

# Agenda of Regular

## The Board of Education Waverly Community Schools

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A Regular of the Board of Education of Waverly Community Schools will be held February 11, 2008, beginning at 7:30 PM in the Board Room, 515 Snow Road, Lansing, MI 48917.

The subjects to be discussed or considered or upon which any formal action may be taken are as listed below. Items do not have to be taken in the order shown on this meeting notice.

Unless removed from the consent agenda, items identified within the consent agenda will be acted on at one time.

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**WAVERLY COMMUNITY SCHOOLS  
BOARD OF EDUCATION  
SPECIAL MEETING  
January 14, 2008**

***Opening of Meeting***

The special meeting of the Waverly Community Schools Board of Education was called to order by President John Broughton at 7:00 p.m. in the Board Room of the Administrative Center, 515 Snow Road, Lansing, Michigan.

***Members Present:***

Mr. John Broughton, President  
Mr. Britt Slocum, Vice President  
Mrs. Edith Suttles, Secretary  
Mr. Calvin Jones, Treasurer  
Mr. Don Knechtel, Vice Secretary-Treasurer  
Mrs. Mary Ann Martin, Trustee  
Mrs. Fonda Brewer-Williams, Trustee

***Staff Present:***

Dr. Thomas J. Pillar, Superintendent  
Mrs. Jacklin Blodgett, Asst. Superintendent for Finance & Personnel

***Purpose***

The purpose of the meeting was to discuss a tentative contract agreement between the Waverly Administrators Education Association and the Board of Education.

A motion was presented by Member Knechtel and supported by Member Jones. MOTION: The Board of Education move into closed session for the purpose of discussing a tentative contract agreement.

Roll call vote was taken. Motion carried, with all members present voting aye.

***Adjournment***

The Board returned to open session at 7:17 p.m. and adjourned immediately thereafter.

Respectfully submitted,

Edith J. Suttles, Secretary

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Dr. Thomas J. Pillar, Superintendent  
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Mr. Bruce Johnson, Director of Student Services & Operations  
Mrs. Dorothy Blackwell, Director of Curriculum  
Mr. Rob Spagnuolo, Business Manager  
Karen Burgess  
Gretchen Mikula  
Dave Percival  
Michelle Frederick  
Robert Lurie  
Matt Oppenheim  
Beth Kaiser  
Erin Tembras  
Annita Larson  
Rebecca Pease

***Others Present:***

Andrew Fritz, Student Representative  
Tammie Fields  
Mary Jo White

***Pledge***

Member Brewer Williams led the pledge of allegiance to the flag.

***Special Presentations***

Dr. Pillar recognized Board members as January is School Board Recognition Month. Dr. Pillar stated the foundation of school leadership is ensuring equal learning opportunities for all students. We are proud of our district and School Board Recognition Month is the time to recognize and celebrate the accomplishments of our elected trustees. Waverly's Board members bear the responsibility for an annual budget of \$33 million, 3190 students, 415 employees and seven buildings. Dr. Pillar expressed appreciation for the commitment by not only the Board members, but by their families. Each Board member was presented with a small gift as a token of the district's appreciation.

***Correspondence***

None

***Public Comment***

None

***Student Representative Report***

Student Representative Andrew Fritz reported this week is finals week at the high school. *Aid the Globe* will distribute free coffee during exams and the Spanish Honor Society will have a taco sale after finals. Visions will be sponsoring a bake sale fundraiser. The 2006-07 yearbooks have been distributed. *Midsummer Night's Dream* has been chosen as the spring play to be performed in late March.

***Board Member Comment***

Member Brewer-Williams wished everyone a Happy New Year and thanked Superintendent Pillar and administration for recognizing Board members.

Member Jones also expressed appreciation for the Board recognition, stating he appreciated Board members' families also being recognized. Member Jones reported the Martin Luther King, Jr. luncheon will be held on January 21<sup>st</sup> at the Lansing Center. Tickets are still available. He indicated he will arrive late to the Board's next Professional Development session due to a work commitment.

