

Wapello Community School District
Board of Directors
Regular Meeting
2/8/2017

The Wapello Board of Education met in open session for their regular monthly meeting at 6:00 p.m. at the Central Administration Building Board Room. Those present included Duane Boysen, Doug Housman, Larry Miller, Eric Smith, Matt Stewart, Supt. Peterson, Steve Bohlen, Bill Plein, Nate Miller, Board Secretary Eric Small, and a representative of the news media was also present.

President Duane Boysen called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

Approval of Agenda: Motion by Smith and seconded by Miller to approve the agenda. Motion carried with a 5-0 voice vote.

Community Forum:

Special Commendations: The board recognized the Students of the Month for the Month of January.

Approval of Minutes: Motion by Miller and seconded by Housman to approve the minutes as printed. Motion carried with a 5-0 voice vote.

Approval of Bills: Motion by Miller and seconded by Smith to approve the bills presented for payment with added pre approvals. Motion carried with a 5-0 voice vote.

Financial Report: Motion by Housman and seconded by Miller to approve the financial report for January 2017. Motion carried with a 5-0 voice vote.

Administrative Report:

Supt. Peterson –

- Federal Level Items of Interest
 - DeVos was confirmed as Secretary of Education
 - Bill Introduced to Abolish the US Department of Education
 - ESSA and Student Accountability Measures are in Question
- State Level Items of Interest
 - 1.11 Increase in Supplemental State Aid and is awaiting the Governor's Signature
 - Collective Bargaining Reform – Base Wages Only
 - Smarter Balanced Testing is on hold, once again
 - 3rd Grade Retention is more than likely going away
 - Bill Introduced that would abolish the State Department of Education
 - Education Savings Accounts
- Local Level Items of Interest
 - Loss of 22.2 students this year translates into a loss of \$148,815 for next year
- Legislator Contact Information
- Upcoming Meeting Schedule

Elementary Principal, Brett Nagle -

- Winter Assessment Results
- Wapello Elementary Tribes
- Iowa Assessments

- 5th Grade Grants

High School Principal Steve Bohlen

- Ms Bostian, her speech students, and their parents were recognized for a very well run district speech contest
- Group Speech participants were recognized for their high marks at the recent state speech contest that will also see two students participate in the All State Speech Festival
- Art Students were recognized for having their work selected to be displayed at Grandview College
- 4 Wrestlers have qualified for the district wrestling meet
- 3rd Quarter Parent Teacher Conferences will be held on Feb 21 and Feb 23
- A group of girls will participate in Girls in Engineering at Rockwell Collins

Director of Technology, Nate Miller –

- Update on Internet Issues, The New Switch has arrived, and now waiting on ITS to assist with the installation.
- Proposed changes to the network structure that Mr. Miller proposes for the upcoming summer to make the network and firewall more functional
- Chromebook Update
- New Chromebooks for the Elementary building have arrived, we are just waiting on the charging carts to arrive, once the carts arrive, they should be deployed fairly quickly

Athletic Director – Bill Plein

- District Seeding Meeting was held at Wapello
- Boys Shootout is on the 10th versus Notre Dame
- Girls Regional Basketball is at Mediapolis on Saturday the 11th
- Boys will play the first round of their tournament at Wilton
- Daktronics Scoreboards

Personnel

a. Hires

1. Joe Bowman, Head Girls Track – Motion by Stewart and seconded by Smith to approve the Head Girls Track Coach contract with Joe Bowman. Motion carried with a 4-1(Miller) voice vote.

b. Resignations

c. Transfers

New Business:

Consideration to Approve Fundraisers -

1. Elementary Student Council – Valentine Suckers
2. Popcorn Sales – Lunchroom
3. Elem PBIS Hat Day, Green Necklaces, Easter Eggs
4. Horticulture Class Plant Sale
5. Drama – Spring Play and Activities (Proceeds to be given to the Waylon and Rhianon Walker Family to help with medical expenses)

Motion by Smith and seconded by Miller to approve the fundraiser list. Motion carried with a 5-0 voice vote.

Discussion Regarding Former Preschool Building – Mayor Shawn Maine approached the board to discuss the possibility of a use for the former Preschool Building. The city is looking for a permanent home for the police department. While the building is too large for the Police Department alone, some preliminary discussions have been held with the Keck Theatre Players to use the upstairs portion. The city would desire to enter into a 28-E Agreement that would allow the city and Keck Players to use this building while the city could allow the school to use any piece of city owned equipment and an operator if necessary. The City is also exploring looking at applying for a COPS Grant that would allow the city to have an additional officer which the city would have this officer working in the Elementary and High School Buildings for a specified number of hours each week. The city would like to enter into an agreement to provide these things in return for the building that is currently sitting vacant. The board wished to explore these options further; Mayor Maine will meet with the City Council and then meet again with Supt. Peterson to discuss the possibility further.

Discussion of Elementary Pickup and Drop-Off Traffic – Mayor Shawn Maine and Police Chief Wayne Crump discussed with the board the current Pick Up and Drop-Off Procedures being used at the Elementary building. The current situation is creating a “hostile environment”. The city is searching for a solution without creating more hard feelings. The police department could issue tickets for stopping on a traveled portion of a highway, but the city is looking for a diplomatic solution to ensure safety for the students and parents. The Police Department will continue to educate parents to try and alleviate the situation as they have been and use citations as necessary.

