



Waverly Community Schools

Regular Meeting

Monday, February 22, 2010 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 February 22, 2010, beginning at 7:30 PM in the Waverly High School Auditorium - 160 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.

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**WAVERLY COMMUNITY SCHOOLS
BOARD OF EDUCATION
REGULAR MEETING
February 8, 2010**

Opening of Meeting

The regular meeting of the Waverly Community Schools Board of Education was called to order by President John Broughton at 7:35 p.m. in the Auditorium of Waverly High School, 160 Snow Road, Lansing, Michigan.

Members Present:

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

Member Absent:

Mr. Mike Knaggs, 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, Director of Business & Operations
Karen Burgess
Mandi Nemeth
Margot Bensinger
Margaret Baldwin
David Pike
Bevin Francis
Kirstina Boomer
Susan Burm
Cindy VanderSteen
Deb Hoxie
Janet Roe
Kristin Kochheiser
Bonnie Rowe
Mark Nester
Marty Coates
Sonya Cornell
Susan Ellsworth
Rhonda Sosnowski
Esperance Hourani
Patty Rienstra
Rhonda Berns
Brenda Hinds
Jamie Holland
Gordon Youngs
Helene McNeilly
Pam Hawkins
Lura Waisanen
Sandra Jo Autenrieth
Patty Roost
Gail Arndt
Cindy Betts
Elaine Tyler
Craig Paksi

Staff Present:

Mary Beth Pohl
Teresa Motz
Cindy Sartor
Kelly Lynch
Eric Anderson
William Davis
Christel Benjamin
Gretchen Mikula
Nancy Miesner
Valerie Hendrickson-Carr
LuAnn Gibbs
Lana Gervasi
Debra Faust
Rabiah Eid
Susie Jones
John Jones
Liz Gardner
Betty Miclay
Elda Keaton
Vickie Tisdale
Shawn Talifarro
Mike Moreno
Vince Perkins
Jennifer Baird
Rebecca Pease

Others Present:

Tom Masseau
Melissa Pock
Carolyn Wright
Angela C. Rich
Jaime Hall
Samantha Durrett
Gianna Gomez-Mayo
Edith Cole
Anthony Hoffman
Craig Reed
Michael Fedewa
John Stock
Tina Stevens
Jessica Young
Carrie Tarry
Susan Aten
Ron Walls
Rosalee Anderson
Susan Fruin
Elaine Noffze
Noelle Mills
Jackie Fedewa
Tammy Pitts-Williams
Jennifer Davis
Phil Chisholm
Alicea Anderson

Others Present:

Leo Torres
Mimi Patterson
Mark Wehner
Chenia Howell
Pam Hogan
Steve Holmi
Jeffrey Hibbs
Margie Aimery
Alan Wright
Kimberly Ballard
Nancy Green
Nicole Schuiling
Troy Matlock
Candy Chatfield
Michelle Cruz
Lenny Cruz
Rebecca Welter Reed
Karen Batterham
Valerie Cochrane
Justene Placer
Theresa Tran
Allena Tapia
Lonnie Lee Holmes
Curt Ophaug
Jennifer Gorzynski
Andrea Daniels
Pauline Conarton
David Conarton
Dawn Plenar
Mary Martin
Nicole Ostrander
Amber Hayes
Nohad Eid
Tyler Wippel
Linda Donnelly
Brenda K. Stock
Edwina J. Engel
Jennifer Dumont
Taylor Hinds
Jayne Harris
Emmet Harris
Ken Marrison
John Henrikson
Andrew Henrikson
Nancy Taft-Youngs
David Hall
Mark McCloud
Josey McCloud
Sara Ostertag
Linda Ostertag
Greg Waisanen
Joseph Olmstead
Jeff Autenreith

Others Present (cont.)

Donna Seney
Joyce Preston
Becky Thompson
Tom Wesley
Steve Slater
Patricia Holliday
Anthony Holliday
Pam Muzillo
Karen Palmer
Sandy Palmer
Dennis McClelland
Charles Jackson
Linda Reed
Sasha Jones
Stacy Dent
Laurie Prange-Gregory
Leslie Burnside
Dennis Burnside
Steph Schneidewind
Tami Wesley
Tammy Jo Sopocy
Cindy Long
Cyndy Wetzel
John H. Mitchell
Gerald Brandell
Jeffery A. Lang, Sr.
Joy Denise Lang
Sam Warren
Zondra Sickles Blake
Gabby Blake
William M. Cooper Sr.
Marcus E. Glasscoe
Drew Corbit
Kimberly Markovic
Anton Markovic
Joy Lang
Missy Arocha
Taylor Matlock
Dominic McClelland
Angela Matlock
Vicky Henrikson
John Henrikson
Michael Donnelly
Amanda Rivera
Eugene Dokum

Pledge

Leading the pledge of allegiance were Colt Elementary students Taylor Matlock and Dominic McClelland. Taylor is a 4th grade student in Miss Nemeth's class. She is a member of Colt Student Council, library book writing club, and music club. Dominic is also a 4th grade student in Miss Nemeth's class. He enjoys helping others and is a member of the Spanish piñata club.

Special Presentation

Dr. Margaret Baldwin, Colt Elementary principal introduced teachers Amanda Nemeth and Karen Burgess, who presented information on the Big History Lesson. Four classes from Colt and Elmwood attended the week-long lesson at the historical museum. The teachers were able to teach more content and grade level content expectations in U.S. History and Michigan History. Students were asked to complete a final project integrating technology. They picked a favorite gallery and spent several hours researching and writing. Taylor Matlock presented her report on the 1960's and Dominic McClelland presented his report on the Civil War.

Correspondence

Member Martin reported all Board members had received several emails.

Public Comment

President Broughton announced there would be a Community Forum held on Wednesday, February 17, 2010 at 7:30 p.m. in the Waverly High School auditorium. This forum will allow the community a chance to dialogue with the Board about the Facility Review Committee proposal.

He described the process that would be used for this evening's public comment and indicated it is not the Board's policy or practice to respond to public comment.

Addressing the Board during Public Comment were Samantha Durrett, Sandy Palmer, Dawn Plenar, Karen Palmer, Pam Hawkins, Margot Bensinger, Alicea Anderson, Rosalee Anderson, Suzanne Fruin, Craig Paksi, Ryan Chorpenning, Cindy VanderSteen, Mark Wehner, Ken Marrison, Sonja Cornell, Steph Schneidewind, Valerie Hendrickson-Carr, Jackie Fedewa, Tiffany Wilson, Gerry Brandell, Missy Arocha, Liz Gardner, Somer Ramadan, Tammy Williams, Gianna Gomez-Mayo, and David Hall.

Student Representative Report

None

Adoption of Agenda

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

Member Martin asked that Board Member Comment be added to the agenda.

Motion carried. VOTE: AYES – 6; NAYS – 0 (Member Knaggs absent).

Board Member Comment

Member Brewer-Williams thanked Colt Elementary for the wonderful presentation. She congratulated the winners of the Martin Luther King essay contest, all Waverly Middle School students. First place winner was Dymon Wilson; Chantel Rusher took second place; and Cassidy Webster placed third. She also congratulated Alexander Flanagan for winning a scholarship.

Member Martin reported she attended *Robin Hood* at the middle school and it was great. She said it is great to see the middle school students acting again. Member Martin presented a report from a recent ISOA meeting and reported on March 12th the Mid-Michigan 7-county legislative breakfast will be held at the Radisson Hotel from 7:30-9:00 a.m. The Education 21K forum will be on April 27th. She thanked the Colt students and faculty for their presentation and congratulated the MLK essay and scholarship winners.

Member Smith thanked the Colt students and Dr. Baldwin, noting it is nice to be a part of that family every day.

*****Approval of Minutes**

The minutes of the regular meeting of January 11, 2010 and the special meetings of January 19, 2010 and January 25, 2010 were approved as presented.

*****Financial Recommendation – Report #09-34 – For Action**

The treasurer's report was approved as presented.

Budget Amendment 2009-2010 – For Discussion

Rob Spagnuolo, Director of Business and Operations, presented information on a 2009-2010 budget amendment for discussion. The report will come back to the Board for action on February 22nd.

2010-2011 Budget – For Discussion

Superintendent Pillar provided the following remarks regarding the 2010-2011 budget:

During my 8 years at Waverly the Board has faced budget reductions each year, and at least one year prior to my arrival. The Board has faced budget reductions for at least the past 9 years. The Board has made substantial withdrawals from the District's fund balance. It was low, then it grew for a few years, now it is low again. There have been substantial reductions in all of the cost centers at the building and District level. Historically the Board has tried to keep personnel cuts away from the classroom as much as possible. In the past 8 years the Board has reduced:

- Various District-wide positions 60%
- Administrative Center 38%
- School administrators 27%
- Service building 25%
- Support staff 17%
- Certified staff 14%

As a result, Waverly has fewer people doing more things to try to maintain the status quo. However, our fine staff has done more than simply maintain the status quo. For example, during these difficult budget years Waverly has achieved District-wide accreditation through AdvancED Worldwide; initiated the Kindergarten Activity Program; won two Set-Seg Awards for Excellence; introduced Spanish language instruction at most grade levels; won a Community Enhancement Award from Delta Township; initiated the Ombudsman Alternative Education Program; and started the Response to Intervention initiative. These are only some examples of what has been achieved in recent years.

However, the 2010-2011 budget will be the most challenging of all. The Board will likely not be able to keep budget reductions from the classroom because of the sheer magnitude of the anticipated deficit. This evening we would like to report to the Board our initial projection of the budget situation for the 2010-2011 school year.

Jacklin Blodgett, Assistant Superintendent for Finance & Personnel, and Rob Spagnuolo, Director of Business & Operations, provided a PowerPoint presentation of 2010-2011 budget projections.

Personnel Recommendations – Report #09-35 – For Action

A motion was presented by Member Martin and supported by Member Smith. MOTION: The Board of Education approve the retirement of Steve Beckholt (Athletic Director); Bruce Johnson (Director of Student Services and Operations); Thomas Pillar (Superintendent); Beth Kaiser (High School teacher); William Miller (East Intermediate teacher); Debra Nixon (Middle School teacher); and Donna Wells (Elmwood Special Education teacher); and the transfer of Rob Spagnuolo from Business Manager to Director of Business & Operations.

Member Martin indicated the employee retirements equal 150 years of service to Waverly Community Schools. She thanked each and every one of the employees for their years of dedication and service.

Personnel Recommendations – Report #09-35 – For Action

Motion carried. VOTE: AYES – 6; NAYS – 0 (Member Knaggs absent).

Also included in the report for information were the resignation of a non-certified employee and the retirement of bus driver Gerald Purolo.

Facility Review Committee Proposal Feasibility Report– For Discussion

Dr. Pillar made the following opening remarks: The Facility Review Committee was a group of 16 parents, alumni and citizens led by a citizen leader. They met ten times from August 2009 through January 2010. Its charge was to review WCS facilities and make a recommendation to the board for beyond the 2009-2010 school year. All WCS facilities except the bus service facility were toured. The FRC discussed, debated and explored many different options. The current proposal was arrived at by consensus of the FRC.

Much of the work of the FRC is on the web site. If you do not have Internet at home, computers are available at Delta Library, the Administrative Center or local schools. The process at this point is sort of like a three-legged stool. The first leg is the FRC proposal. The second leg is the feasibility report from the administration. The third leg is public input. All parts of this process will contribute to help the board make the best decision possible.

Our task this evening is to demonstrate whether or not the proposal can be implemented. Is it possible to do and what will Waverly look like if it is implemented? Once again, I remind the board it has options. At the time the board will make a decision it can, a. accept the proposal in its entirety; b. reject the proposal in its entirety; c. modify the proposal; d. table the proposal; or come up with a completely different idea.

The district's central office administrators provided a PowerPoint presentation regarding the feasibility of the Facility Review Committee's proposal.

Member Brewer-Williams suggested looking at other ideas and asked the administrative team if it was possible to have the same feasibility study done for the Administrative Center and East.

Superintendent's Report

Dr. Pillar made the following opening remarks: This is a difficult issue for everyone. No one likes to consider the possibility that a school might close. Schools are very important to families. However, it is very likely that Waverly will continue to evolve and look different even if all buildings remain open.

The current budget reality is the result of the state's continuing economic malaise and either its inability or unwillingness to adequately fund public schools. For Waverly, not only has the state failed it through cuts in the per pupil allocation, but also through the devastating cut of Section 20j. With the cut in Section 20j, Waverly, along with 54 other districts, has been hit much harder than most other districts across the state. The Section 20j cut alone amounts to approximately a \$700 thousand additional shortfall beyond all other cuts imposed by the state on all other districts.

For the 2010-2011 school year, the \$1.9 million shortfall is solely the result of the state not able to fund public schools through the per pupil allocation, and the additional \$180 thousand shortfall is the result of a non-negotiable assessment for the MPSER system. In effect, \$2.1 million in revenue cuts is beyond Waverly's control. So, whatever the board decides regarding the current proposal, there is still much budgetary work to be done. By law, the board must adopt a balanced budget by June 30, 2010. Waverly must use its available resources to provide the best possible opportunities to students. This is the crux of the Board's decision.

Superintendent's Report (cont.)

I would like to conclude my comments on a positive note: No matter what happens, Waverly has a great administrative, instructional and support staff who will work every day to provide opportunities for student success. Waverly is blessed with a supportive community as evidenced by the passion for their schools that we observed this evening. Most of all, Waverly has students, supported by their families, who come to school each day ready to learn and to build their future. I have faith that once Waverly goes through this difficult time, it will emerge stronger, more viable and continue to be a great place for teaching and learning.

Dr. Pillar reported February 12th is a Professional Development Day for staff and February 15th is Presidents' Day. There will be no school for students on these days.

Dr. Pillar reported there will be a public forum on Wednesday, February 17 at 7:30 p.m. in the Waverly High School Auditorium regarding the Facility Review Committee's proposal.

Dr. Pillar announced that he and Board President Broughton will make a presentation to superintendents on Thursday, February 18 at MASB.. The topic is "The Unique Relationship between the Board President and Superintendent."

Dr. Pillar reminded Board members the February 22nd Board meeting will be held at 7:30 p.m. in the Waverly High School Auditorium.

Public Comment

Addressing the Board during Public Comment were Stacy Dent, Tyler Wippel, Patty Roost, Teresa Motz, Becky Thompson, Laurie Prange-Gregory, David Pike, Eric Anderson, Jeffrey Hibbs, John H. Mitchell, Gail Arndt, Peter Spadafore, and Margot Bensinger.

Other Board Business

Member Jones thanked Dr. Baldwin and Colt students for opening tonight's meeting. He congratulated the Waverly students who were recognized at the Martin Luther King Jr. luncheon and who continue to shine as the pride and heart of the community. Member Jones thanked all public speakers and those who chose to attend tonight's meeting. He stated no decision has been reached regarding the proposal as presented and reiterated that the Board has options when it comes to the Facility Review Committee proposal. It can be voted up, down, modified, or tabled.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 11:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Ann Martin, Secretary

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**WAVERLY COMMUNITY SCHOOLS
BOARD OF EDUCATION
SPECIAL MEETING
February 17, 2010**

Opening of Meeting

The special meeting of the Waverly Community Schools Board of Education was called to order by President John Broughton at 7:34 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. Mary Ann Martin, Secretary
Mrs. Kim Smith, Vice Secretary-Treasurer
Mr. Calvin Jones, Trustee
Mr. Mike Knaggs, Trustee

Member Absent:

Mrs. Fonda Brewer-Williams, Treasurer

Staff Present:

Ms. Rebecca Pease

Others Present:

Mr. Dick Dunham, MASB
Mr. Bill Brewer, MASB

Purpose

The purpose of the meeting was to set schedules and parameters for the superintendent search.

Mr. Dunham reviewed the Superintendent Selection District Profile results with the Board and established a timeline for the selection process.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 8:41 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Ann Martin, Secretary

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**WAVERLY COMMUNITY SCHOOLS
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SPECIAL MEETING
February 17, 2010**

Opening of Meeting

The regular meeting of the Waverly Community Schools Board of Education was called to order by Vice President Britt Slocum at 7:34 p.m. in the Auditorium of Waverly High School, 160 Snow Road, Lansing, Michigan.

Members Present:

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

Member Absent:

Mr. John Broughton, President

Staff Present:

Dr. Thomas J. Pillar, Superintendent
Mrs. Jacklin Blodgett, Asst. Superintendent for Finance & Personnel
Mrs. Dorothy Blackwell, Director of Curriculum
Mr. Rob Spagnuolo, Director of Business & Operations
Theresa Collett-Such
Leanne Hemingway-Ciampa
Cindy Sartor
Margaret Baldwin
Cecilia Stajos
Liz Tembras-Gardner
Rabiah Eid
Lynn Moule
Kelly Blake
Craig Paksi
Janet Rowe
Kerry Biladeau
Sonya Cornell
Rachel Goodman
Rhonda Berns
Cathleen Patino
Patty Little
Sandy Autenreith
Nancy Miesner
Pam Hawkins
Dawn Figgins
Patricia Rowden
Susan Burm
Jennifer Baird
Jan Duffy
Brad McNeil
Bethann D'Mello
Helene McNeilly
Eric Anderson
Kate Tonos
Denise Boughton
Kim Sear

Staff Present:

Shawn Talifarro
Vickie Tisdale
Rebecca Greisinger
Jeff Hager
Steve Wood
Patty Roost
Christel Benjamin
Marybeth Chasse
Susan Stahly
Colleen Weinfeld
Susan Ellsworth
Laura Smith
Brenda Hinds
Valerie Hendrickson-Carr
Teresa Motz
Betty Miclay
David Pike
Marty Coates
Cindy VanderSteen
John Jones
Susie Jones
Mary Herrbach
Edwina Liggett
Vince Perkins
Bill Cecil
Aaron Luttig
Rebecca Pease

Others Present:

Suzanne Kinney
Nancy Taft-Youngs
Cassie Lawson
Susan Fruin
Brenda Howard
Emily Commarato
Tracie Harris
Laurie Wallace
Michele Ruedisale
Stephanie Schneidewind
Pam Blair
Wilda Joss
Beverly Calizzi
David Hall
John Ellsworth
Renee Latonski
Zondra Sickles Blake
Gabrielle Blake
Larry Reynolds
Alicia Abraham
Ken Marrison
Kimberly Tyson
Nohad Eid
Jason Perez

Others Present:

Susan Palermino
Kimberly Allman-Griggs
Carolyn Wright
Erin Bielawski
Jennifer Davis
Mike Roe
Jerre` Thompson
Ashley Beech
Mark Wehner
Chad Cushman
Richard O`Boyle
Diane O`Boyle
Tammy Pitts-Williams
Elizabeth Hernandez
Brenda Lusk
Carol Casteel
Michael Fedewa
William M. Cooper Sr.
Ryan Chorpensing
Amanda Rivera
Bonnie Rowe
Betsy Gallup
Becky Thompson
Lynne Fracker
Cam McComb
Marcy VanWormer
Steve Slater
Will Mahoney
Cindy Long
Phil Chisholm
Carrie Wheeler
Renee Spagnuolo
Ramona Mendez
Jim Sturdevant
Dawn Plenar
Katie Casteel
Carolyn Henderson
Tina Stevens
Rebecca Welter Reed
Jackie Pohl
Laurie Gregory
Kim Ballard
Sara Ostertag
Linda Ostertag
Sasha Jones
Kim Kirkling
Jack Kirkling
Karyn Koenigs knecht
Barb Koval
Marlo Allen
Tyler Wippel
Deby Stuart
Susan Wood
Joel VanRoekel

Others Present (cont.)

Jennifer Whiting
Rosalee Anderson
Jeff Autenreith
Craig Reed
Karen Taylor
Candy Chatfield
Cyndy Wetzel
Taylor Hinds
Samantha Durrett
Michele Covert
Michelle Rowe
Andrea Mowry
Helen Foster
Sylvia Freese
Leslie Burnside
Tom Masseur
Steve Hogan
Jeffrey Hibbs
Marcus E. Glasscoe
Tami Wesley
Jessica Bennett
Margie Aimery
Kathy Nuss
Joyce Preston
Jackie Fedewa
Trish Davis
Haywood Liggett
Alicea Anderson

Pledge

Member Knaggs led the pledge of allegiance.

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 – 6; NAYS – 0 (President Broughton absent).

Process

Dr. Pillar announced tonight's format allows the audience to speak to the Board and ask questions, which in turn will be answered by the Board. Those wishing to address the Board need to fill out a white card. These cards will be used to simply keep things organized. Dr. Pillar also indicated there are yellow cards available for ideas, solutions, or suggestions with regard to the district's financial difficulties. Flyers are available from SOS (Save our Students, Schools & State), and initiative primarily by parents, citizens and school staff, supported by associations across the state (www.sosmichigan.org). Legislators are paying attention to the grassroots efforts across the state. Things are not going to be different in the state until the legislature comes up with a different way to fund educational reform.

Board Member Comment

Member Knaggs thanked everyone for coming, noting it is a difficult time for schools in Michigan.

Board Member Comment (cont.)

Member Smith stated she appreciated the time and effort by everyone and thanked them for their support.

Member Martin expressed appreciation for everyone coming to Board meetings and for their comments and emails. She stated the Board is listening carefully to all comments and continues to evaluate the situation.

Member Brewer-Williams thanked everyone for coming to meetings. She stated Board members are parents too, vested in what happens to the school district. Member Brewer-Williams said she appreciates the community's patience, emails and conversations.

Member Jones supported the comments of his fellow colleagues.

Member Slocum welcomed everyone to the meeting, noting there will be a different format tonight. He indicated he will call three to four names at a time, and those citizens/community members will address the Board. He asked that they limit their questions to one or two. The Board will then respond to questions asked.

Board/Community Dialogue

Addressing the Board during Board/Community Dialogue were Lrenda Smith, Sylvia Freese, Marlo Allen, David Hall, Jim Sturdevant, Carrie Wheeler, Cecilia Stajos, Liz Gardner, Teresa Motz, Michele Covert, Pat Rowden, Cyndy Wetzel, Susan Stahly, Bill Cecil, Cindy Sartor, Betsy Gallup, Leanne Hemingway-Ciampa, Rebecca Reed, Kelly Blake, Tina Boomer, Kimberly Allman-Griggs, Jessica Bennett, Pam Hawkins, Susan Kinney, Rosalee Anderson, Susan Fruin, Carolyn Henderson, Michael Fedewa, Dawn Plenar, Susan Ellsworth, Brenda Howard, Ryan Chorpenning, Stephanie Schneidewind, Ken Marrison, Cam McComb, Cindy VanderSteen, David Pike, Craig Paksi, Helene McNeilly, Jeffery Hibbs, Alicea Anderson, Alicia Abrham, Mark Wehner, David Molnar, Pam Blair, Mike Moreno, Will Mahoney, Willaim Cooper, Amanda Rivera, Susan Aten, Brenda Lusk, Patty Roost, Shannon Duff, Bonnie Rowe, and Joel Van Roekel.

Other Board Business

Member Jones stated the schools are the heart of this community, all Waverly schools are great, and we are all in this together.

Member Martin thanked everyone for coming and staying late. She stated Board members are volunteers who try to do what is in the best interest of students, staff, and parents. The Board knows this is a big and serious decision which it does not take lightly. Member Martin stated it is not easy knowing that the decision will affect a lot of people. She stated she cares, all the Board members care, about each student, parent, and staff member.

Member Slocum thanked everyone for coming and staying late. He stated the issue is emotional on both sides, saying all Board members are as passionate about the school district as everyone sitting in the audience.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 11:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Ann Martin, Secretary

**WAVERLY COMMUNITY SCHOOLS
BOARD OF EDUCATION
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Report #09-36

FOR ACTION

Subject: Facility Review Committee Recommendation

Recommendation:

The recommendation of the Facility Review Committee (FRC) is to close two elementary schools (Elmwood and Windemere View). The approach would require the redistribution of K-3 students into Colt and Winans and 4th grade students to East Intermediate.

Statement of Purpose/Issue:

The Facility Review Committee was created to recommend to the Board of Education the viability of facilities. If there was a recommendation to reduce Waverly schools, then a specific school or schools should be identified.

Budget Impact:

The anticipated cost savings associated with the schools' closing range from \$750,000 to \$850,000.

Historical Perspective:

Key factors that lead to the formation of the Facility Review Committee by the Board of Education were:

- Declining enrollment resulting in under-utilized facilities
- Declining operating revenue directly related to student enrollment

Discussion of Options:

The Facility Review Committee recommends adoption of the option to close two elementary schools and arrived at this conclusion after reviewing five-year demographic data, enrollment trends, real estate information, building usage and financial data for each facility. In addition, tours of each instructional facility were conducted as well as a tour of the District Administrative Center. As a guideline, the FRC also used the District's Strategic Plan.

Numerous alternative configurations were analyzed and evaluated including the option to remain "status quo". At the conclusion of the facility visits, a picture of possible options began to emerge. At a high level, the options grouped into those that involved considering one or more elementary schools and those that considered East Intermediate. Altering the configuration of the high school or middle school or closing the Administrative Center were not considered viable options.

Rationale for Recommendation:

Any option that closes a school or schools has a profound impact upon the District's children, families, and staff. The option to close two schools was recommended because it had the minimal impact to instructional programs, and buildings capacities were not stretched beyond acceptable limits. The Facility Review Committee did determine that closing one elementary school was a viable option but chose closing two schools based on the desire to redistribute children and staff to remaining buildings one time versus a phased approach.

Strategic Plan References

Parameter: We will provide a safe and secure environment in which to teach, learn, and work.

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

**WAVERLY COMMUNITY SCHOOLS
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FOR INFORMATION***

Subject: Extended Field Trip

Extended Field Trip Proposal

Benjamin Knapp, high school choir director, has received administrative approval of an extended field trip proposal to take the Reflections to Leaven Center in Lyons, Michigan for a retreat February 26 through 28, 2010. Twenty-three students will be transported by parents and Mr. Knapp to and from the site. Takis Pizanis will attend the retreat during the day on Saturday. At least four parent chaperones will also attend. 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 parent Will Humes serving the meals. The estimated cost per student is \$100.00. 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.

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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Report #09-37

FOR ACTION

Subject: Budget Amendment 2009-2010

Recommendation:

The Superintendent recommends the Board of Education approve the amended 2009-2010 budget showing revenues to be \$30,091,864 with expenditures of \$31,777,008.

Statement of Purpose/Issue:

To amend the 2009-2010 budget to reflect the expected revenues and expenditures.

Budget Impact:

The adjustments changed the expected June 30, 2010 fund balance to \$3,577,467.

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:

- Revised State Aid and property tax values
- Updated grant awards
- Updated interest revenue
- Updated staffing

Discussions of Options:

The Board may adopt the resolution as presented or reject the resolution.