Member Suttles reported she had received a newsletter from Capital Area Michigan Works, which included information on the Keep Learning campaign, a ten year campaign which includes all of the media outlets in the area. The media outlets are emphasizing the importance of keeping kids in schools as a donation to the community. Member Suttles thanked everyone for their thoughts and prayers in the loss of her husband's brother, noting she greatly appreciated all the cards and well wishes.

Member Knechtel stated he enjoyed great performances by Waverly students during the holiday period. He expressed his deepest sympathy to Edith and Donald Suttles for their loss. Member Knechtel reported he, Member Martin, and Member Brewer-Williams attended the Clark Hill School Board Law and Finance Seminar. He provided President Broughton with a notebook from the seminar for Board members to review. He described the seminar as very educational with valuable networking opportunity. Member Knechtel indicated he would be running for the Board in the upcoming May election. He said he has grown through his experiences on the Board and hopefully looks forward to another four years.

Member Martin stated she enjoyed the School Law and Finance Seminar and said the music collage concert was fabulous. She thanked Dr. Pillar and staff for acknowledging the Board's efforts. Member Martin stated she loves the simplicity of the phrase Keep Learning, noting that is exactly why she goes to seminars and conferences. Member Martin extended her sympathy to Donald and Edith Suttles.

President Broughton thanked the administration for the Board recognition. He stated being a Board member is demanding, but fulfilling and very worthwhile.

***Adoption of Agenda***

A motion was presented by Member Martin and supported by Member Brewer-Williams. MOTION: The Board of Education adopt the meeting agenda as presented.

Motion carried. VOTE: AYES – 7; NAYS – 0.

***\*\*\*Approval of Minutes***

The minutes of the regular meeting of December 10, 2007 and the special meeting of December 19, 2007 were approved as presented.

***High School Program of Studies 2008-2009 – Report #07-42 – For Action***

A motion was presented by Member Knechtel and supported by Member Martin. MOTION: The Board of Education approve the changes to Waverly High School's Program of Studies detailed in Report #07-42.

Motion carried. VOTE: AYES – 7; NAYS – 0.

***Textbook Adoption – World History and Geography – Grade 10 – For Discussion***

Dorothy Blackwell and Robert Lurie discussed with Board members a recommendation to adopt the text, World History, published by Glencoe/McGraw Hill, copyright 2008. World History is a new course at Waverly High School required for graduation as a result of the new Michigan Merit High School graduation requirements. There is currently no textbook for this class. The World History Selection committee reviewed numerous texts, narrowing the field to three. They considered the following to be top priority when examining the texts: readability, rigor, diversity, and support materials. This report will return to the Board in February for approval.

***Policy (Third Reading) – Report #07-43 – For Action***

A motion was presented by Member Jones and supported by Member Brewer-Williams. MOTION: The Board of Education approve Policy 5460 at third reading.

Motion carried. VOTE: AYES – 7; NAYS – 0.

***\*\*\*Financial Recommendation – Report #07-44 – For Action***

The treasurer's report was approved as presented.

***Personnel Summary – For Information***

The Board received information on a probation recommendation for Seth Berg, East Intermediate School teacher; the retirement of Deb Fuentes, Colt Food Service Leader; and an extra-curricular Schedule B stipend.

Member Slocum wished Mrs. Fuentes well in retirement, noting he had great respect for her. His children noted they had "fear and admiration for her" and that she was the "coolest lunch lady ever". Member Suttles congratulated Mrs. Fuentes for her years of service, stating she has many fond memories of their kids going through school together.

***Master Agreement Ratification – Waverly Administrators Education Association – Report #07-45 – For Action***

A motion was presented by Member Knechtel and supported by Member Martin. MOTION: The Board of Education approve the tentative agreement as negotiated between the Waverly Administrators Education Association and the Board of Education.

Member Knechtel requested that the Background Information be changed to read: Negotiations were for salary and benefits, and some language issues.

Motion carried. VOTE: AYES – 7; NAYS – 0.

Member Jones thanked everyone for bringing the contract to fruition.

