

**MINUTES OF THE MONTHLY MEETING  
OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION  
WALNUT COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT  
THURSDAY MARCH 13, 2008**

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m. with members Troy Schaben, Rob Sampson, Heather Gettler, Ron Hamilton and Shannon Griffith present. Also in attendance were Supt. Kruse, Principals Radloff and Croghan and several guests.

Motion by Sampson, second by Gettler to approve the agenda with a delete of item 6.10 to be discussed at April meeting. Motion carried.

**3.0 Communications**

**3.1** Darrin Tooley reported on the Friends Organization and their update of the old gym painting and new outdoor sign. President Schaben thanked the group for their hard work and commitment.

**3.2** Due to the early meeting, the board secretary asked for and received permission to pay the monthly bills that had not yet arrived.

**3.4** The district has received a letter from AHST indicating that they no longer choose to share technology services with Walnut next year. Currently Walnut contracts and shares this position with AHST. The cost is approximately \$22,000 annually and was split 50% between the two districts. The board will decide what to do for the next year.

**4.0 Administrative Reports**

Supt Kruse reported on the Super Board Conference and Lighthouse Project sessions. Any board member choosing to attend Super Board must be registered in order to attend. The first Lighthouse meeting will be at Walnut on the 8<sup>th</sup> of April. A district that is a K-8 and K-6 have offered to let the board members come and visit the school and obtain pro and con feedback on how it is working. Hamilton felt a Vision plan should be addressed before any decisions were made.

Principal Croghan reported that Parent Teacher conference were next week and registration has started. On the 18<sup>th</sup>, the 6<sup>th</sup> grade will have a Math Day. The H.S. Musical was a large success with approximately 106 attending on Sunday and higher attendance on Friday night.

Principal Radloff reported that there are 2 new Kindergarten students and 1 new 5<sup>th</sup> grade student. The new calendars are being created at this time. The Special Ed audit was finished in February and the transition audit ended last week with favorable results. DVD movies are being collected to send to the overseas soldiers and the local Am Vets have offered to cover the mailing costs. A big thank you to them for their contribution. The Department of Education will come to the voluntary Pre School for a visit. Author Mel Boring will be in AHST and the PreK through 5<sup>th</sup> grade will attend the reading. This district has received some applications for the vacant elementary positions. She also gave the district a check for \$100 that she had received from Target Stores fundraising program.

## **5.0 Discussion Items**

**5.1** President Schaben had attended the ABLE meeting. Supt Kruse reported on the administrative standard #5-Ethics.

**5.2** Supt Kruse gave 2008-2009 Budget presentation.

## **6.0 Action Items**

**6.1A-6.1J Consent Items:** Motion by Sampson, second by Griffith to approve minutes, board bills of \$223,071.44, activity report, food service report, board secretary's report, board policies 803-804.7, Iowa West Leadership Academy, the 2008-2010 Master Contract, the LAU Plan and the following resolution for the issuance of new bonds "Resolution authorizing the issuance of general obligation school refunding Bonds, series 2008 in the amount of \$1,065,000, and levying a tax for the payment thereof.". Roll call vote, all ayes. Motion carried.

**6.2** Motion by Hamilton, second by Gettler to approve the 2008-09 Debt Levy in the amount of \$176, 887. Motion carried

**6.3** Motion by Hamilton, second by Sampson to approve the Budget Guarantee Resolution; "RESOLVED, that the Board of Directors of the Walnut Community School District will levy property tax for the fiscal year 2008-2009 for the regular program budget adjustment as allowed under Iowa Code section 257.14". Motion carried.

**6.4** Special levies for 2008-09 Budget:

Motion by Gettler, second by Griffith to approve the Cash Reserve levy set at \$70,918. Motion carried.

Motion by Hamilton, second by Sampson to approve the Instructional Support levy in the amount of \$133,042. Motion carried.

Motion by Gettler, second by Sampson to approve the Management levy in the amount of \$80,000. Motion carried

Motion by Griffith, second by Gettler to approve the PPEL levy at .33 per \$1,000 of assessed valuation and the voter approved PPEL levy at .67 per \$1,000 of assessed valuation. Motion carried.

**6.5** Motion by Hamilton, second by Gettler to set date for public hearing and publication for budget adoption. The hearing date will be April 14. Motion carried

## **6.6 Resignation**

Motion by Hamilton, second by Sampson to approve the resignation of Amy Hoodjer from the Pre School. Motion carried.

Motion by Gettler, second by Griffith to approve the resignation of Sara White from the Social Studies. Motion carried.

Motion by Sampson, second by Gettler to approve the resignation of Nicole Cote from Science. Motion carried.

**6.7** Motion by Sampson, second by Gettler to approve the teacher's salaries and supplemental salaries for the 2008-09 school year. Motion carried.

Motion by Sampson, second by Gettler to approve the coaching contract for Ron Hamilton. Motion carried. Hamilton abstains.

**6.8** Motion by Hamilton, second by Gettler to approve the Senior trip. Motion carried.

**6.9** Motion by Gettler, second by Sampson to accept bid from Adrian Griffith for \$635. for sale of old Dodge van. Motion carried. Griffith abstains.

**7.1 Vision plan:** The board will be discussing on the next step for creating a vision plan for the district. Outside sources may be used in establishing this goal

**8.0 Adjournment**

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

The meeting adjourned at 8:43 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted