

Agenda of Regular

The Board of Education Waverly Community Schools

A Regular of the Board of Education of Waverly Community Schools will be held June 22, 2009, 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.

- I. Call to order and Pledge to the Flag - President Broughton
- II. Special Presentations
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**WAVERLY COMMUNITY SCHOOLS
BOARD OF EDUCATION
SPECIAL MEETING
June 8, 2009**

Opening of Meeting

The special meeting of the Waverly Community Schools Board of Education was called to order by President John Broughton at 7:05 p.m. in the Board Room of the Waverly Community Schools Administration 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. Fonda Brewer-Williams, Vice Secretary-Treasurer
Mrs. Mary Ann Martin, Trustee
Mrs. Kim Smith, Trustee

Staff Present:

Dr. Thomas J. Pillar, Superintendent
Mrs. Jacklin Blodgett, Asst. Superintendent for Finance & Personnel
Mr. Rob Spagnuolo, Business
Gloria Gonzalez
Gretchen Mikula
Tracy Thomas
Karen Burgess
Rebecca Pease

Others Present:

Mary Jo White
Olga Holden
Carrie Wheeler

Purpose

The purpose of the meeting was a Public Hearing for the 2009-2010 Budget and Proposed Tax Millage Rate.

Jacklin Blodgett, Assistant Superintendent for Finance & Personnel, and Rob Spagnuolo, Business Manager, presented budget information including General Fund; Student Services/Activities Fund; Child Care Fund; Food Service Fund; Debt Fund; and Refunding Debt Fund.

Public Comment

Addressing the Board during Public Comment were Tracy Thomas and Jerry Papciak.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 7:37 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Edith J. Suttles, Secretary

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**WAVERLY COMMUNITY SCHOOLS
BOARD OF EDUCATION
REGULAR MEETING
June 8, 2009**

Opening of Meeting

The regular meeting of the Waverly Community Schools Board of Education was called to order by President John Broughton at 7:45 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
Mrs. Fonda Brewer-Williams, Vice Secretary-Treasurer
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Others Present

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Pledge

Member Brewer-Williams led the pledge of allegiance.

Special Presentations

Olga Holden, MASB Director of Leadership Services, presented individual awards to Member Brewer-Williams and Member Slocum. Member Brewer-Williams received the Certified Board Member Award for completing nine 100-level CBA classes and the Award of Merit for completing Level 1 plus 45 education credits. Member Slocum also received the Award of Merit. Special recognition is given to Boards of Education when all members within the same Board complete different levels. Boards on which all members have completed Level 1 receive MASB's Honor Board Award. Boards receive the Standard of Excellence Award when all members complete Level 2, the Award of Merit. The Waverly Board of Education was presented with both of these awards. Ms. Holden stated she doesn't know of any other Board that has received these two honors at the same time.

Ms. Holden also presented Member Suttles with a certificate for distinguished leadership, recognizing her 20 years of service on the Waverly Board of Education.

Correspondence

None

Public Comment

Addressing the Board during Public Comment was Carrie Wheeler.

Student Representative Report

None

Board Member Comment

Member Smith thanked everyone for the great year, noting it is now summer break which brings fun and excitement for kids and teachers.

Member Jones thanked the high school administration for a successful graduation. He reported the Board of Water & Light held its chili cook-off last Friday, with over 10,000 tickets being sold. He thanked those in the Waverly community who came out and enjoyed the festivities.

Member Slocum reported the graduation ceremony ran smoothly. He reported *Rock for Doc* was held on Sunday, June 7. There was a great turnout and it was a success. He acknowledged the efforts of Casey Chahine in organizing the event. Member Slocum reported he attended the eighth grade recognition ceremony, which also went very well. In reference to the two awards received by the Board this evening, Member Slocum stated he is proud to serve on the Board.

Member Suttles congratulated the retirees who were recognized at a reception earlier in the evening. She commented on the years of service compiled by these employees and praised them for what they have done for the students who walk through the doors of Waverly. Member Suttles thanked Madame Ross, who was a teacher for both of her girls, for the wonderful teacher she was. Member Suttles congratulated the senior class which collectively received over \$1,000,000 in scholarship awards. Twenty percent of the class received President's Education awards. Member Suttles congratulated the staff at the high school and said commencement was wonderful as always. She thanked Dr. Pillar and the Cabinet for the Strategic Plan Thorough Review follow-up meeting on June 2nd. She thought what took place was a perfect way to wrap up the Thorough Review. Member Suttles reported a document will be presented later this year that will prepare the district for the 21st century. Member Suttles thanked Tracy Thomas and Jerry Papciak for their kind words about her service as a Board member.