***Superintendent's Report***

Dr. Pillar announced Waverly's participation in the annual luncheon honoring Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. on Monday, January 21<sup>st</sup> at the Lansing Center will include students, staff, Board members, and citizens.

***Superintendent's Comments (cont.)***

Dr. Pillar reported the Governor's Education Summit will be held on Tuesday, March 4, 2008. The earlybird registration deadline is January 15<sup>th</sup>. The theme of the Summit is *Foundation for a Prosperous Michigan*. Dr. Pillar asked Board members to contact Becky if they wish to attend.

Dr. Pillar announced the next edition of *Waverly Connection* will feature Benjamin Knapp, high school choir director.

Dr. Pillar reported as of January 15<sup>th</sup>, Cable Channel 21 ceases to exist and will be moved to Channel 905. The change was made by Comcast and is happening all over the state. All public access channels will be in the 900 range of channels. Dr. Pillar stated the district has informed the public about the change. Comcast will provide one cable box per building, leaving many televisions per building with no access to this channel. This is a concern to principals. Eldon McGraw continues to be in close communication with Comcast.

Discussion regarding Comcast followed Dr. Pillar's remarks. It was asked if there had been discussion with Delta Township or at the Ingham ISD Round Table meetings; and had the issue of Grand Ledge and Waverly sharing a channel come up. Member Suttles stated she hates to see us roll over on this and that we need, at least, to say something. Member Suttles said she would really like to see the Board say something to Delta Township administration because they are the granting agency.

Dr. Pillar told Board members to mark their calendars for Wednesday, March 20<sup>th</sup> at noon for a meeting between the Student Senate and the Board. He asked Board members to forward topics to him.

Dr. Pillar reported Waverly High School students will be taking exams this week. There will be half-days at the high school on Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday. Because of the new standards, these exams are critical. He wished the students success.

Dr. Pillar reported a need for a student discipline hearing and provided the dates of Thursday, January 17<sup>th</sup> and Tuesday, January 22<sup>nd</sup>, both at 5:30 p.m., for Board members to consider.

Dr. Pillar announced a report had been received from MASA regarding the January Revenue Estimating Conference. There are so many factors that go into this estimate, that, at this point, it is not clear to him what will happen. All the state associations connected with education are recommending a very conservative approach when anticipating next year's budget. He suggested as the Board approaches next year's budget, it be done carefully and conservatively.

Dr. Pillar invited Bruce Johnson to the podium to discuss several issues: ***Repair at the High School*** – The district has received state approval for the project. Construction will begin as soon as the weather breaks into a warmer trend on a consistent basis. ***Special Education Programming*** - Currently there are two basic classrooms at Winans which provide support to students from across the district. These classrooms are experiencing an increase in case load size, impacting programming. A new basic classroom program is being developed at Elmwood to meet the needs of the students in our district. ***Electronic Sign*** – Mr. Cam McComb and Mr. Johnson have been quietly raising funds to purchase an electronic message sign. A price quote has been received from Central Advertising in Lansing to retrofit the current sign. This quote is less than two others received. This company will retrofit a new electronic message center into the current frame. This quote is within the current funds raised to date. The project should be completed in approximately 16 weeks. ***Dedication of the High School Gymnasium*** - Mr. Johnson reported that he has been working with Mrs. Tammie Fields on the dedication of the high school gymnasium in honor of Mr. Phil Odum. This honor will include the following: the placement of eighteen inch letters on the front of the press box and a sign (gold lettering on a black background) to be placed inside the gym at the southeast door indicating the gym to be the **PHIL ODLUM GYMNASIUM**. It was reported by Mrs. Fields that all

***Superintendent's Report (cont.)***

costs will be paid by Mr. John Smoltz. A ceremony will take place on January 25<sup>th</sup> between the girls' and boys' varsity basketball games (approximately 7:00 p.m.)

***Public Comment***

None

***Other Board Business***

Member Suttles reported that on Friday, January 11<sup>th</sup>, she, Jacklin Blodgett, Dorothy Blackwell, Dave Percival, and John Broughton took a field trip to look at an Alternative Education Program in Dearborn Heights' Crestwood School District, a district of approximately 2200, with 800 in the high school. Crestwood School District has contracted with Ombudsman to run a program, which she described as very interesting. There will be a full report coming to the Board and a representative from the company will make a presentation to the Board. Member Suttles stated this program would cover the district's needs in a very comprehensive way.

Member Suttles thanked Dr. Pillar for the recognition of Board service, noting it is always appreciated to have the time put in as community servants recognized.

Member Brewer-Williams reported she attend the Finance and Law Seminar and indicated it was a great opportunity to become informed. Member Brewer-Williams presented a flyer to be distributed to all Board members regarding a meeting to be held on Wednesday, February 6 at 5:30 p.m. in the Pattengill Middle School about the number of black males failing and dropping out of school. The meeting is open to all school districts. The meeting, sponsored by the Black Child & Family Institute and the Greater Lansing Community, is titled *Growing Our African-American Boys*.

Member Slocum stated he would like to see something addressed with the cable franchise. He also stated he is glad an agreement about naming the high school gymnasium was reached.

***Adjournment***

The meeting adjourned at 9:23 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Edith J. Suttles, Secretary

\*\*\*Consent Agenda

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**WAVERLY COMMUNITY SCHOOLS  
BOARD OF EDUCATION  
SPECIAL MEETING  
January 22, 2008**

***Opening of Meeting***

The special meeting of the Waverly Community Schools Board of Education was called to order by President John Broughton at 5:30 p.m. the Board Room of the Administrative Center, 515 Snow Road, Lansing, Michigan

***Members Present:***

Mr. John Broughton, President  
Mrs. Edith Suttles, Secretary  
Mrs. Fonda Brewer-Williams, Trustee  
Mrs. Mary Ann Martin, Trustee

***Member Absent:***

Mr. Calvin Jones, Treasurer  
Mr. Don Knechtel, Vice Secretary-Treasurer  
Mr. Britt Slocum, Vice President

***Staff Present:***

Dr. Thomas J. Pillar, Superintendent  
Mr. Bruce Johnson, Director of Operations & Student Services  
Mr. Tracy Thomas  
Mr. Tony Terranova

***Others Present:***

Parents  
Student A

***Purpose***

The purpose of the meeting was a student discipline hearing for a Waverly High School student.

***Motion to Close Meeting***

A motion was presented by Member Jones and supported by Member Brewer-Williams. MOTION: The Board of Education close the meeting, at the request of the parents, to discuss the incident resulting in the discipline hearing.

Motion carried. Roll call vote: AYES – Members Broughton, Brewer-Williams, Martin, and Suttles. NAYS – None. ABSENT: Members Jones, Knechtel and Slocum.

***Discussion***

The Board, administration, student, and parents discussed the disciplinary incident involving the student.

***Motion to Expel***

The Board returned to open session at 6:50 p.m. A motion was presented by Member Brewer-Williams and supported by Member Martin. MOTION: The Board of Education adopt the resolution to expel the student from the Waverly Community Schools for no less than 180 days.

Motion carried. VOTE: AYES – 4; NAYS – 0; ABSENT: Members Jones, Knechtel, and Slocum

***Adjournment***

The meeting adjourned at 6:51p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Edith J. Suttles, Secretary

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**WAVERLY COMMUNITY SCHOOLS  
BOARD OF EDUCATION  
SPECIAL MEETING  
January 28, 2008**

***Opening of Meeting***

The special meeting of the Waverly Community Schools Board of Education was called to order by Secretary Edith Suttles at 9:09 a.m. in the Little Theatre of the Waverly Middle School, 620 Snow Road, Lansing, Michigan

***Members Present:***

Mr. John Broughton, President (arrived at 9:30 a.m.)  
Mrs. Edith Suttles, Secretary  
Mr. Calvin Jones, Treasurer (arrived at 9:40 a.m.)  
Mr. Don Knechtel, Vice Secretary-Treasurer  
Mrs. Mary Ann Martin, Trustee  
Mrs. Fonda Brewer-Williams, Trustee