Rational for Proposal:

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

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<u>Major Class</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Approved 2009/2010 Budget</u>	<u>Proposed 2009/2010 Budget</u>	<u>Difference</u>	
111	Property Tax Levy	9,406,174	9,312,361	(93,813)	Updated Homestead/Non-Homestead amounts
119	Delinquent Taxes	50,000	40,000	(10,000)	
131	Tuition	15,000	11,000	(4,000)	
151	Interest On Investments	100,000	10,000	(90,000)	Updated for anticipated interest earnings
191	Rental on Buildings	20,000	20,000	0	
199	Miscellaneous	10,000	6,500	(3,500)	
311	State Revenue	18,003,769	16,411,358	(1,592,411)	Updated enrollment, 20j cut, \$165 cut, \$288/pupil; special ed adjustment
412	Unrestricted Federal Grants	0	864,406	864,406	Stimulus funds to cover part of State reduction (\$288/pupil)
413	Direct Federal Grants	23,478	0	(23,478)	No Indian Education Grant
414	Federal Grants	614,264	781,156	166,892	Updated for actual Title grant awards
417	Flow Thru Grants	16,734	341,083	324,349	Updated for ARRA - IDEA grant
418	Unrestricted Flow Thru Grants	17,000	69,000	52,000	Updated for Medicaid Outreach
519	IISD Reimbursements	<u>2,175,000</u>	<u>2,225,000</u>	<u>50,000</u>	Updated for special education funding through ISD
Total Revenues		30,451,419	30,091,864	(359,555)	

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<u>Function</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Approved 2009/2010 Budget</u>	<u>Proposed 2009/2010 Budget</u>	<u>Difference</u>	
111	Elementary	7,613,526	7,323,669	(289,857)	Updated for staffing and cost center reductions
112	Middle School	2,508,510	2,506,081	(2,429)	
113	High School	5,627,536	5,473,956	(153,580)	Updated for staffing and cost center reductions
119	Summer School	27,517	3,000	(24,517)	Removal of Indian Education Grant
122	Special Education	3,251,152	3,185,365	(65,787)	Updated for staffing and cost center reductions
125	Compensatory Education	461,192	699,253	238,061	Updated for actual Title grant funding
199	Holding Account for Employee Benefits	14,600	14,600	0	
212	Guidance Services	606,930	606,273	(657)	
215	Speech Pathology & Audiology	567,223	567,224	1	
216	Social Work Services	592,942	569,412	(23,530)	Updated for staffing changes
218	Teacher Consultant	295,670	296,256	586	
219	Other Pupil Services	47,668	47,668	0	
221	Improvement of Instruction	400,010	948,588	548,578	Updated for ARRA - IDEA staffing; Textbook purchases
222	Educational Media Services/Library	927,740	936,729	8,989	
226	Supervision & Direction	368,107	364,972	(3,135)	
231	Board of Education	65,438	63,343	(2,095)	
232	Executive Administration	301,006	293,828	(7,178)	
241	Office of the Principal/School Administration	1,805,532	1,921,111	115,579	Updated to include Dean of Students at East
249	Other School Administration/Department Heads	76,903	76,903	0	
252	Fiscal Services	371,578	378,968	7,390	
257	Internal Services	60,850	60,850	0	
259	Other Business Services	69,788	68,842	(946)	
261	Operating Building Services	3,497,825	3,333,802	(164,023)	Updated for cost center reductions and insurance adjustment
266	Security Services	83,309	68,445	(14,864)	Updated for reduction in security services at HS and MS
271	Pupil Transportation Services	787,742	781,842	(5,900)	
283	Staff/Personnel Services	191,132	187,903	(3,229)	
284	Information Management Services	254,772	193,323	(61,449)	Updated for cost center reductions
285	Other Central Services	934	434	(500)	
299	Other Support Services	35,000	35,000	0	
331	Communication	20,757	14,206	(6,551)	
511	Equipment Loan Principal & Interest	156,477	156,435	(42)	
621	Athletic/Activities & Child Care Support	598,727	598,727	0	
	Total Expenditures	31,688,093	31,777,008	88,915	
	Excess Revenue/(Expenditures)	(1,236,674)	(1,685,144)		
	Beginning Fund Balance	4,777,463	5,262,611		
	Projected Fund Balance	3,540,789	3,577,467		
	Percentage of Budget - Fund Balance	11.17%	11.26%		

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Revenue

Major Class 111 (Property Tax Levy) – Decrease in Property Tax Levy is attributed to using updated taxable values provided by municipalities within the District.

Major Class 151 (Interest on Investments) – Updated for anticipated interested earnings.

