

# 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 March 10, 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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  - B. World Language Program Video - Michelle Frederick & Kysha Crenshaw
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**WAVERLY COMMUNITY SCHOOLS  
BOARD OF EDUCATION  
REGULAR MEETING  
February 25, 2008**

***Opening of Meeting***

The regular meeting of the Waverly Community Schools Board of Education was called to order by President John Broughton at 7:34 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  
Mrs. Dorothy Blackwell, Director of Curriculum  
Mr. Rob Spagnuolo, Business Manager  
Karen Burgess  
Jack Vogel  
Matt Oppenheim  
Robert Lurie  
Peggy Baldwin  
Gretchen Mikula  
Rebecca Pease

***Others Present:***

Andrew Fritz, Student Representative  
Faye Thomas  
Tayloire Thomas  
Christopher Harris  
Lana Harris  
Chris Harris  
Sam Feichtenbiner  
Sean Feichtenbiner  
Terry Feichtenbiner  
Cynthia Wetzel  
Bryan Behovitz  
Tyler Haley  
Vernon Hill  
Perrin Paxton  
Dakota Preston  
Larissa Swisk  
Brice Reynolds  
Mary Jo White

***Pledge***

The pledge of allegiance was led by Colt Elementary fourth grade students Bryan Behovitz, Tyler Haley, Vernon Hill, Perrin Paxton, Dakota Preston, Larissa Swisk, and Brice Reynolds.

***Special Presentations***

The first special presentation featured Dr. Peggy Baldwin, principal of Colt Elementary School. Dr. Baldwin stated the students who led the pledge of allegiance are called Conflict Managers. They were

***Special Presentations (continued)***

trained how to use conflict management skills by Colt's physical education teacher, Tammy Pepper. The Conflict Managers can be identified by their bright orange vests and clipboards. They walk around during lunch recess looking for situations they think might result in problems later on. The Conflict Managers work on a rotating schedule with adult lunch assistants. These fourth grade students model the traits of cooperation, active listening, responsibility, problem solving, and integrity which are attributes the school wants all students to develop. Dr. Baldwin reported Colt held its Kindergarten Roundup today, with a very interesting group of parents and young people. There was an orientation meeting for parents and the children participated in kindergarten activities. After 40 years of Colt Elementary being in service, it was noted that generations are returning to the school. Third grade teacher Becky Greisinger participated in the Polar Plunge yesterday. Mrs. Greisinger belongs to a group whose fundraising efforts support Special Olympics. Colt students, through the supervision of the Student Council, raised funds to support Mrs. Greisinger. Dr. Baldwin reported February is Black History Month. Although the school celebrates diversity every day, in February special attention is placed on factual information that may not be known. This year's focus was on special inventions by African Americans. Dr. Baldwin stated that Colt's Bully-free zone has been institutionalized. To keep this in the forefront, fourth grade students heard a presentation by the Bucket Fillers regarding self esteem and avoiding conflict. Colt continues to work on its school accreditation efforts. Dr. Baldwin finished by saying Colt is a great place for kids to be, has a great staff, and is a great place to work.

The second presentation featured high school students Christopher Harris and Tayloire Thomas, who were scholarship winners at the annual Martin Luther King, Jr. luncheon; and Sam Feichtenbiner, Waverly Middle School student, who received third place in the Martin Luther King, Jr. essay contest. Sam read his award-winning essay. Unable to attend was essay contest first place winner, Adam Epstein of Waverly Middle School. Board members congratulated the students. Member Suttles stated she would like all the winners to come back to a meeting to read their essays.

***Correspondence***

Secretary Suttles reported correspondence had been received from Denise Sloan on behalf of the Waverly Band Boosters.

President Broughton reported he had received correspondence from SET-SEG regarding its scholarship program.

***Public Comment***

None

***Student Representative Report***

Student Representative Andrew Fritz reported the choirs, orchestra, and bands will soon be taking part in festival competition. The Black Student Union is hosting a Talent Show which will benefit a charity. Destination Imagination (DI) Region II finals will be held at Holt High School on Saturday, March 8<sup>th</sup>. Students are busy preparing for World Language Night which will be held near the end of March.

***Board Member Comment***

Member Martin stated she has admiration for Mrs. Greisinger "taking the plunge" and for the Colt community supporting her. She said she enjoyed having the Colt kids lead the pledge and hearing Dr. Baldwin's comments about the school. Member Martin indicated there has been good coverage of the Waverly High School basketball program published in the *Lansing State Journal*. She remarked she appreciated the Board's dialogue with the Student Senate, stating the students were thoughtful in their comments.

***Board Member Comment (continued)***

Member Knechtel remarked the Student Senate/Board dialogue was great. The conversation was open and students didn't hold back. He commended the boys' and girls basketball teams for their accomplishments.

Member Suttles thanked Principal Shawn Talifarro at Winans for allowing her to visit the school last week. Mrs. Talifarro took the time to sit down and talk with her and walked with her through the building, visiting classrooms. Member Suttles thanked administration for organizing the Board /Student Senate dialogue session. She stated the turnout was excellent, with good give-and-take between the Senate and the Board. There was in-depth discussion about a variety of issues. Member Suttles thanked Dr. Baldwin for sharing the exciting things that are happening at Colt Elementary.

Member Slocum commended the Martin Luther King Jr. essay winners and suggested the students' essays be displayed online. He reported he attended a music filled night by the middle school bands. Member Slocum apologized for being unable to attend the Board/Student Senate lunch.

Member Jones thanked Dr. Baldwin, parents and students from Colt for participating in tonight's meeting. He thanked administration for bringing back students to lead the pledge at Board meetings. Member Jones congratulated the Martin Luther King, Jr. winners, noting even though the committee has expanded the area of participants, Waverly continues to dominate. He thanked administration for the Board/Student Senate luncheon, stating he appreciates the open dialogue. Member Jones reported February 28<sup>th</sup> is Lauren Aitch Day at MSU and encouraged everyone to contact the Athletic Department to find out details.

Member Brewer-Williams thanked Dr. Baldwin for the excellent work going on at Colt. She acknowledged Tracy Thomas and Yolanda Harris, Waverly staff members, who have served on the Martin Luther King, Jr. luncheon planning committee for years. Member Brewer-Williams stated she enjoyed the Board/Student Senate luncheon. She said there was a candid exchange, and it allowed students to have a voice, a chance to be heard, and bring solutions. She reported she attended the "awesome" Lady Warriors basketball banquet. She thanked coaches Frank Trotter, Dave Thelen and Les Midgett for their efforts. Member Brewer-Williams announced Brooke McComb, Emma Holmi, and Victoria Lane received CAAC academic awards.

***Adoption of Agenda***

A motion was presented by Member Knechtel and supported by Member Martin. 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 special meeting of February 11, 2008 and the regular meeting of February 11, 2008 were approved as presented.

***Curriculum Committee Report***

On behalf of the Curriculum Committee (Edith Suttles, John Broughton and Dorothy Blackwell) Mrs. Blackwell addressed the topics discussed at the committee meeting held at 6:00 p.m. February 25, 2008. Agenda items included discussion of an ACT Prep Course as a Pilot course; discussion of program and curriculum comparisons between the Ombudsman program and the new NEC program; and AdvanceED district accreditation.

***Textbook Adoption – Grade 11 – Economics – Report #07-49 – For Action***

A motion was presented by Member Slocum and supported by Member Martin. MOTION: The Board of Education adopt the text, *Economics: Principals and Practices*, published by Glencoe/McGraw Hill, copyright 2008.

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

***Facilities/Policy Advisory Committee Report***

Member Knechtel reported the Facilities and Policy Advisory Committee (Don Knechtel, Fonda Brewer-Williams, Bruce Johnson, and Tom Pillar) met at 6:00 p.m. on February 25, 2008. Agenda items discussed included alternative education (two programs being considered for alternative education); athletic complex update; Winans entrance; future projects; Policy 5331: Health Needs of Students; and Personal Curriculum (may come in the NEOLA review).

***Finance/Personnel Advisory Committee Report***

The Finance/Personnel Advisory Committee (Britt Slocum, Calvin Jones, Mary Ann Martin, Jacklin Blodgett, and Rob Spagnuolo) met at 6:00 p.m. on February 25, 2008. The agenda items discussed included negotiations for 2008-2009; alternative education; 2007-2008 budget; beverage consortium; purchase of buses; child care and lunch rates; and pay to participate.

***Budget Amendment 2007-2008 – Report #07-50 – For Action***

A motion was presented by Member Slocum and supported by Member Brewer-Williams. MOTION: The Board of Education approve the amended 2007-2008 budget showing revenues to be \$31,889,844 with expenditures of \$32,665,570.

President Broughton thanked administration on behalf of the Board for the attention paid to the budget, noting information was provided and questions answered.

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

***Purchase of Buses – For Discussion***

A recommendation to approve the purchase of five (5) buses from Capital City Bus Sales, through a resolution for participation in the MSBO/MAPT Bus Purchasing program, was presented for discussion. Each bus has a cost of \$75,484, totaling \$377,420 for five (5) buses. This recommendation is in line with the District's current bus replacement schedule. The recommendation will come back for action at the March 10, 2008 Board meeting.

***Alternative Programming – For Discussion***

Discussion was held in each of the three advisory committee meetings regarding alternative programming. Administrators and Board members reviewed information about the two programs being considered by Waverly Community Schools. This information was presented during each advisory committee report, with further discussion taking place during this agenda item. Administration will make a recommendation for the Board to act on at the March 10<sup>th</sup> Board meeting.

***Superintendent's Report***

Dr. Pillar thanked Dr. Baldwin and the Colt students who participated in the Board meeting. He stated Colt is a fun place and a good school with good faculty and support staff. Dr. Pillar stated having Conflict Managers aligns closely with our Character Clusters.

Dr. Pillar reported the Michigan Association of Schools Boards recently acknowledged John Broughton and Britt Slocum for achieving Level One Certification. In addition, John has received the Award of Merit. There will be an award ceremony hosted by the County School Board Association to recognize these accomplishments in the near future.

Dr. Pillar reported Kindergarten Roundup is being held this week at the K-4 elementary schools. Roundup takes place at a different building each afternoon, Monday through Thursday. Another Roundup will be held on April 24<sup>th</sup> from 4:00-7:00 p.m. for students who were unable to attend the February roundup.

Dr. Pillar reported on Wednesday, February 27<sup>th</sup>, a Superintendent's Round Table subcommittee will hear a speaker from Oakpointe talk about the potential for health care pooling in the county.

***Superintendent's Report (continued)***

Dr. Pillar announced a press conference will be held on Thursday, February 28<sup>th</sup> in the Board Room regarding the Safe Routes to School Grant. He will be joined by Richard Watkins, Delta Township Manager, and Blair Ballou, Eaton County Road Engineer/Manager.

Dr. Pillar reported he and four Board Members will be attending the Governor's Education Summit on Thursday, March 4<sup>th</sup> at the Lansing Center.

Dr. Pillar announced he will be speaking to the Delta Lions Club on Thursday, March 6<sup>th</sup> at the Ingham Assisted Living Facility as a part of his community outreach plan.

Dr. Pillar reported the Waverly Girls' basketball team won the district tournament and will play at Vicksburg High School on Tuesday, February 26<sup>th</sup> in regional competition at 8:00 p.m. If they win that game, they would play on Thursday night at 7:00 p.m. in Vicksburg for the regional championship. The boy's basketball team is playing Haslett at DeWitt tonight in its first game of district tournament action.

Dr. Pillar also reported the hockey team had an outstanding season, one student qualified for the state bowling competition, and cheerleaders are taking part in regional competitive cheer.

Dr. Pillar announced the February student count shows a gain of five students since the fall count of 3,183.

Dr. Pillar announced he will ask the Board to consider one year contract extensions for the building administrators, Cabinet and superintendent at the next Board meeting.

Dr. Pillar reminded Board members that the Delta Side Business Expo is Saturday, March 1<sup>st</sup> at Waverly High School

Dr. Pillar reported administration continues to meet with teacher leaders called Setting the Stage for Success. He described these meetings as very productive and positive.

***Public Comment***

Addressing the Board during Public Comment was Jane Rudisill.

***Other Board Business***

Member Martin requested feedback on how athletic seasons are going since some of them have been switched to different times of the year

Member Suttles stated since the Board is expected to make a decision on an alternative education program, it would be nice if NEC was afforded the courtesy to present information on their new program.

***Adjournment***

The meeting adjourned at 10:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Edith J. Suttles, Secretary

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**WAVERLY COMMUNITY SCHOOLS  
BOARD OF EDUCATION  
SPECIAL MEETING  
March 7, 2008**

***Opening of Meeting***

The special meeting of the Waverly Community Schools Board of Education was called to order by President John Broughton at 7:06 a.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  
Mrs. Mary Ann Martin, Trustee  
Mrs. Fonda Brewer-Williams, Trustee

***Member Absent:***

Mr. Don Knechtel, Vice Secretary-Treasurer

***Staff Present:***

Dr. Thomas J. Pillar, Superintendent  
Mrs. Jacklin Blodgett, Asst. Superintendent for Finance & Personnel  
Mr. Bruce Johnson, Director of Student Services & Operations  
Mrs. Dorothy Blackwell, Director of Curriculum  
Rebecca Pease

***Others Present:***

Jane Rudisill, Northeast Eaton Consortium  
Julie Klomp, Northeast Eaton Consortium  
Mary Sherwood  
Kathy Schims  
Denise O'Conner

***Purpose***

The purpose of the meeting was a presentation of the Northeast Eaton Consortium. Discussion of the Ombudsman and NEC programs followed the power point presentation by NEC.

***Public Comment***

None

***Adjournment***

The meeting adjourned at 8:30 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Edith J. Suttles, Secretary

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**WAVERLY COMMUNITY SCHOOLS  
BOARD OF EDUCATION  
REGULAR BOARD MEETING  
March 10, 2008**

**Report #07-51**

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

**Subject:           Financial Recommendation**

**Recommendation:**

It is recommended the following be approved:

**Approval of Treasurer's Report:**

The General Fund Financial Report dated February 29, 2008 has been reviewed and it is recommended that the Report be approved. The cash balance as of January 31, 2008 was \$6,374,332.74. Receipts during February 2008 consist of current taxes and other revenues in the amount of \$4,741,702.17 less disbursements during February of \$3,480,247.05 left the district with a General Fund cash balance as of February 29, 2008 of \$7,635,787.86.

**WAVERLY COMMUNITY SCHOOLS  
BOARD OF EDUCATION  
REGULAR BOARD MEETING  
March 10, 2008**

**Report #07-52**

**FOR ACTION**

**Subject: Purchase of Buses**

**Recommendation:**

The Superintendent recommends the Board of Education approve the purchase of five (5) buses from Capital City Bus Sales, and that the resolution for participation in the MSBO/MAPT Bus Purchasing Program be approved, with a copy affixed to the official minutes of this meeting. (See support material for copy of resolution.)

**Statement of Purpose/Issue:**

The purpose is to replace five (5) buses, which is in line with the District's current bus replacement schedule.

**Budget Impact:**

Each bus has a cost of \$75,310, totaling, \$376,550 for five (5) buses.

**Rationale for Recommendation:**

The specifications for the buses were developed by the District's Transportation Director and mechanic. These specifications were also reviewed with Waverly administrators.

