

**MINUTES OF THE MONTHLY MEETING
OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION
WALNUT COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT
THURSDAY JANUARY 17, 2008**

The meeting was called to order at 6: p.m. with members Troy Schaben, Heather Gettler, Shannon Griffith, Rob Sampson and Ron Hamilton present. Also in attendance were Supt. Jeff Kruse, Principals Angie Radloff and Paul Croghan, several students, teachers and guests.

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

3.2. The board secretary reported that here had been an invoice that arrived after board packets had been distributed and was not listed on the bills for the month. Supt Kruse felt that it should be paid this month and it would show on next month expenses.

3.3 Teacher Kearney reported on the upcoming musical and was very excited about the number of students who have participated this year.

3.4 Supt Kruse reported on the Department of Ed changes for the supplemental sharing income and the Lighthouse Project.

4.0 President Schaben requested the February meeting be changed to the 11th and begin at 5:30 p.m. in order to make the Atlantic joint meeting at 7:30 p.m.

Principal Croghan reported on the ongoing boiler maintenance of the heating system. Bus #8 is leaking antifreeze and Thomas Bus Sales will be giving the district a loaner us while repairs are being done. The Friends Organization has reported on their objectives for updates and ideas for the district. The Eaton Corporation has given a \$1000. donation to the school for books which resulted from them being stranded here during the March 2007 storm. He also reported that the shared Math teacher has resigned effective at the end of the year. She told the district she chose to announce this early in order for the district to begin searching for another teacher.

Principal Radloff reported on testing data and how teachers may need to look at specific areas where there may be a problem. It is determined that students need a minimum of 90 minutes for reading proficiency and to make sure teachers are teaching with integrity. She also stated that we do need more substitutes available and asked everyone to let us know if anyone is interested.

Supt Kruse reported on the opportunity of bond refinancing at a lower interest rate, possibly saving the district money overall in repayment dollars.

5.0 Discussion Items;

5.1 Principal Radloff reported on testing data, the importance of Rigor and Relevance, individual growth of special education students and parental contact.

5.2 The board has responded back to the association's contract proposal. Items 1 though 4-Maintain current contract.

Item 5-District proposes one weekly meeting.

Item 6-Employees be required to pay 10% of insurance cost per month and not to add dental.

Item 7-Proposed adding \$100 to the base salary and not adding career increments to the schedule. Instead of distributing teacher quality money in April, proposing payment twice a year in December and June as long as the state funds such legislation and the section that reads for the 07-08 only, employees who have reached the maximum If any salary lane shall receive the base increase plus \$200 career increment shall be deleted.

Item 8-the district proposes no change to the Supplemental Pay Schedule C.

Item 9-The agreement shall be effective as amended as of July 1, 2008 and shall continue in effect until June 30, 2010. Wages, Supplemental Pay and Insurance shall be effective July 1, 2008 and shall continue in effect until June 30, 2009. Duties and required signatures will be changed to make the Master Contract current for the 2008-2010 school years.

5.3 Supt Kruse reported on the Administrative Standard #3. It states that the law now requires evaluations every 3 years.

6.0 Action Items

6.1 Consent Items: Motion by Sampson, second by Griffith to approve the minutes, board bills of \$70,531.82, activity report, food service report, board secretary's report and board policies 800-801.9. Motion carried.

6.4 After much discussion and input from the public, parents and students, it was decided to continue the HS Softball program. The discussion on JH Football was tabled until the next meeting. Motion carried.

At 7:25 p.m. the board went into suspension in order to enter the Joint Board Meeting with Atlantic. Motion by Sampson, second by Gettler. Motion carried.

At 9:20 p.m. the meeting resumed. Motion by Sampson, second by Gettler. Motion carried.

6.5 Motion by Hamilton, second by Sampson to approve the purchase of a new school vehicle for \$24,000 or less. Motion carried.

6.6 At 9:33 p.m. the board went into negotiations strategy.

8.0 Adjournment

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

The meeting adjourned at 10:00 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted

**MINUTES OF THE JOINT BOARD MEETING
WALNUT COOMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT AND
THE ATLANTIC COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT
THURSDAY JANUARY 17, 2008**

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. with all Walnut Board Members and Administration present. Also in attendance were the Atlantic Board Members and Administration and several guests.

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

Principal Croghan gave a power point presentation on data, classes, scheduling, transportation and student feedback with facts on sharing and non sharing statistics. After lengthy discussion on all points it was determined that another joint meeting should be held in February before making any agreements.

The next meeting will be in Atlantic on February 11, 2008 at 7:30 p.m.

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

The meeting adjourned at 9:10 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted