Some will become builders, trade workers and mechanics.

### III. Atta Boy/Girl

- A. Jr. High Boys Basketball players: Broc Phillips, Caleb Brimer and Ryan Talbert, received Morgan County All Conference.
- B. 6th Grade Boys Basketball team won the Edinburg Tournament.

- C. Alyssa Ruholl and Samantha Mies made the 7th Grade All Conference Volleyball Team.
- D. Katy Cummins and Madie Nagel made the 8th Grade All Conference Volleyball Team.
- E. Mackenzie Nichols was in the 3 point shootout and made it all the way to Sectionals.
- F. Micah Peebles was the 1st team unanimous pick for MSM All Conference Selection.
- G. Mackenzie Nichols and Tara Sullivan were picked for the 2nd Team MSM All Conference.
- H. Ryan Couturiaux made it to the 3 point shoot out.
- I. Josh Wilson was selected to the 2nd Team MSM All Conference.
- J. Emily Huff was chosen as the SAR Outstanding Citizen Award Winner.
- K. Micah Peebles and Mackenzie Nichols will play in the All-Star Game in Carlinville.
- L. Josh Wilson will play in the All-Star Game in Jacksonville.
- M. Micah Peebles, Mackenzie Nichols and Tara Sullivan will play in the All-Star Game in Jacksonville.
- N. The Football Team placed 3rd in the Maroa Power Lifting Competition.

#### IV. Board Committee Reports

##### A. IASB Meeting Report

1. The Vision 20/20 meeting was a good meeting to network with other members. They went to a forum on funding. Nancy went to a meeting led by Les Stevens. The Review Committee for the Triple I Conference will be this September.
2. The Finance Committee Report met at 6:45. The bills are still in the positive. We may receive the money promised from the State.

#### V. Administrator's Reports

##### A. Junior Senior High School Principal

1. Junior high and high school teachers are currently working together to revise a district wide writing rubric. We are in the process of using

the rubric and making the necessary changes.

2. No Building needs or concerns at this time.
3. Third quarter ends March 13th. The new study hall procedures allowed us to offer ACT prep work for students that were interested. 15 students took advantage of the opportunity. The ACT will be given on March 17th.
4. Both the High School Girls Basketball Regionals and High School Boys Basketball Regionals were well attended. Jr High Volleyball is wrapping up their season and Jr High Track will start mid-March. HS Track, softball and baseball seasons all began practice the first week of March. We had an all sports co-op meeting on March 5th to continue working out some of the logistics of becoming one sports unit. Planning such as Homecoming and Sr. Night. No Summer League will be played at the school this year. The Board would like to be made aware when someone is selling T-shirts with the new Viper Logo so they have the opportunity to purchase also.

#### B. Superintendent/Pre-K-5 Principal

1. Dr. Deb Rust states that there is a big push for Vision 20/20. There is a new licensing bill. If you receive a teaching certificate in another state, then Illinois should honor that certificate.
2. The 1% sales tax should be expanded to support technology purchases.
3. Vision 20/20 is requesting that a current educator sit on the State Board.
4. There are many unfunded mandates. In the last 10 years, 140 laws have been pushed onto schools. Unless it is for safety, federal law or Title IX, schools should not be pushed to do it.
5. Cost Shift is a law sitting and ready to go. Michael Madigan is pushing this. This law states that the state will stop paying its portion of TRS and the responsibility for this cost will be placed on the school districts.
6. Andy Manor has a bill known as Senate bill #1. It is the reorganization

of GSA payments heavily based on student poverty numbers.

7. A group called "Raise your hand" is fighting the PARCC testing, stating students should not have to take this test. They also object to other issues such as PE and a teacher's religion.
8. Another bill has passed that the Board can not destroy tapes from the executive meetings for up to 2 ½ years after the meeting.
9. Royell would like to provide internet service to the school. They can offer 2 times the speed and save \$200 a month. Greg Nelson has called Auburn and North Mac and they are very pleased with their service.
10. Dr. Rust has received a report on the Portable Building. Some repairs will be costly so the district needs to decide what to do with it.
11. The job descriptions for janitors and the maintenance director were provided to the board members.
12. The SAPCO Annual Meeting is on March 19th. We are in a KHOLS contract for another year. We will continue to stay a member with SAPCO.

#### VI. Executive Session

- A. Valerie Duewer moved, Mike Keeton seconded to enter into executive session at 8:42 p.m. Roll Call: All ayes.
- B. Mike Keeton moved, Joe Sutera seconded to return to open session at 10:30 p.m. Roll Call: All ayes.

#### VII. Business Items

- A. Joe Sutera moved, Ted Mies seconded to approve the payment of the monthly bills and salaries. Roll Call: All ayes
- B. Joe Sutera moved, Matt Couturiaux seconded to hire Janitor Jonathon Rice for the previous 2015 indoor sports activities. Roll Call: All ayes.
- C. Mike Keeton moved, Joe Sutera seconded to terminate the Industrial Arts program. Roll Call: Ayes: Sutera, Couturiaux, Heriford, Keeton and Mies. Nays: Turner and Duewer

- D. Mike Keeton moved, Joe Sutera seconded to the reduction of personnel for the 2015-2016 School year due to reducing an educational position. Due to less enrollment in the classes, Arnold Rahe, Industrial Arts Teacher, will be dismissed the last day of School for the 2014-2015 School Year. Roll Call: Nays: Turner and Duewer. Ayes: Couturiaux, Heriford, Keeton, Mies and Sutera.
- E. Ted Mies moved, Joe Sutera seconded to approve the Portable Building Inspection Report. Roll Call: All ayes.
- F. Matt Couturiaux moved, Ted Mies seconded to approve the SAPCO Membership and pay the \$100 fee. Roll Call: Ayes: Duewer, Heriford, Mies, Sutera, Turner and Couturiaux. Nays: Keeton.
- G. Valerie Duewer moved, Joe Sutera seconded to approve the low-bid contractor and recommend that they complete the work. The bid was from R.L Vollintine Construction out of Springfield with a bid of \$2,779,023. Roll Call: All ayes.

#### VIII. Discussion

- A. Fee schedules will be viewed next month.
- B. The last day of school will be May 28th. 8th grade promotion will be on Wednesday May 27th at 7 p.m. Repairs will start the next day after 2 p.m.
- C. Joe Sutera had an odd request from a customer. They would like to purchase one of the giant doors from the old boiler.
- D. There are some old spot lights and air conditioners to sell.
- E. A Time Capsule will be put together to put under the gym floor since the new gym floor won't need to be replaced for 70 years. Scottie dog items will be put inside it along with other items.

#### IX. Adjourn

- A. Joe Sutera moved, Matt Couturiaux seconded to adjourn the meeting at 10:49 p.m. Roll Call: All ayes.

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Board President \_\_\_\_\_

Board Secretary \_\_\_\_\_