The District has used the MSBO/MAPT Bus Purchasing Program to obtain bids for the five (5) buses. A Bus Purchase Bid Sheet Summary, with bus specifications, is provided in the support materials with the bids from two approved vendors through the MSBO/MAPT Bus Purchasing Program.

Capital City Bus Sales is the lowest bid and is recommended for approval. It is also recommended for approval because the vendor is located in Lansing, MI and all repair/warranty work can be completed locally.

**Discussion of Options/Alternatives:**

The school district could finance the purchase of the five (5) buses over five years. This would add approximately \$40,000 in interest costs to the purchase. This would also make it more difficult to maintain the District's current bus replacement schedule due to future financial resources being used over a five year period to finance the current bus purchases.



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BOARD OF EDUCATION  
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March 10, 2008**

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

**Subject: Lunch, Breakfast, and Milk Prices**

The Board of Education establishes the rates for Type A lunches at one dollar and seventy cents (\$1.70) for elementary; one dollar and ninety cents (\$1.90) for grades five through twelve (5-12); and three dollars (\$3.00) for adults. In addition, the Board of Education establishes breakfast prices as follows: Grades K-4, \$1.00; Grades 5-12, \$1.25; and for adults, \$1.50. Further, the price of milk is established at thirty cents (\$.30).

The above prices will keep the general fund subsidy projection at \$-0-. The lunch fund will continue to support staffing and necessary equipment upgrades without general fund contribution and without an increase in prices for the 2008-09 school year.

**WAVERLY COMMUNITY SCHOOLS  
BOARD OF EDUCATION  
REGULAR MEETING  
March 10, 2008**

**Report #07-53**

**FOR ACTION**

**Subject:**           **Building Administrator Contracts**

**Recommendation:**

The Superintendent recommends the Board of Education approve the following building administrators receive one year contract extensions through June 2010.

- Margaret Baldwin – Principal, Colt Elementary
- Shawn Talifarro – Principal, Winans Elementary
- Valerie Hendrickson-Carr – Principal, Elmwood Elementary
- Vickie Tisdale – Principal, Windemere View Elementary
- Gloria Gonzalez – Principal, East Intermediate
- Mike Moreno, Assistant Principal, East Intermediate
- Vince Perkins, Principal, Waverly Middle School
- Chris Holman – Assistant Principal, Waverly Middle School
- Dave Percival – Principal, Waverly High School
- Tracy Thomas – Deputy Principal, Waverly High School

**Statement of Purpose/Issue:**

Administrator contracts must be considered within 90 days of the conclusion of the school year. March 31<sup>st</sup> is the deadline. These one year extensions would comply with the deadline.

**Background Information:**

Usually the Board does not consider annual contract extensions. Based on legal counsel, these contracts are required to be approved by the Board of Education.

**Budget Impact:**

The administrators are on a salary scale. At this time, there are no recommendations for any changes in that scale. However, salary rates may change in the future and the scale could be adjusted pending the results of collective bargaining with the administrator association. Any language changes also must be negotiated with the association.

**Options/Alternatives:**

The Board always has the option of not accepting my recommendation and not extending the Cabinet members' contracts for one year.

**Rationale for Recommendation:**

There is no reason for me not to recommend a one year extension to each of the administrator contracts.

**WAVERLY COMMUNITY SCHOOLS  
BOARD OF EDUCATION  
REGULAR MEETING  
March 10, 2008**

**Report #07-54**

**FOR ACTION**

**Subject:**           **Cabinet Member Contract Extensions**

**Recommendation:**

The Superintendent recommends the Board of Education approve that the following Cabinet members receive one year contract extensions through June 2010.

- Jacklin Blodgett – Assistant Superintendent
- Dorothy Blackwell – Director of Curriculum
- Bruce Johnson – Director of Student Services and Operations

**Statement of Purpose/Issue:**

Cabinet member contracts must be considered within 90 days of the conclusion of the school year. March 31<sup>st</sup> is the deadline date. These one year extensions are in order to comply with the deadline.