***Member Absent:***

Mr. Britt Slocum, Vice President

***Staff Present:***

Dr. Thomas J. Pillar, Superintendent  
Mrs. Jacklin Blodgett, Asst. Superintendent for Finance & Personnel  
Mrs. Dorothy Blackwell, Director of Curriculum  
Mr. Bruce Johnson, Director of Operations & Student Services  
Dave Percival  
Christopher White  
Chris Barrera  
Brandy Miller  
Jerry Smith  
Tom Glasovatz  
Tracy Thomas  
Vince Perkins  
Gloria Gonzalez  
Mike Moreno  
Valerie Hendrickson-Carr  
Vickie Tisdale  
Peggy Baldwin  
Shawn Talifarro

***Others Present:***

Dr. Jann Jencka

***Purpose***

The purpose of the meeting was Board professional development.

***Adjournment***

The meeting adjourned at 3:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Edith J. Suttles, Secretary

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**WAVERLY COMMUNITY SCHOOLS  
BOARD OF EDUCATION  
SPECIAL MEETING  
January 31, 2008**

***Opening of Meeting***

The special meeting of the Waverly Community Schools Board of Education was called to order by Secretary Edith Suttles at 5:37 p.m. in the Board Room of the Administrative Center, 515 Snow Road, Lansing, Michigan

***Members Present:*** Mrs. Edith Suttles, Secretary  
Mr. Calvin Jones, Treasurer  
Mr. Don Knechtel, Vice Secretary-Treasurer  
Mrs. Fonda Brewer-Williams, Trustee  
Mrs. Mary Ann Martin, Trustee

***Member Absent:*** Mr. John Broughton, President  
Mr. Britt Slocum, Vice President

***Staff Present:*** Dr. Thomas J. Pillar, Superintendent  
Mr. Bruce Johnson, Director of Operations & Student Services  
Mr. Tracy Thomas, High School Deputy Principal  
Mr. Tony Terranova, High School Dean of Students

***Others Present:*** Parents  
Student A

***Purpose***

The purpose of the meeting was a student discipline hearing for a Waverly High School student.

***Motion to Close Meeting***

A motion was presented by Member Martin and supported by Member Brewer-Williams. MOTION: The Board of Education close the meeting, at the request of the parents, to discuss the incident resulting in the discipline hearing.

Motion carried. Roll call vote: AYES – Members Brewer-Williams, Jones, Knechtel, Martin and Suttles. NAYS – None. ABSENT: Members Broughton and Slocum

***Discussion***

The Board, administration, student, and parents discussed the disciplinary incident involving the student.

***Motion to Expel***

The Board returned to open session at 6:34 p.m. A motion was presented by Member Brewer-Williams and supported by Member Martin. MOTION: The Board of Education adopt the resolution to expel the student known as Student A from the Waverly Community Schools for no less than 180 days.

Motion carried. AYES – 5; NAYS – 0; ABSENT: Members Broughton and Slocum.

***Adjournment***

The meeting adjourned at 6:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Donald P. Knechtel, Vice Secretary-Treasurer

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**WAVERLY COMMUNITY SCHOOLS  
BOARD OF EDUCATION  
REGULAR MEETING  
January 14, 2008**

**Report #07-46**

**FOR ACTION**

**Subject:** Textbook Adoption – World History and Geography – grade 10

**Recommendation:**

The Superintendent recommends the Board of Education adopt the text, World History, published by Glencoe/McGraw Hill, copyright 2008.

**Statement of Purpose/Issue:**

World History and Geography is a new course at Waverly High School required for graduation as a result of the new Michigan Merit High School graduation requirements. There is currently no textbook for this class.

**Budget Impact:**

The expenditure is \$22,500 for 300 textbooks. This price quote includes additional resources including, but not limited to, World History Primary Sources CD Rom, Reading Essentials Workbooks, 150 World History Atlases, Exam View Assessment Suite, World History Video Program and Graphic Organizer Transparencies. Additionally, the price quote includes 300 textbooks on CD Rom and 300 passwords to the Glencoe World History On-line textbook. The passwords will never expire. A complete list of included resources is attached to this report.

**Background Information/Historical Perspective:**

The adoption of this textbook is for High School World History. World History and Geography is a course that is now required for graduation as a result of the new Michigan Merit High School Graduation requirements. World History and Geography History replaces Global Studies which was previously required for graduation. World History and Geography has never been taught as a required course at Waverly High School.

The following course description is taken from MDOE's High School Social Studies Content Expectations:

Michigan's World History and Geography takes a global and comparative approach to studying the world and its past to develop greater understanding of the development of worldwide events, processes, and interactions among the world's people, cultures, societies, and environment.

The new social studies content standards were approved in October of this year. These new standards provide a clear road map that guides students, teachers, curriculum directors, and administrators through the k-12 social studies experience. The culmination of this experience is the social studies component of the Michigan Merit Exam. Of the reviewed materials, the Glencoe text best meets the new grade level content standards. This edition of World History identifies and incorporates the new standards.

When examining the texts, the Committee considered the following to be top priorities;

1. Readability. The Glencoe book is assessed to read at grade level. It is logically organized so that students will be able to connect big ideas to main ideas. The book is colorful and has many features that contribute to the overall appeal of the presentation.
2. Rigor. The Glencoe book challenges students at every level of Bloom's Taxonomy. Many activities, such as document based questions, are incorporated into the book and promote the higher level thinking skills.
3. Diversity. The Glencoe book presents that entire scope of our world community in a fair and responsible manner.
4. Support. Additional materials that support essential and English as a Second Language learners was critical to the decision making process.

**Discussion of Options/Alternatives:**

The World History Selection Committee reviewed numerous texts, but the following three books were selected for final consideration. Vendors from each company made a presentation to the committee.

World History & Geography – Glencoe McGraw Hill, copyright 2008

World History: Patterns of Interaction—McDougal-Littell, copyright 2007

World History—Prentice Hall, copyright 2007

***Strategic Plan Reference:** Strategy 1: Curriculum, Assessment and Instruction: We will continue our efforts to provide instruction and assessment that will prepare our students to meet or exceed state standards on all areas tested and demonstrate Waverly Essential Skills.*

**WAVERLY COMMUNITY SCHOOLS  
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REGULAR BOARD MEETING  
February 11, 2008**

**FOR DISCUSSION**

**Subject:** Textbook Adoption—Economics—grade 11

**Recommendation:**

The Superintendent recommends the Board of Education adopt the text, Economics: Principles and Practices, published by Glencoe/McGraw Hill, copyright 2008.

**Statement of Purpose:**

To provide a textbook which aligns with the new social studies content standards.

**Budget Impact:**

The expenditure is \$10,890 for 150 textbooks. This price quote includes additional resources including, but not limited to, Student Works Plus on DVD, Reading Essentials Notetaking guide, Exam View Assessment Suite, Graphic Organizer Transparencies. Additionally, the price quote includes 150 textbooks on CD Rom and 150 passwords to the Glencoe Economics On-line textbook. The passwords will never expire. A complete list of included resources is attached to this report.

**Background Information/Historical Perspective:**

Economics is a one semester course that is required for graduation per the Michigan Merit High School Graduation requirements. The following course description is taken from MDOE's High School Social Studies Content Expectations:

Understanding economics...is becoming essential for citizens in our national and increasingly interconnected world economy. Increasingly, productive members of society must be able to identify, analyze, and evaluate the causes and consequences of individual economic decisions and public policy including issues raised by constraints imposed by scarcity, how economics and markets work, and the benefits and costs of economic interaction and interdependence.

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- 2 Rigor. The Glencoe book challenges students at every level of Bloom's Taxonomy. Many activities, such as document based questions, are incorporated into the book and promote the higher level thinking skills.
- 3 Grade level appropriateness. Some school districts are opting to Economics at the freshman level. These texts are too simplistic for 11<sup>th</sup> grade students.
- 4 Connection to new content expectations. The organization of this textbook does the best job of covering the new standards.
- 5 Support. Additional materials that support essential and English as a Second Language learners was critical to the decision making process.

**Discussion of Options/Alternatives:**

The World History Selection Committee reviewed numerous texts, but the following four books were selected for final consideration. Vendors from each company made a presentation to the committee.

Economics: Principles In Action—Pearson Prentice Hall, copyright 2007

Contemporary Economics—Thompson Southwestern, copyright 2008

Economics: Concepts and Choices—McDougal Littel, copyright 2008

Economics: Today and Tomorrow—Glencoe McGraw Hill

**Strategic Plan Reference:** *Strategy #1: Curriculum, Instruction & Assessment: We will continue our efforts to provide instruction and assessment that will prepare our students to meet or exceed state standards on all areas tested and demonstrate Waverly Essential Skills.*

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**FOR INFORMATION\*\*\***

**Subject:           Extended Field Trips**

**Extended Field Proposal**

Benjamin Knapp, high school choir director, has received administrative approval of an extended field trip proposal to take the Reflections to Camp Highfield for a retreat February 15-17, 2008. Twenty-three students and four chaperones will be transported by parents and Mr. Knapp to and from the site. The retreat offers an opportunity for the group to focus on District Festival and the annual Pops Concert. It affords the students time to focus on developing their musical skills and working as a cohesive group. Housing accommodations are two cabins, one for females and one for males, with Camp Highfield serving the meals at the camp's dining hall. The estimated cost per student is \$63.00. Students may use funds from their student fund-raising accounts. If funds are not available in these accounts, then personal payment will be used. Students will not miss any instruction time from school, as they leave at 3:00 p.m. on Friday, and return on Sunday.

LuAnn Stuibel, 8<sup>th</sup> grade science teacher, has planned an extended field trip to Orlando, Florida for 8<sup>th</sup> grade science students. Major places to be visited are Disney's Animal Kingdom, Magic Kingdom, MGM Studios, EPCOT, and Kennedy Space Center. Concepts discussed during the seminars directly correlate with the Middle School science curriculum. The programs offer hands-on opportunities using these concepts in the real world. Students will gain a deeper understanding of the objectives taught in middle school science. They will also grow in the areas of social and personal responsibility as a result of traveling without their parent/guardian. The departure date is March 5<sup>th</sup>, with a return date of March 9<sup>th</sup>. Approximately 60 students, two chaperones, and teachers LuAnn Stuibel, David Pike, and Barbara Tate will travel will travel by air from Detroit to Orlando. The estimated cost per student is \$1,175, with individual families being responsible for payment of the trip. Numerous fundraising opportunities have been made available throughout the year to help defray the cost of the trip. Students will be away from the traditional classroom setting three days.

David Larzelere, high school band director, has planned an extended field trip to Washington, D.C. for the high school marching band to participate in the Washington, D.C. National Memorial Day Parade. The trip will be a unique performing opportunity, and touring the nation's capitol and museum will provide unique learning opportunities for the students. Ninety-six students and fourteen chaperones, along with Mr. Larzelere and Mr. Gorbe, will depart on May 23<sup>rd</sup> and return on May 27<sup>th</sup>, traveling by charter buses. They will stay at the Hilton-Crystal City hotel at the National Airport. The estimated cost per student is \$495 to be paid by the student/family. Four fundraising opportunities were made available to help defray the cost of the trip. Students will be away from the traditional classroom setting one day.

**Strategic Plan Reference:** *Strategy #1: Curriculum, Instruction & Assessment: We will continue our efforts to provide instruction and assessment that will prepare our students to meet or exceed state standards on all areas tested and demonstrate Waverly Essential Skills.*

**WAVERLY COMMUNITY SCHOOLS  
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February 11, 2008**

**Report #07-47**

**FOR ACTION\*\*\***

**Subject:**           **Financial Recommendation**

**Recommendation:**

It is recommended the following be approved:

**Approval of Treasurer's Report:**

The General Fund Financial Report dated January 31, 2008 has been reviewed and it is recommended that the Report be approved. The cash balance as of December 31, 2007 was \$5,018,435.84. Receipts during January 2008 consist of current taxes and other revenues in the amount of \$3,737,535.89 less disbursements during January of \$2,381,638.99 left the district with a General Fund cash balance as of January 31, 2008 of \$6,374,332.74.