Major Class 311 (State Revenue) – Blended count of 2,998 students (loss of 78 students) and a \$165 per pupil decrease in the foundation allowance. Additionally, this reflects the elimination of Section 20j funding. Property taxes are tied to our State Aid – incorporated nonhomestead and personal property changes into calculation. Finally, a further reduction of approximately \$288 per pupil is reflected in this major class. This reduction is given back to the District in Major Class 412 which is a new classification to reflect unrestricted federal stimulus funds.

Major Class 412 (Unrestricted Federal Grants) – This reflects federal stimulus funds the State used to fill an approximate \$288 per pupil reduction in funding.

Major Class 413 (Direct Federal Grants) – The District no longer receives funds through the Indian Education grant.

Major Class 414 (Federal Grants) – Updated for actual federal grant award amounts. This includes ARRA grants for Title I and Title II D (technology).

Major Class 417 (Flow Thru Grants) – Updated to include funding for the ARRA – IDEA grant. This grant is in collaboration with Ingham ISD and is funding the RtI and technology trainers.

Major Class 418 (Unrestricted Flow Thru Grants) – Updated to include additional Medicaid Outreach funds received by the District.

Major Class 519 (IISD Reimbursements) – Increase in special education funding from Ingham ISD taking into account the total amount available for the ISD to allocate, expected student numbers for special education, and audit close out of the 2008-2009 fiscal year.

Expenditures

Function 111 (Elementary) – Adjustments within this function area relate to updated wage, benefit, and retirement amounts given current staffing levels. In addition, there has been salary, benefit, and retirement costs removed from this function area and added to Function 125 (Compensatory Education) to reflect actual grant amounts for Title I and ARRA Title I. Finally, cost center reductions are reflected in this function area.

Function 113 (High School) – Adjustments within this function area relate to updated wage, benefit, and retirement amounts given current staffing levels. Additionally, cost center reductions are reflected in this function area.

Function 119 (Summer School) – Reduced for the removal of grant expenditures related to the Indian Education Grant.

Function 122 (Special Education) – Adjustments within this function area relate to updated wage, benefit, and retirement amounts given current staffing levels. Additionally, cost center reductions are reflected in this function area.

Function 125 (Compensatory Education) – Adjusted to reflect actual grant awards for Title I and ARRA Title I.

Function 216 (Social Work Services) – Reduced for .5 FTE social worker that resigned and was not replaced.

Function 221 (Improvement of Instruction) – Updated to include expenditures related to the ARRA – IDEA grant. This grant is in collaboration with Ingham ISD and is funding the RtI and technology trainers.

Function 241 (Office of the Principal/School Administration) – Updated to include the Dean of Students at East.

Function 261 (Operating Building Services) – Overall decrease in this function area due to the following: cost center reductions, actual insurance premiums for custodial staff, actual insurance for property/liability, and reductions in utilities due to a milder winter heating season.

Function 266 (Security Services) – Reduced security at the Middle and High School.

Function 284 (Information Management Systems) – Decrease in this function area due to cost center reductions.

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Revenue

Major Class 311 (State Revenue) – There is an increase in this Major Class of approximately \$458,000 since the budget was presented on February 8, 2010 due to a new piece of information that has been finalized by the State. The District has always been considered an “out-of-formula” district for Special Education State funding. In simple terms, this meant that when Proposal A passed the District’s special education dollars were held at a certain dollar and percentage threshold. Because of this the District would not lose State Aid for Special Education simply because of the conversion that happened as part of Proposal A. The District remained out of formula until the 2008-2009 fiscal year when it became an “in-formula” district. This occurred because total special education expenditures have continued to increase while the District has been receiving low to negative increases in per pupil allocations. Since the District is now considered in-formula the State needed to complete a prior adjustment for the 2008-2009 fiscal year (a calculation it could only do after the financial audit of the 2008-2009 fiscal year, the completion of additional state reporting by the District, and an approval process by the Michigan Department of Education). Once complete, this calculation provided for an additional \$253,000 to the district. There is another increase of approximately \$205,000 because the District is now considered in-formula and is, therefore, provided with an estimated calculation and payment for the 2009-2010 fiscal year. This calculation will be adjusted to a final amount (could be a positive or negative variance) in the 2010-2011 year when final 2009-2010 figures are audited, submitted, and approved by the State.

Expenditures

Function 221 (Improvement of Instruction) – There has been an increase in this function for \$250,000. This is to provide a one-time budget amount for the purchase of textbooks. The District has several textbook needs. This will allow a placeholder in the budget for the purchase of textbooks. These purchases will then come to the Board for approval as separate board action items in the spring.