**Background Information:**

Usually the Board does not consider annual contract extensions. Based on legal counsel, these contracts are required to be approved by the Board of Education.

**Budget Impact:**

The Cabinet members are on a salary scale. At this time there is no recommendation for any changes in that scale. However, salary rates may change in the future and the scale could be adjusted by Board action after the WEA collective bargaining agreement is settled. There are no recommendations for any language changes in the Cabinet member contracts.

**Options/Alternatives:**

The Board always has the option of not accepting my recommendation and not extending the Cabinet members' contracts for one year.

**Rationale for Recommendation:**

The Cabinet has worked hard with me this year, and I have no reason not to recommend a one year extension for each of them.

**WAVERLY COMMUNITY SCHOOLS  
BOARD OF EDUCATION  
REGULAR MEETING  
March 10, 2008**

**Report #07-55**

**FOR ACTION**

**Subject:**           **Superintendent's Contract**

**Recommendation:**

The Board President recommends the Board of Education extend the Superintendent's contract one year through June, 2011.

**Statement of Purpose/Issue:**

The addition of one year provides a three-year contract for the Superintendent, which was the Board's original intent when the Superintendent was hired in 2002.

**Background Information/Historical Perspective:**

The current trend among most Boards of Education is to grant one-year contract extensions upon completion of a successful evaluation.

**Discussion of Options/Alternatives:**

The Board has the option of not accepting the recommendation and not extending the Superintendent's contract.

**Rationale for Recommendation:**

The Superintendent has demonstrated, through Board evaluation, successful management of the Waverly Community Schools.

**WAVERLY COMMUNITY SCHOOLS  
BOARD OF EDUCATION  
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March 10, 2008**

**Report #07-56**

**FOR ACTION**

**Subject: Personnel Summary**

**I. INSTRUCTION AND SUPPORT**

**A. Resignation –Certified**

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Reason</u>	<u>Effective</u>
Harry Meersma	HS Special Education Teacher	Released- Lack of Certification	2/7/08

**FOR INFORMATION**

**A. Retirement – Non Certified**

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Years</u>	<u>Effective</u>
Barbara Cutshaw	HS Secretary	17 2/3	4/1/08

**B. Employment – Non Certified**

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Step/Salary</u>	<u>Effective</u>
Elizabeth Williams	East Lunch Assistant	G/\$9.18	2/19/08

**C. Resignation – Non Certified**

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Reason</u>	<u>Effective</u>
Emily Tice	Winans Child Care	Personal	1/31/08

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

<u>Name</u>	<u>Assignment</u>	<u>Step</u>	<u>Stipend</u>	<u>Effective</u>
Deborah Fuentes	7 <sup>th</sup> Grade Volleyball Coach	3	\$2,474	Winter Season
Ruth Lamb	8 <sup>th</sup> Grade Volleyball Coach	3	\$2,474	Winter Season

**E. Extra-Curricular 8.8 Stipends**

<u>Name</u>	<u>Assignment</u>	<u>Stipend</u>	<u>Effective</u>
Michael Pixley	HS Art Department Chair	\$200	2007-08 Sch. Yr.
Nicole Ohl-Shaw	HS Tech/Business Department Co-Chair	\$320	2007-08 Sch. Yr.
Gini Larson	HS Tech/Business Department Co-Chair	\$320	2007-08 Sch. Yr.
Erin Tembras	HS English Department Chair	\$1,640	2007-08 Sch. Yr.
Renee Gutierrez	HS World Language Department Chair	\$720	2007-08 Sch. Yr.
Kathy Bauer	HS Life Management Department Chair	\$200	2007-08 Sch. Yr.
Eric Anderson	HS Math Department Co-Chair	\$790	2007-08 Sch. Yr.
Ginny Hager	HS Math Department Co-Chair	\$790	2007-08 Sch. Yr.
David Larzelere	HS Music Department Chair	\$520	2007-08 Sch. Yr.
Beth Kaiser	HS Physical Education Department Co-Chair	\$360	2007-08 Sch. Yr.
Natalie Queen	HS Physical Education Department Co-Chair	\$360	2007-08 Sch. Yr.
Ernie Luttig	HS Science Department Co-Chair	\$890	2007-08 Sch. Yr.
Chris Barrera	HS Science Department Co-Chair	\$890	2007-08 Sch. Yr.
Dennis Farmer	HS Special Services Department Chair	\$1,580	2007-08 Sch. Yr.
Robert Lurie	HS Social Studies Department Chair	\$1,500	2007-08 Sch. Yr.
Leslie Johnson	HS Counseling Department Chair	\$1,060	2007-08 Sch. Yr.

