

**MINUTES OF THE MONTHLY MEETING
OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION
WALNUT COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT
THURSDAY AUGUST 21, 2008**

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m. with members Troy Schaben, Rob Sampson, Ron Hamilton, Heather Gettler and Shannon Griffith present. Also in attendance were Supt Peterson, Principal Binns, IASB Representative Larry Siegel, several teachers and guests.

Motion by Gettler, second by Sampson to approve the agenda. Motion carried.

3.0 Communications

- 3.2 Teacher Bill Kearney gave a report on the current band students and how they were progressing this new school year.
- 3.3 The district currently pays for liability coverage for several groups who are associated with the school. The cost to the district is \$100.00 per group. The board will need to take action next month if it is going to continue to cover these groups.
- 3.4 Rick Blum of the Friends Organization gave his report on their current activities and future ideas for the district.

4.0 Administrative Reports

Ms. Radloff reported on the new school calendars and they are ready for people who choose to purchase them.

5.0 Discussion Items

- 5.1 Counselor Pfannkuch reported on the current High School schedules with Atlantic. Board member Hamilton suggested that we should be looking for ways to keep some general courses in Walnut. Griffith stated that he felt the same way and ICN and other options need to be explored. Supt Peterson stated that some of these other options may be feasible. Suggestions were made regarding a nine (9) period day implemented in the second semester in order to keep more students in Walnut. Rick Blum stated that he also felt the district should try to do less sharing with Atlantic and keep more options in Walnut.
- 5.2 Larry Siegel from the Iowa Assoc of School Boards presented information on how many districts found themselves on the list of overspending their budgets. He explained how the state can shut down districts that have let their unspent balance get too low even though they may have funds in the bank. Walnut was in this position for the fiscal years of 2004-05 and 2005-06 and the district must not let this happen again in order to prevent the possibility of the school closing.

6.0 Action Items

- 6.1 Motion by Hamilton, second by Sampson to approve the monthly bills. Motion carried. Motion by Griffith, second by Gettler to approve the minutes, activity report and board secretary's report. Motion carried.
- 6.2 Motion by Sampson, second by Gettler to table the larger bus purchase. Motion carried

6.4 Motion by Sampson, second by Hamilton to approve contract for Kindergarten teacher to Angela Julin at \$27,600. Motion carried

Motion by Sampson, second by Gettler to approve the increase in salary to Al Sorensen's contract due to his step change from grad credits. Motion carried.

6.5 Motion by Sampson, second by Gettler to table the student handbook addition. Motion carried.

8.0 Adjournment

Motion by Hamilton, second by Sampson to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried

The meeting adjourned at 8:43 p.m.

Respectfully submitted