Consideration to Purchase Activity Bus – Transportation Director Darren Wilson reviewed with the board three proposals for a replacement activity bus. Proposals were received from School Bus Sales \$106,856; Thomas Bus Sales of Iowa \$82,724; and Hogle Bus Co. \$89,250. Motion by Housman and seconded by Miller to purchase the 84 passenger Thomas SAF-T HDX Bus in the amount of \$82,724. Motion carried with a 5-0 voice vote.

FFA Meat Team Presentation – Ms. Wanfalt and her 5th place National Meats Team gave a presentation to the board regarding the national contest that they participated in and ended up 5th in the nation.

Consideration to Approve FFA PRCA Rodeo and Specialty Act Contracts – Ms. Wanfalt, members of the Student Committee, and Val Vineyard presented to the board proposed contracts from the stock contractor, Barnes PRCA Rodeo and also from the specialty act Cody Cavannaugh. Motion by Smith and seconded by Miller to approve contracts with Barnes PRCA Rodeo. Motion carried with a 5-0 voice vote. Motion by Miller and seconded by Housman to approve the specialty act contract with Cody Cavannaugh for the 2017 Wapello FFA PRCA Rodeo. Motion carried with a 5-0 voice vote.

Consideration to Approve Review/Revisions to Board Policies –Supt. Peterson recommended to the board that they approve the review of the following policies:

407.1 – Licensed Employee Resignation

407.2 – Licensed Employee Contract Release

407.3 – Licensed Employee Retirement

407.4 – Licensed Employee Suspension

Superintendent Peterson recommended minor changes to some of the mentioned policies and asked that the board approve the changes and the review of these policies. Motion by Miller and seconded by Smith to approve review and revision to the board policies stated above. Motion carried with a 5-0 voice vote.

Consideration to Approve Budget Reductions for 2017-2018 – Superintendent Peterson presented the board with a list of possible cuts to help reduce spending for the 2017-2018 school year.

Possible Reduction	Rationale	Notes	
Reduce HS PE	High School PE numbers are low enough to make this a workable reduction.		\$18,414
Reduce Librarian to 1 day per week	We are legally required to have a librarian, but the law doesn't specify the percentage.	Our two paras who staff our libraries do the vast majority of the work already.	\$9,721
Eliminate JH/HS At-Risk	These funds could be used to pay for other expenses.	With the restructuring at the JH/HS, everyone basically functions as an "at-risk" teacher. Someone would need to supervise kids working on credit recovery. Someone would also need to teach a couple social studies classes. We have staff with the proper endorsements.	\$49,618
Eliminate a night custodian	People will need to be flexible and the job may look different, but we believe this can be done.	Cody is already planning on not returning next year. This could be an easy reduction.	\$43,495
Absorb the Elementary Literacy Coach Position	We would look at having our current JH/HS coach assume some of these duties. The Director of Instruction would also assume some of these duties.	Originally funded through a grant, the TLC program is now a part of the general fund formula. It is based on enrollment, so this allocation is also going down.	\$62,093

Eliminate a FB Assistant Coach	This has been brought up in the past.		\$2,527
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Reduce JH English	Enrollment in 7-8 grades currently could be 2 sections per grade instead of 3.	Reductions would affect the lowest people on the seniority schedule.	\$9,264
Reduce JH Math			\$13,021
Reduce JH SS			\$9,967
Reduce JH Science			\$10,152

Absorb the Early Intervention Position	We still need to provide the services, but we can restructure things to cover without having to hire another person		\$59,911
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Discussion with the board and the administrative team followed Superintendent Peterson's list of proposed/possible reductions.

Reduce HS PE \$18,414 – Motion by Stewart and Housman to reduce the HS Physical Education. Motion carried with a 4-1 (Miller) voice vote.

Reduce Librarian to One Day Per Week – Motion by Miller and seconded by Housman to reduce the Librarian to one day per week. Motion carried with a 5-0 voice vote.

Eliminate HS/JH At-Risk – Motion by Stewart and seconded by Smith to Eliminate the HS/JH At-Risk Position. Motion carried with a 5-0 voice vote.

Eliminate Custodian Position – Motion by Stewart and seconded by Miller to Eliminate a Custodian Position. Motion carried with a 5-0 voice vote.

Absorb the Elementary Literacy Coach Position – Motion by Stewart and seconded by Miller to absorb the Elementary Literacy Coach Position. Motion carried with a 4-1(Housman) voice vote.

Eliminate an Assistant Football Coach Position – Died for Lack of Motion

Reduce JH Math, Social Studies, Science, English - Died for Lack of Motion

Absorb the Early Intervention Position – Died for Lack of Motion

Consideration to Purchase Scoreboards for Gymnasium– Superintendent Peterson presented a quote from Daktronics for a set of scoreboards (1) Model 2303 AND (1) 2301 for the new competition

gymnasium in the amount of \$7,600. Motion by Stewart and seconded by Miller to purchase the recommended scoreboards from Daktronics . Motion carried with a 5-0 voice vote.

Set Date for March Board Meeting:

Motion by Smith and seconded by Housman to set the March Board Meeting for Wednesday March 8, 2017 at 6:00 p.m. The motion carried with a 5-0 voice vote.

Adjournment:

Motion by Miller and seconded by Smith to adjourn. Motion carried with a 5-0 voice vote. Meeting was adjourned at 7:53 p.m.



Duane Boysen, President



Eric Small, Secretary