**WAVERLY COMMUNITY SCHOOLS  
BOARD OF EDUCATION  
REGULAR BOARD MEETING  
February 11, 2008**

**Report #**

**FOR DISCUSSION**

**Subject: Budget Amendment 2007-2008**

**Recommendation:**

The Superintendent recommends the Board of Education approve the amended 2007-2008 budget showing revenues to be \$31,889,844 with expenditures of \$32,665,570.

**Statement of Purpose/Issue:**

To amend the 2007-2008 budget to reflect the expected revenues and expenditures along with reallocations of monies.

**Budget Impact:**

The adjustments changed the expected June 30, 2008 fund balance to \$5,084,038.

**Background Information/Historical Perspective:**

Board Policy 6231 states any transfer of monies between functions can be done only by formal Board approval.

The adjustments were made for the following:

- Changes in student enrollment
- Revised State Aid and property tax values
- Updated grant awards
- Additional certified staff for math and science at High School
- Additional staff for special education (certified and support)
- Additional reading support staff
- Additional secretarial and data processing support staff
- Addition of courier position
- 5-12 grade tutoring program
- Addition of funds for facilities improvements
- Increases to cost center budgets
- Addition of bus purchases and routing software
- Additional resources for textbook/instructional materials
- Reduction of unemployment expenditures

**Discussions of Options/Alternatives:**

None.

**Rational for Recommendations:**

The recommendations must be done for accounting purposes in order for the budget-by-function to reflect the actual changes.

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**Report #07-48**

**FOR ACTION**

**Subject:            Personnel Summary**

**I. INSTRUCTION AND SUPPORT**

**A.        Employment - Certified**

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Step/Salary</u>	<u>Effective</u>
Amanda Eakin	Elmwood Special Ed Teacher	BA+0, Step 0/\$36,004	2/11/08

**B.        Retirement – Certified**

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Years</u>	<u>Effective</u>
Rachel Edinger	East PE Teacher	30	4/12/08
Theresa Dietiker	Winans Social Worker	28	6/15/08

**FOR INFORMATION**

**A.        Retirement – Non Certified**

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Years</u>	<u>Effective</u>
Susan Owens	East Library Clerk	11.5 years	1/31/08

**B.        Employment – Non Certified**

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Step/Salary</u>	<u>Effective</u>
Jessica Dunn	Colt Preschool Assistant	\$7.50/Hour	1/14/08
Alicia Bowne	Winans Child Care	\$9.00/Hour	1/23/08
Dawn Figgins	MS Lunch Assistant	G/\$9.18	1/23/08
Anne Slocum	Winans One-on-One Paraprofessional	II/\$13.95	1/24/08

**C.        Extra-Curricular Schedule B Stipends**

<u>Name</u>	<u>Assignment</u>	<u>Step</u>	<u>Stipend</u>	<u>Effective</u>
Michelle Huffer	Elmwood School Improvement Co-Chair	¼ of 1	\$330.75	2007-08 Sch. Yr.
Cathy Mosher	Elmwood School Improvement Co-Chair	¼ of 1	\$330.75	2007-08 Sch. Yr.
Lynn Moule	Elmwood School Improvement Co-Chair	¼ of 3	\$385.75	2007-08 Sch. Yr.
Donna Wells	Elmwood School Improvement Co-Chair	¼ of 3	\$385.75	2007-08 Sch. Yr.
Rhonda Berns	Elmwood Student Council Co-Chairperson	3	\$1,723	2007-08 Sch. Yr.
Rhonda Berns	Elmwood Safety Patrol Chairperson	3	\$1,662	2007-08 Sch. Yr.
Lynn Moule	Elmwood Resource for Social Studies Chair	3	\$771	2007-08 Sch. Yr.
Cathy Mosher	Elmwood Resource for Math Chairperson	3	\$771	2007-08 Sch. Yr.
Lucinda Sartor	Elmwood Resource for Science Chairperson	3	\$771	2007-08 Sch. Yr.