



Waverly Community Schools

Special Meeting

Monday, April 23, 2007 6:00 PM

Agenda of Special Meeting

The Board of Education Waverly Community Schools

A Special meeting of the Board of Education of Waverly Community Schools will be held April 23, 2007, beginning at 6:00 PM in the Little Theatre, Waverly Middle School, 620 Snow Road.

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 John Broughton
- II. Correspondence - Secretary Edith Suttles
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**WAVERLY COMMUNITY SCHOOLS
BOARD OF EDUCATION
SPECIAL MEETING
April 9, 2007**

Opening of Meeting

The special meeting of the Waverly Community Schools Board of Education was called to order by President John Broughton at 6:35 p.m. in the Principal's Conference Room of the Waverly High School, 160 Snow Road, Lansing, Michigan.

Members Present:

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

Staff Present:

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

Purpose

The purpose of the meeting was an update of negotiations with the Waverly Education Association.

A motion was presented by Member Martin and supported by Member Knechtel. MOTION: The Board of Education move to closed session for the purpose of discussing contract negotiations.

Roll call vote was taken. Motion carried, with all members present voting aye.
(Present: Members Broughton, Breggins, Suttles, Slocum, Jones, Knechtel, and Martin).

Adjournment

The Board returned to open session at 7:25 p.m. The meeting adjourned immediately thereafter.

Respectfully submitted,

Edith J. Suttles, Secretary

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**WAVERLY COMMUNITY SCHOOLS
BOARD OF EDUCATION
REGULAR MEETING
April 9, 2007**

Opening of Meeting

The regular meeting of the Waverly Community Schools Board of Education was called to order by President John Broughton at 7:30 p.m. in the library of the Waverly High School, 160 Snow Road, Lansing, Michigan.

Members Present:

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

Staff Present:

Dr. Thomas J. Pillar, Superintendent
Mrs. Jacklin Blodgett, Asst. Superintendent for Finance & Personnel
Mr. Bruce Johnson, Director of Operations & Student Services
Mrs. Dorothy Blackwell, Director of Curriculum
Mr. Rob Spagnuolo, Business Manager
Jan Kesel
Sandra Fenner
Cindy Betts
Tracy Thomas
Colleen Weinfeld
Lana Gervasi
Dawn Tice
Vickie Nettles
Karen Burgess
Gretchen Mikula
Randee Smith
Bethann D'Mello
Diane Flanagan
Patty Little
Dave Percival
Chris Holman
Stephanie Sanchez
Susie Jones
Kim Sear
Tony Terranova
Mary Herrbach
Deborah Funetes
Maria Purol
Matt Oppenheim
Mary Wilson
Rebecca Pease

Others Present:

Greg Lindstrom
Arnold Weinfeld
Nam Nguyen
Jay Gerow
Alexis Richards
Jayvon DeMyers

Others Present (Continued): Stephanie Smith
Fonda Brewer-Williams
Erin Sanchez
Cam McComb
Patrick Harrington

Pledge

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Waverly High School students Jay Gerow, Alexis Richards, and Jayvon DeMyers.

Special Presentation

The first special presentation featured Jayvon DeMyers, a Waverly High School senior. Jayvon submitted an original music composition to the 2007 Michigan Music Educators Conference and was selected as one of 19 award winners in the state out of a field of over 100 entries. His recorded composition entitled *J-beats* was presented during the conference and was enthusiastically received. Jayvon has created many other pieces of original electronic music which are used in the background of the Cable Channel 21 slide shows, television programs, and public service announcements. A version of *J-beats* was played at the Board meeting.

The second special presentation was a demonstration of the High School Video Post, which replaces the Listening Post. Students Jay Gerow and Alexis Richards and teacher Matt Oppenheim were present to share the new concept of daily announcements. The announcements, aired on Channel 2 at the high school, have received positive feedback from students and staff.

President Broughton thanked Principal Percival and staff for hosting the meeting and for the excellent special presentations.

Correspondence

Secretary Suttles reported correspondence had been received from Delta Charter Township regarding a public hearing for a new industrial facilities exemption certificate; and from Thrun Law Firm, P.C. regarding the Ingham Intermediate School District Biennial Election.

Public Comment

Addressing the Board during Public Comment were Maria Purol, Patrick Harrington, Kim Sear, Cam McComb, Mary Wilson, and Stephanie Sanchez.

Student Representative Report

Student Representative Erin Sanchez announced the Relay for Life is coming to Waverly High School in June. People interested in participating can register online. Upcoming events at the High School include many senior activities.

Board Member Comment

Member Jones thanked Mr. Percival and the High School staff for hosting the Board. He remarked as one who gave morning announcements in high school, he is pleased to see the video announcements. Member Jones congratulated Jayvon DeMyers on his musical talents and told him to keep up the good work.

Member Suttles thanked Principal Percival and his staff for the opportunity to hold a Board meeting at the high school. She congratulated Mr. Oppenheim and the high school students on making announcements a part of the twenty-first century. Member Suttles congratulated Jayvon, noting his comments about his persistence in defining himself and believing in himself touched her. She encouraged him to keep up the good work.