Member Brewer-Williams thanked MASB for recognizing the Board, noting it is an honor for her to take classes to be the best she can be. Member Brewer-Williams thanked the administration and the high school staff for the wonderful commencement. She stated her son has been well prepared at Waverly to go on to college. Member Brewer-Williams reported she had the opportunity to attend the underclass awards; Senior Honors Night; 6th grade recognition; and 8th grade recognition. She also attended an event at Turning Point, an organization which transforms boys to men. It is a rights-of-passage program in which boys work with mentors. Waverly students Joseph Campbell and Keith Williams participated in the program. Member Brewer-Williams reported she attended *Rock for Doc*, describing it as a blast with great food. She congratulated the retirees and noted the amazing number of years people stay at Waverly.

Member Martin stated the cumulative number of years of employment by the retiring employees is 334. She acknowledged and thanked the retirees for their many years of service. Member Martin stated the Alumni Concert was absolutely awesome, noting it was the best evening she has spent in a long time. She said it was great to see so many faces of people who have graduated from Waverly and the concert reaffirmed the value of the district's music programs. Member Martin stated graduation was fabulous and went without a glitch. The student speakers were fabulous and it was special that Dr. Ron Fandrick was present. She reported she attended Senior Honors Night which was a dignified, special evening. Member Martin reported she participated in the ISD election on June 1st, casting the district's ballot for Nancy Stanley. Member Martin reported she was mentoring at Winans last week when they had a tornado drill. She stated it was interesting to see. The drill was well planned and methodical. She also reported she attended the Winans awards assembly. Member Martin reported the Strategic Plan Thorough Review was a wonderful culmination to the hard work done in February, and thanked Dr. Pillar and his staff for leading the group. Member Martin thanked MASB for presenting certificates to the Board. She stated it is important that the Board exhibit life-long learning.

Adoption of Agenda

A motion was presented by Member Slocum 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 regular meeting of May 26, 2009 were approved as presented.

******Financial Recommendation – Report #08-60 – For Action***

The treasurer's report was approved as presented.

******Certification of Summer Tax Levy – City of Lansing, Delta and Lansing Townships – Report 08-61 – For Action***

The Board of Education adopted the proposed summer tax levy for the City of Lansing, Delta and Lansing Townships. A certified copy is affixed to the official minutes of the meeting.

2009-2010 Budget and Proposed Tax Millage Rate – Report #08-62 – For Action

A motion was presented by Member Slocum and supported by Member Smith. MOTION: The Board of Education adopt the 2009-2010 budget and tax millage rate as presented.

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

Board members expressed appreciation to the administrators for their hard work on the budget over the past six months. Several Board members expressed concern about proposed instructional technology staff reductions. Board members were assured the technology program would not be reduced.

Personnel Recommendation – Report #08-63 – For Action

A motion was presented by Member Smith and supported by Member Jones. MOTION: The Board of Education approve the retirement of Paula Fedewa, East 6th grade teacher, effective June 4, 2009.

Member Suttles thanked Ms. Fedewa for her 33 years of service to the district and wished her well in her retirement.

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

Also included in the report for information were the employment of non-certified personnel and the retirement of Cheryl Hath, East secretary, with 20 years of service.

Nomination of Candidate to MASB Board of Directors (Region 7) – For Discussion

Board member Slocum has expressed an interest in being a candidate for the MASB Board of Directors. There is an opening for one seat for a three-year term in Region 7. The Waverly Board would have to nominate Mr. Slocum as a candidate for this position by July 8, 2009 to get his name on the ballot. This report will come back to the Board as an action item on June 22, 2009.

Dr. Pillar stated MASB, MASA, and MSBO are strong advocates for public education. He feels Mr. Slocum would carry the torch for Waverly.

Member Suttles indicated former Board member Susan Bolhouse was very active at the state level, as was Ron Evans. This action would carry on that tradition of the Board.

Superintendent's Report

Dr. Pillar announced the Bretton Woods Lions Club made a \$570 donation in support of the Waverly Middle School Destination Imagination Wright team towards its trip to Globals in Knoxville, Tennessee. The donation came as a result of a request from team member Amanda Herley. Amanda was complimented on her letter being well-prepared and well-written, which impressed the Lions.

Dr. Pillar reported a letter was received from Governor Granholm congratulating teachers on achieving 100% compliance as highly qualified leaders under the federal government No Child Left Behind Act. Governor Granholm thanked them for helping to shape the minds of our future generations and stated Michigan is truly blessed to have fine people such as them.

Dr. Pillar announced the Board's organizational meeting is scheduled for Monday, July 13th. He asked Board members if they would like to start the meeting at 6:00 p.m. rather than 7:30 p.m. There was consensus to do so.

