



Waverly Community Schools

Regular Meeting

Tuesday, May 27, 2008 7:30 PM

Agenda of Regular Meeting

The Board of Education Waverly Community Schools

A Regular meeting of the Board of Education of Waverly Community Schools will be held May 27, 2008, beginning at 7:30 PM in the Board Room, 515 Snow Road, Lansing, MI.

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
 - A. Pledge - Waverly Middle School Students

- II. Special Presentations
 - A. Report from Vince Perkins - Waverly Middle School Principal
 - B. Board of Water & Light Presentation - Calvin Jones & Dallas Burdick

- III. Correspondence - Secretary Edith Suttles

- IV. Public Comment

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**WAVERLY COMMUNITY SCHOOLS
BOARD OF EDUCATION
REGULAR MEETING
May 12, 2008**

Opening of Meeting

The regular meeting of the Waverly Community Schools Board of Education was called to order by President John Broughton at 7:31 p.m. in the Board Room of the Administrative Center, 515 Snow Road, Lansing, Michigan.

Members Present:

Mr. John Broughton, President
Mr. Calvin Jones, Treasurer
Mrs. Mary Ann Martin, Trustee
Mrs. Fonda Brewer-Williams, Trustee

Members Absent:

Mrs. Edith Suttles, Secretary
Mr. Britt Slocum, Vice President
Mr. Don Knechtel, Vice Secretary-Treasurer

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
Gretchen Mikula
Dave Percival
Gloria Gonzalez
Jeff Wood
Nick Niederquell
Dave Pike
Rebecca Pease

Others Present:

Mary Jo White
Chris Eckert
Dan & Rose Eckert
Joel D'Souza
Marybeth Flanagan
Ben South
Trevor Pollo
Matt Pike
Semira Bridges
Terence Bridges
Ahmari Swain
Joseph D'Souza

Pledge

Leading the pledge were students from East Intermediate. Participating were Chris Eckert, Ahmari Swain, and Semira Bridges.

Special Presentations

East principal, Gloria Gonzalez, reported that there has been a focus on writing and math at East. Students recently wrote "I Am" poems, and were instructed to determine who their audience was and what that audience would feel. Principal Gonzalez read the poems at a staff meeting and asked teachers to try to identify the student poets. Ahmari Swain and Semira Bridges read their poems to the Board.

Special Presentation (cont.)

Mrs. Gonzalez announced Johnathan Rand, an author of Michigan chillers, is running a summer camp for students who take writing seriously. There was a vigorous admission process and only 48 students were invited to attend. Mrs. Gonzalez introduced Chris Eckert who was invited to attend the one-week camp. Chris noted he is excited to spend a week with the author and improve his writing skills.

Dr. Pillar recognized Andrew Fritz, a senior at Waverly High School, who represents the Student Senate at school board meetings. Andrew brings information from the Senate to Board meetings and takes information from those meetings back to the Senate. Andrew was presented with a certificate and a token of appreciation from the Board.

Correspondence

None

Public Comment

Addressing the Board during Public Comment was Nick Niederquell.

Student Representative Report

Andrew Fritz, Student Representative, reported the Prom was held on Saturday, May 10th at the Lansing Center. Zachary Clark and Nichole Humes were crowned King and Queen, respectively. Students are in the midst of taking AP exams. Senior final exams are scheduled for next week. There is an All Strings concert on Tuesday, May 13th, and a Band Showcase Concert on Wednesday, May 14th.

Board Member Comment

Member Martin reported she attended the ISOA meeting last week. It was Dr. Pillar's last meeting as the liaison between the superintendents and the ISOA. The participants met at the Career Tech Center and finished their tour of the facilities. There will be a *Keep Learning* Expo at the Lansing Community College West Campus with the target audience being adult learners. Member Martin reported work is being done on creating a common calendar for the 12 districts in the ISD. It was reported the Superintendent exchange day was enjoyed by all. Member Martin announced the Holt superintendent is retiring this year.

Member Jones thanked Gloria Gonzalez and the East students for their excellent presentation. He noted it is always good to see kids participate in Board meetings. Member Jones thanked Andrew Fritz for being an excellent Student Representative and wished him good luck in the future. He reported he attended the National Honor Society induction, stating it was a wonderful program and he was honored to be there.

Member Brewer-Williams thanked Mrs. Gonzalez and her team of wonderful students for their presentations. She stated the poetry was amazing. Member Brewer-Williams reported she attended both the National Honor Society and National Junior Honor Society inductions, and indicated she was amazed at the number of students inducted into the NJHS. Member Brewer-Williams wished Board member Slocum well, stating she missed him. She reported she attended the Blue Light Players Broadway Revue. She said it was a delightful production and a great way to give back. Member Brewer-Williams congratulated Zachary Clark and Nichole Humes for being named Prom King and Queen. In recognition of National Teachers day and National Support Staff Day, Member Brewer-Williams stated "hats off to all of you". She also thanked Andrew Fritz for being a great teammate.

Adoption of Agenda

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

Motion carried. VOTE: AYES – 4; NAYS – 0 (Members Knechtel, Slocum, and Suttles absent).

*****Adoption of Minutes**

The minutes of the regular meeting of April 28, 2008 and the special meeting of May 6, 2008 were approved as presented.

Textbook Adoption – mathematics grades 5-8 – For Discussion

Dorothy Blackwell, Director of Curriculum, provided information regarding the search for new math textbooks for grades 5-8. Since February 2007 math textbook resources from the following three companies have been piloted: McDougal-Littell; Holt, Rinehart and Winston; and Glencoe/McGraw-Hill. Denise Kehren, Jennifer Vance, Cassandra Hailey, Jeff Wood, Tony Pecararo, David Pike, Laura Smith, Shelly McGee, and Nick Niederquell, teachers in grades five through eight, have been active in the pilot. They were asked to do a thorough four-week unit from the respective textbooks. The tasks they were asked to do were analyze the program in comparison to the existing Connected Mathematics Program, determine how it aligns to the State of Michigan Grade Level Content Expectations and High School Content Expectations, decide how the program uses instructional technology, and determine if the parent resources are effective. There has been vigorous dialogue about the pilot and the existing math program.

The committee met this morning to discuss the textbooks from the various companies. Their recommendation to the Board is to adopt the textbooks from Holt, Reinhart and Winston. Mrs. Blackwell introduced Jeff Wood, Dave Pike, Gloria Gonzalez, and Dave Percival who shared their perceptions of the pilot process and opinions of the recommended text. The recommendation will come before the Board on May 27th for action.

Member Martin commended the effort, noting the group came together to do what is best for our kids.

*****Financial Recommendation – Report #07-66 – For Action**

The treasurer's report was approved as presented.

Personnel Recommendations – Report #07-67 – For Action

A motion was presented by Member Martin and supported by Member Brewer-Williams. MOTION: The Board of Education approve the employment of Rachel Pianosi, East Special Education teacher, and the resignation of Seth Berg, East 6th grade teacher.

Motion carried. VOTE: AYES – 4; NAYS – 0 (Members Knechtel, Slocum and Suttles absent).

Ingham Intermediate School District General Education Fund 2008-2009 Proposed Budget – Report #07-68 – For Action

A motion was presented by Member Jones and supported by Member Martin. MOTION: The Board of Education support the ISD Budget Resolution as presented in the support material.

Motion carried. VOTE: AYES – 4; NAYS -0 (Members Knechtel, Slocum and Suttles absent).

Superintendent's Report

Dr. Pillar reported the current Waverly Connection features a panel discussion regarding Freshman Focus. It can be seen on Cable Channel 21 at 10:00 a.m.; 2:00 p.m.; and 7:00 p.m.

Dr. Pillar announced the MASB/MASA Legislative Conference will be held at the Lansing Center on May 27th. Board members interested in attending should contact Becky.

Dr. Pillar announced a calendar of events for the remainder of the school year had been prepared for Board members.

Superintendent's Report (cont.)

Dr. Pillar announced a meeting with representatives from Ombudsman and Ingham ISD will take place on Tuesday, May 13th at the ISD to continue planning for the alternative education program for next year. A positive, successful conference call with Ombudsman was held on Friday, May 9th.

Dr. Pillar noted the school year is starting to wind down. There are many distractions for students. He thanked the teachers, support staff, and administrators for keeping the students focused and on task.

Dr. Pillar announced the District will be closed on Monday, May 26th, Memorial Day. The Board meeting, typically held on the fourth Monday of the month, will be held at 7:30 p.m. on Tuesday, May 27th.

Dr. Pillar announced there will be a reception honoring retirees on Monday, June 9th at 6:00 p.m. in the Board Room. This will be followed by a budget hearing at 7:00 p.m. The regular Board meeting will begin at 7:30 p.m.