Board Member Comment (continued)

Member Breggins thanked Mr. Percival and the high school staff for hosting the Board meeting. He also congratulated Jayvon on his musical accomplishments. Member Breggins thanked Dr. Pillar and his staff for the recent Professional Development session. He referred to the changes in athletic seasons, noting he has experience both as a student athlete and coach in these circumstances. He indicated he would be available to discuss matters associated with these changes if the need arises. Member Breggins announced the Board of Water & Light's Adopt a River Clean-up is April 21st. He noted volunteers receive free breakfast, lunch, and admission to the Impression 5 Museum.

Member Slocum thanked administration for a worthwhile Professional Development session. He announced he attended *On the Town*, the high school musical. He said it was a great play and the students did a great job. Member Slocum congratulated Jayvon DeMyers, stating his music was really good. He also congratulated Jay Gerow and Alexis Richards on the Video Post presentation.

Member Martin thanked Dave Percival and the people at the High School for having the Board there for the evening. She stated she loved the upgrade of the announcements and appreciated Jayvon sharing his talent. Member Martin said she appreciated the professional development session and the Ingham ISD legislative breakfast, noting it was good to be in the presence of our legislators. Member Martin stated she enjoyed *On the Town*, and congratulated the cast, crew, pit orchestra, and staff involved with the production. Member Martin announced a Waverly graduate, Amy McVaugh, has been hired as the aquatics instructor.

Adoption of Agenda

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

Member Martin requested that the Approval of Minutes be removed from the consent agenda.

Motion, with the removal of the approval of minutes, carried.
VOTE: AYES – 7; NAYS – 0.

Approval of Minutes

The minutes of the regular meeting of March 12, 2007 and the special meeting of March 26, 2007 were presented for approval. The following changes were made to the minutes of March 12, 2007. On Page 2, the first paragraph should read: The Pledge of Allegiance was led by officers from the Waverly Middle School National **Junior** Honor Society and Student Council. Participating were NJHS President Carole Harris....

Under Board Member Comment, the fifth sentence in Member Slocum's comments should read: One team received the Spirit of DI award; another won the Renaissance Award; and a third team won the ~~Davinci~~ Divinci award for exceptional creativity. The minutes were approved as corrected.

******Extended Field Trip – For Information***

Marty Coates, Winans Elementary School teacher, has planned a formal extended field trip for third graders to Wesley Woods Camp in Dowling, Michigan. The students will depart on Thursday, May 10th, and return on Friday, May 11, 2007. This is an annual trip to nature's classroom environment where students will have total involvement in physical science, social studies, cooperation and decision making, art, movement, writing, math, reading and fitness. Children will be out in the actual habitat using their five senses to meet the district's goals and objectives for third graders. Approximately 25 students and 10 or more chaperones will travel by Waverly school bus to and from camp. The estimated cost per student is \$30-\$40. Fund-raising activities have been made available to help defray the cost of the trip. The students will be away from the traditional classroom setting two days.

Easement between Eaton County Drain Commission and the Waverly Community Schools – Report #06-54 – For Action

A motion was presented by Member Suttles and supported by Member Slocum. MOTION: The Board of Education approve an easement with the Eaton County Drain Commission to allow ingress and egress over the parcels of property considered to be detention basins south of the High School and in the southwest corner of the Colt parking lot.

Member Knechtel asked that the motion be tabled until the next meeting, asking for clarification on storage of equipment on our property. Following discussion it was determined the motion would be tabled until the May 7, 2007 meeting. Member Suttles recommended that, in the future, reports are referred to the appropriate committee before they come to the Board table.

Policy- Second Reading – Report #06-55 – For Action

A motion was presented by Member Knechtel and supported by Member Jones. MOTION: The Board of Education approve the policy updates listed in Report #06-55 at second reading.

Member Knechtel indicated Board members had concern with Policy 1240 (Evaluation of the Superintendent) at the last meeting. The Policy Advisory Committee has reviewed the policy and wording clarifications appear in the support material found in the Board packet. He stated it is the recommendation of the Policy Advisory Committee to approve the policy updates.

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

******Lunch, Breakfast, and Milk Prices – For Information***

The Board of Education established 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 established breakfast prices as follows: Grades K-4, one dollar (\$1.00); Grades 5-12, one dollar and twenty-five cents (\$1.25); and adults, one dollar and fifty cents (\$1.50). Further, the price of milk was 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 2007-08 school year.

Childcare Program Rates – Report #06-56 – For Action

A motion was presented by Member Suttles and supported by Member Martin. MOTION: The Board of Education approve the following rates charged for the Childcare/Activities and Preschool Programs, effective summer of 2007 as follow:

Registration Fee (non-refundable):	\$60.00
(Summer Program and School Year Program, excepting KAP)	
Summer Program:	
Full Day	\$30.00/day
Half Day	\$16.00/day
School Year Program:	
Before School K-4	\$6.50/day
After School K-4	From \$8.25/day to \$8.50/day
After School East	\$12.00/day
Kindergarten Activities Program (KAP)	From \$12.00/day to \$0.00/day (part of Kindergarten Experience)

Childcare Program Rates (continued)

Preschool Three Year Old Program	\$900.00/year
Preschool Four Year Old Program	\$1,188.00/year

The discount for additional children in the same family will remain at 15%.

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

2007-2008 Preliminary Budget – For Discussion

Jacklin Blodgett, Assistant Superintendent for Personnel and Finance, provided a PowerPoint presentation as part of the ongoing discussion of the 2007-2008 Preliminary Budget. Topics discussed by the Board of Education included sale of property; pay to participate; possible privatization of food service, transportation, and custodial/maintenance; fund balance; and School of Choice.

Personnel Summary – Report #06-57 – For Action

A motion was presented by Member Jones and supported by Member Breggins. MOTION: The Board of Education accept the retirements of Emmelynn McKillips, East 6th grade teacher, and Renee Swanson, High School Special Education teacher.

Member Suttles thanked Ms. McKillips and Ms. Swanson for their service to the students of the District.

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

Included in the report for information were tenure recommendations, probation recommendations, employment of non-certified employees, resignations of non-certified employees, the transfer of a non-certified employee, and coaching positions for the middle school and high school.

Voluntary Severance Agreement – Report #06-58 – For Action

A motion was presented by Member Slocum and supported by Member Breggins. MOTION: The Board of Education approve the voluntary severance agreement for those individuals with 12 or more years of teaching service. This agreement provides \$25,000, over two fiscal years, for eligible participants as defined by documents provided as support material.

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

Superintendent's Report

Dr. Pillar reported inquiries are coming in for the Kindergarten Experience. A Waverly Community Schools display promoting the program has been developed in a kiosk at the Lansing Mall.

Dr. Pillar told the Board it is imperative we continue to pay close attention to budget discussions in the state legislature, especially concerning Section 20J.

Dr. Pillar reported Jazz Night is April 17th at the Waverly High School auditorium beginning at 7:30 p.m. Sammy Kestenholtz, a Waverly High School graduate, will be featured.

Dr. Pillar announced that Cabinet members will be attending the annual Thrun Client Seminar in Mt. Pleasant on April 18th. This seminar regarding recent legal developments is always very informative and is provided at no cost to Thrun's clients.

Dr. Pillar reported spring sports schedules are not printed, but the information is available online at www.highschoolsports.com.

Superintendent's Report (continued)

Dr. Pillar reported he had distributed to Board members a copy of a brochure indicating the collaborative efforts of the districts in the Ingham Intermediate School District. This brochure was prepared to show the state legislature and others what efforts are being made to collaborate programs and services.

Dr. Pillar reported the staff continues to work on and refine the District's communications efforts. The Waverly Flyer, an internal publication, is sent electronically. The *images*, a district-wide newsletter, is being revamped. Meetings are being held with leaders of booster groups, which have proven to be very successful. Meetings have also been held with PTOs and Family Councils. There is more relevant Cable TV programming and streaming video on the website. The Waverly Connection continues to be a monthly feature on Channel 21 and budget presentations are being broadcasted.

Dr. Pillar announced the second Board meeting of the month will be held at 6:00 p.m. on April 23rd in the Waverly Middle School Little Theatre. The purpose of the meeting is presentation of School Improvement reports from the middle school and high school. The second Board meeting in May will be held on May 21st at 6:00 p.m. in the Middle School Little Theatre and will feature School Improvement Reports from the elementary buildings and East Intermediate.

Dr. Pillar reported he has begun the process of evaluating the principals.

Dr. Pillar reported he has been in contact with Phil Odum, Athletic Director, who is representing Waverly's interests in the court decision to change sports seasons in Michigan. He indicated the District must comply. There may be some challenges, but it should not be catastrophic. Dr. Pillar indicated more information will be available to the Board as the CAAC works through the issues.

Dr. Pillar noted students and staff returned to school today from Spring Break, leaving nine weeks to go in the school year.

Other Board Business

Member Martin requested Dr. Pillar send a message to Board members by email about budget discussions in the state legislature and how they affect the Waverly Community Schools. This would allow the Board to share this message with community members, encouraging them to contact their legislators.

Member Suttles noted at a recent legislative breakfast she asked a question about what legislators know about the cooperation between local districts and their ISDs. She stated there was total silence. Member Suttles expressed appreciation for the brochure prepared to show the collaboration among the Ingham ISD districts. She urged Dr. Pillar to use the superintendent's organization to encourage other Intermediate School Districts to prepare a similar document for their legislators. Member Suttles reported she attended the Governor's Education Summit where there was discussion about the new high school graduation requirements and the Michigan Merit Exam. She noted currently there is discussion about mandating how much physical education districts must provide.

Member Suttles reported she attended a presentation by the Capital Area Michigan Works regarding organized efforts toward Health Education and others types of skilled trades. Capital Area Michigan Works is also organizing a media campaign involving print, radio, and television venues targeting parents and students about the importance of education.

Member Suttles asked if the district had heard of any changes in the structure of the CAAC next year. She urged administration to keep a close eye.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 9:56 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Edith J. Suttles, Secretary

***Consent Agenda
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