**WAVERLY COMMUNITY SCHOOLS  
BOARD OF EDUCATION  
REGULAR BOARD MEETING  
March 10, 2008**

**Report #07-57**

**FOR ACTION**

**Subject: Alternative Education Program**

**Recommendation:**

The Superintendent recommends the Board of Education approve the contract with the Northeast Eaton Consortium to continue an alternative education program for Waverly High School students.

**Statement of Purpose/Issue:**

It is essential that Waverly High School students continue to have access to an alternative education program. The Northeast Eaton Consortium has provided an alternative education program for Waverly students for more than twenty years. Waverly Community Schools, in partnership with the Pottersville Public Schools, through the Northeast Eaton Consortium, will continue to provide alternative programming into the future.

**Budget Impact:**

Waverly will pay Pottersville \$432,000 (\$7,200 PPS foundation x 60 WCS students). Given the difference between the foundation allowance of Waverly and Pottersville, Waverly will retain approximately \$113,520. As part of the Northeast Eaton Consortium agreement, Pottersville will enter into a lease on a site not on Waverly property and away from any of the District's current school buildings. The lease is proposed to be for three years, but there may be a cost advantage if it is a five year lease. Through the Northeast Eaton Consortium Waverly will commit to the alternative education program for the length of the lease.

**Background Information/Historical Perspective:**

The High School administration, counselors, superintendent's cabinet and superintendent have been exploring options regarding an alternative education program for Waverly students. The Board has been apprised of this and has heard presentations from two viable alternative education program providers. The High School administration, counselors, superintendent's cabinet and superintendent have carefully considered both options and have decided to recommend the District continue with the Northeast Eaton Consortium. The NEC is a viable program that has provided an alternative education program to Waverly Community Schools for many years.

**Discussion of Options/Alternatives:**

The Board of Education heard presentations from the Ombudsman program and the Northeast Eaton Consortium. The Board has the option to reject the administration's recommendation and either select the Ombudsman Program, seek another alternative education provider, or direct the administration to develop an alternative program solely owned by the Waverly Community Schools.

**Rationale for Recommendation:**

The Northeast Eaton Consortium is a known entity. It is a teacher centered program that provides not only academic instruction, but also personal support for high needs students. In addition, NEC provides the full 1098 hours of instruction and does not require a waiver from the state because of reduced instructional time. Waverly will work directly with Pottersville through the Northeast Eaton Consortium to provide alternative programming. It was determined that Waverly might not have the necessary control over an alternative education program if it did not have a contract directly with the provider. Waverly's contract would be directly with Pottersville rather than through any second party (i.e., the Ingham Intermediate School District). Finally, the administration has confidence that the Northeast Eaton Consortium will make the promised changes/improvements to the NEC Program to better insure student success. The administration feels it will be better for Waverly students if the District continues to work with its long time partner to provide an alternative

education program, rather than beginning a new relationship with a new and unknown partner with a radically different approach to educating at-risk high school students and no proven track record in Michigan.

**Goal Area Addressed:** Strategy # 1: Curriculum, Instruction and Assessment.

Parameter: We will evaluate programs to determine if they make a significant contribution to achieving our mission and objectives.