Dr. Pillar reminded Board members that Commencement is on Sunday, June 1st.

Dr. Pillar told Board members that when the math textbooks are adopted, it will be the third text series we have replaced during these tough fiscal times. The Board has previously adopted World History and Economics texts. The District is continuously moving ahead to bring in new materials and new technology.

Public Comment

Addressing the Board during Public Comment was Jane Rudisill.

Other Board Business

President Broughton appointed Members Jones, Slocum, and Suttles to an Ad Hoc Committee charged with the orientation of the new Board member, Kim Smith.

Member Martin thanked Andrew for his dedication, being a good communicator, and sitting through Board deliberations. She also thanked Dr. Pillar and Becky for providing the calendar of events.

Respectfully submitted,

John W. Broughton, President
Acting as Secretary

***Consent Agenda
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**WAVERLY COMMUNITY SCHOOLS
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Report #07-69

For Action:

Subject: Textbook adoption- Mathematics grades 5-8

Recommendation:

The Superintendent recommends the Board of Education adopt the Holt mathematics proposal for grades 5-8, as presented in the support material.

Statement of Purpose/Issue:

In 2006, Governor Jennifer Granholm signed into law a rigorous new set of graduation requirements called the Michigan Merit Core Curriculum. We decided to keep the rigorous standard in mathematics and require students to complete four years of mathematics courses. The curriculum is made up of high school content expectations that outline what students should know and be able to do at the completion of each high school credit. The mathematics departments at the High School and Middle School have collaborated to align the high school content expectations with the grade level content expectations at the Middle School the last few years. To ensure consistency in the math program from grade five through twelve, we needed to find resources that would align and join the math programs from East Intermediate, Middle School and High School. This consistency will help staff, students, and parents to be more successful in the content area of mathematics.

Budget Impact:

Three companies, McDougal Littell, Holt Rinehart and Winston, and Glencoe/McGraw-Hill, were piloted during February-April 2008. Each company did a staff in-service with pilot teachers and sent textbooks and materials to be used in the classrooms. The pilot teachers were asked to use the pilot materials including technology pieces to conduct at least a four-week unit from our curriculum with students. Quotes from each of the three companies can be found below. Additional materials have been sent to the Board in the Friday packet. Each quote also includes additional teacher resources, video projectors, and other technology pieces.

Company	8 th Grade 250 books	7 th Grade 260 books	6 th Grade 240 books	5 th Grade 240 books	Total w/Shipping	Technology Hardware
McDougal Littell	\$16,327.80	\$16,423.58	\$15,082.87	\$14,347.12	\$45,853.57	2 projectors 2 scanners
Glencoe	\$16,125.00	\$16,185.00	\$13,917.60	\$13,680.00	\$63,767.12	7 projectors
Holt	\$16,125.00	\$14,885.00	\$13,740.00	\$13,500.00	\$61,162.50	5 projectors

Background Information/Historical Perspective:

Since February 2007 we have piloted three math textbook resources from the following companies: McDougal-Littell; Holt, Rinehart and Winston; and Glencoe/McGraw-Hill. Denise Kehren, Jennifer Vance, Cassandra Hailey, Jeff Wood, Tony Pecararo, David Pike, Laura Smith, Shelly McGee, and Nick Niederquell, teachers in grades five through eight, have been active in the pilot. They were asked to do a thorough four-week unit from the respective textbooks. The tasks they were asked to do were analyze the program in comparison to the existing Connected Mathematics Program, determine how it aligns to the State of Michigan Grade Level Content Expectations and High School Content Expectations, decide how the program uses instructional technology, and determine if the parent resources are effective. There has been vigorous dialogue about the pilot and the existing math program.

We scheduled the recommendation meeting for the teaching staff on the morning of May 12th to allow the teachers enough time to do a thorough review of the pilot requirements. We will make a recommendation to the board during the Monday night meeting to be acted upon at the May 27th meeting. One of the most important goals for this pilot was to create a consistent scope and sequence for our mathematics programs grades five through twelve to help ensure success for all students. We found high failure rates for our students in Algebra. We identified many gaps in the existing program and have successfully filled in the gaps with supplemental materials, but we have not guaranteed consistency from classroom to classroom. This adoption will help us toward the goals of consistency, alignment to GLCE and

HSCE, an update with technology for instructional delivery, as well as more resources for parents. This will also prepare us for the next adoption of materials for grades K-4 in the coming years.