Dr. Pillar reported a special Board meeting will be held on Thursday, June 25th at 6:30 p.m. to discuss the Safe Routes to School Grant fence. A letter regarding the meeting will be sent to residents on Chanticleer Trail who have property that borders the Waverly property on the west side of the athletics complex.

Dr. Pillar reported the school year ended on a positive note. All students practiced appropriate behavior at the end of the school year.

Dr. Pillar reported Waverly has a twitter site that will be used this summer.

Dr. Pillar reported he and Eldon McGraw met with the Chief Executive from Comcast recently to discuss a variety of issues. He indicated Waverly has a good partnership with Comcast.

Public Comment

Addressing the Board during Public Comment was Gloria Gonzalez.

Other Board Business

Member Suttles congratulated Rob Spagnuolo for his work done on the Alumni Concert. She thanked MASB for the tribute presented by Olga Holden. Member Suttles thanked those who have impacted her life over the past 20 years, noting she has grown so much from her experiences at Waverly.

Member Brewer-Williams commented on the Ombudsman students that graduated with their class at the commencement on May 31st. She stated she was touched at what the district has done by taking a risk which has paid off. Member Brewer-Williams thanked those at Waverly who had the vision for the new alternative education program.

Member Jones remarked that the Waverly Ombudsman program makes sure we are not leaving any child behind; that all kids will succeed. He commented on the MASB awards received by the Board and said he is proud of everybody putting in hours for lifelong learning and that he is glad to see continued growth on the Board. Member Jones told Member Suttles that she has always been a leader in this community and so many people are better off because of her.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 8:52 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Edith J. Suttles, Secretary

***Consent agenda

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**WAVERLY COMMUNITY SCHOOLS
BOARD OF EDUCATION
SPECIAL MEETING
June 15, 2009**

Opening of Meeting

The special meeting of the Waverly Community Schools Board of Education was called to order by Vice President Britt Slocum at 6:03 p.m. in the Board Room of the Administrative Center, 515 Snow Road, Lansing, Michigan.

Members Present:

Mr. Britt Slocum, Vice President
Mrs. Edith Suttles, Secretary
Mr. Calvin Jones, Treasurer
Mrs. Fonda Brewer-Williams, Vice Secretary-Treasurer
Mrs. Mary Ann Martin, Trustee
Mrs. Kim Smith, Trustee

Member Absent:

Mr. John Broughton, President

Staff Present:

Dr. Thomas J. Pillar, Superintendent

Purpose

The purpose of the meeting was to conduct the Superintendent's year-end evaluation.

A request was made by the Superintendent to hold the meeting in executive session. A motion was presented by Member Martin and supported by Member Jones. MOTION: The Board of Education move to executive session for the purpose of evaluating the Superintendent.

Roll call vote was taken. Motion carried, with all members present voting aye (6-0). Member Broughton was absent.

After completing his opening remarks, Dr. Pillar left the room. Following discussion by the Board, Superintendent Pillar was called back to the executive session and the Board and Superintendent reviewed the evaluation.

Adjournment

The meeting returned to open session and was adjourned at 10:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Edith J. Suttles, Secretary

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**Waverly Community Schools
Regular Board Meeting
June 22, 2009**

Report #08-64

FOR ACTION

Subject: **Nomination of Candidate to MASB Board of Directors (Region 7)**

Recommendation:

The Superintendent recommends the Board of Education nominate Britt Slocum as a candidate for a three year term on the MASB Board of Directors representing Region 7.

Statement of Purpose:

Mr. Slocum has expressed an interest in serving on the MASB Board of Directors.

Budget Impact:

None

Background Information:

The Michigan Association of School Boards is divided into eight regions which are designated according to intermediate school district boundaries. The Ingham Intermediate School District is included in Region 7, which also includes Eaton ISD; Hillsdale County ISD; Jackson County ISD; Lenawee ISD; Livingston ESA; Monroe County ISD; and Washtenaw ISD. This year there is an opening for one seat for a three year term in region 7. Directors are elected by active member school boards. Ballots are only issued for contested races.

The time commitment for individuals serving on the MASB Board minimally includes five or six one-day meetings during the fiscal year and service on an Association and/or Board Committee, and possibly service as a chairperson. This may involve several additional weekday meetings per year.

Article VIII, Section 7 of the MASB bylaws provides a district board's nomination of a candidate to the MASB Board of Directors must be forwarded to the MASB Executive Director by Wednesday, July 8, 2009.

Discussion of Options:

The Board may choose not to nominate Member Slocum.

Rationale for Proposal:

Waverly has had representation on the Board of Directors in the past. If Mr. Slocum were elected, he could become a voice for Waverly and the region's interests at the state-wide level.

Strategic Plan Reference:

All individuals have the capability and responsibility to contribute positively to the community.