Goals Addressed:

Strategy #1 of the Strategic Plan: 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.

Objective #3 of the Strategic Plan: Each of our students will demonstrate the ability to think, problem solve, communicate, and apply social and technological skills (Waverly's Essential Skills) as measured by standards set at the 4th, 6th, 8th grade and high school benchmarks.

Objective #4 of the Strategic Plan: The percentage of students in all identified demographic groups who meet or exceed the state standards on all areas tested in the Michigan Education Assessment Program will increase annually.

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FOR DISCUSSION

Subject: Preliminary Budget Adoption 2008-09

Recommendation:

The Superintendent recommends the Board of Education consider the proposed budgets:

The 2008-09 General Fund budget shows revenues of \$31,642,944 and expenditures of \$32,290,947 with a projected fund balance of \$4,436,035.

The 2008-09 2000 Debt Fund budget shows revenues \$2,258,281 and expenditures of \$2,258,281 with a projected fund balance of \$191,351.

The 2008-09 Refunding Debt Fund budget shows revenues of \$1,847,120 and expenditures of \$1,847,120 with a projected fund balance of \$241,547.

The 2008-09 Food Service Fund budget shows revenues of \$834,000 and expenditures of \$834,000 with a projected fund balance of \$183,187.

The 2008-09 Students Services/Activities Fund budget shows revenues of \$628,070 and expenditures of \$628,070 with a projected fund balance of \$0.

The 2008-09 Community Service – Child Care Fund budget shows revenues of \$606,200 and expenditures of \$606,200 with a projected fund balance of \$0.

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FOR DISCUSSION

Subject: **Instructional Technology Leasing**

Recommendation:

The Superintendent recommends the Board of Education approve the purchase of 600 computers and equipment to replace the student instructional computers District-wide. The estimated cost of the equipment is \$444,234. Administration is seeking bids for leasing options.

Statement of Purpose/Issue:

The computers are a tool to provide instructional programming. The lease is for the replacement of the instructional computer centers in seven buildings. The computers range from five to eight years old and are failing.

Budget Impact:

The recommendation will be to lease the machines over 3 to 4 years. The budget impact will be approximately \$150,000 per year (including interest) which is currently in the technology budget. A saving will be realized in repair costs.

Rationale for Recommendation:

The computers are failing and must be replaced. The alternative would be to purchase machines outright for the next 3 to 4 years. Leasing all 600 machines in one year will allow for a complete change in platform for student machines in the District.

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 DISCUSSION

Subject: **Contract with Ingham Intermediate School District for Ombudsman Alternative Education Service**

Recommendation:

The Superintendent recommends the Board of Education adopt the contract with Ingham Intermediate School District for Ombudsman Alternative Education Service. (Due to the timeline associated with the action of the IISD Board of Education, if acceptable, it is requested the Board consider this recommendation for action following discussion.)

Statement of Purpose/Issue:

Waverly Community Schools plans to offer a new approach to alternative education programming to resident students beginning in the fall of 2008. Because of current state regulations Waverly cannot enter into a contract directly with Ombudsman, but must contract with the Ingham Intermediate School District. The proposed contract was developed collaboratively by Waverly, the IISD, and Ombudsman. It was reviewed by the Thrun Law Firm and by Ombudsman's attorney. The proposed contract describes the terms and conditions of Waverly's relationship to the IISD and Ombudsman. The administration supports the provisions of the contract, and believes they adequately address the concerns previously noted by the Board of Education.

Budget Impact:

The Ingham Intermediate School District will assess Waverly 3% of the FTE slot cost established by Ombudsman. The assessment will cover the IISD's expenses for seeking the state waiver and any further consultation expenses. The first year of the contract calls for Waverly to pay to Ombudsman \$6,400 per FTE slot (60 slots) and \$192 to the IISD per FTE slot for a total of \$6,592 per FTE slot. There is a provision to expand to ninety FTE slots, which would result in a lower per slot cost and payment to the IISD.

Rationale for Recommendation:

In order to initiate the necessary steps to have the Ombudsman program in operation in the fall of 2008, the contract with the IISD must be approved by the Board of Education. Once approved, the IISD Board of Education will act on a contract between the IISD and Ombudsman.

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.

Parameter: Nothing will take precedence over K-12 programs and services necessary to meet the mission and objectives.

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