

**MINUTES OF THE MONTHLY MEETING
OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION
WALNUT COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT
MONDAY MAY 18, 2009**

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m. with members Shannon Griffith, Bryan Simonsen, Troy Schaben, Rob Sampson and Ron Hamilton present. Also in attendance were Supt Peterson, Principal Binns, Director Radloff, several guests and teachers.

1.0 Motion by Sampson, second by Simonsen to approve the agenda. Carried.

2.0 Discussion Items

2.1 Rick Blum of the Friends Group reported on current projects and plans for future projects. He stated that Bill Kearney had requested \$55 from the Friends and Music Parents to go toward scholarships. The group wants to contribute to the teacher's wish list, paint the elementary building and help address the parking on Walnut street with the district and city sharing costs. Hamilton would like to see secure bids before any commitment is made.

2.2 Sarah Kock reported on the legislature's cut of the Phase I funding of \$26,500 to the district. She reported that the impact to teachers in the Walnut school was higher due to smaller numbers and that in turn made our district less attractive for recruitment of quality applicants. She felt the district should absorb the cost and pay the funds even though the Master Contract states that the district does not have to pay out any funds that it does not receive.

2.3 Supt Peterson reported on the regulations that have been attached to the potential stimulus funding and suggested that the district use any funding to pay down the Special Ed deficit which will reduce taxing for that deficit amount the following year. He also noted that Loess Hills AEA 13 and Green Valley AEA 14 have now combined and will be called Green Hills.

3.0 Administrative Reports

3.1 Supt Peterson asked the board if the four administrative staff members that work through the summer would be allowed to continue the Fridays off as has been in the past. The board decided to continue the practice with staff resuming regular time in August.

Principal Binns reported that two athletes had qualified for state track and would be attending State on Thursday and Friday. Graduation will be Sunday and Baccalaureate will be Wednesday night and Friday will be the Senior picnic. The sharing schedule for next year is still being put together.

4.0 Action Items

4.1 Motion by Sampson, second by Schaben to approve minutes, board bills of \$, activity report, food service report and board secretary's report. Carried.

4.2 Motion by Simonsen, second by Sampson to draft letter to Governor and Legislatures regarding Phase I funding cuts. Carried

Motion by Hamilton, second by Schaben to have district pay two thirds (2/3) of the \$26,533 cut to the teachers. Carried.

4.3 Motion by Sampson, second by Simonsen to approve AFS student and to waive Registration and Sport pass fees. Carried.

- 4.4 Motion by Simonsen, second by Hamilton to approve Dual Enrollment with IWCC. Carried.
- 4.5 Motion by Sampson, second by Hamilton to approve a 2.75% wage increase for support staff. Carried.
- 4.6 Motion by Schaben, second by Simonsen to approve the district's Lap Top policy. Carried.
- 4.7 The purchase of a larger bus was tabled due to lack of information at this time.
- 4.8 Motion by Schaben, second by Sampson to continue another year of Lighthouse at \$3,000. Carried.
- 4.9 Motion by Schaben, second by Griffith to approve the 2009 Graduation list as long as requirements are met. Carried.
- 4.9a Motion by Sampson, second by Simonsen to move the next meeting to June 26, 2009 at 5:30. Carried.
- 4.9b Motion by Sampson, second by Schaben to approve the 2007-08 audit, and ask the auditor to correct the typo errors. Carried.
- 4.9c Motion by Sampson, second by Griffith to approve contract to Denny Book as 2009 Asst Baseball coach for \$1950. Carried.
Motion by Sampson, second by Griffith to approve contract to Melissa Akers as 2009 Asst Softball coach for \$1750. Carried

5.0 Future Agenda Items

- 5.1 The need to get quotes for the replacement of the remaining windows on the west side of the building. Determine what updates/projects can be done where LOST and PPEL funds could be used.
- 6.0 At 8:25 p.m. a Motion by Griffith to hold a closed session as provided in section 21.5(1)(i) of the Code of Iowa, to discuss the professional competency of a district administrator. Second by Simonsen. Roll call vote. Carried.

At 10:45 p.m. the board returned to open session with the following actions.
Motion by Hamilton, second by Sampson to renew the current Superintendent's remaining 2 year contract to a 3 year contract and adding the stipulation to the new contract that should it be broken by the superintendent that a stipend of \$1500. would be charged to cover costs of advertising and to pay out the difference of \$5868. to Dr. Peterson from family insurance to single plan as a benefit. Nays: Simonsen and Schaben. Carried.

7.0 Adjournment

- 7.1 Motion by Sampson, second by Schaben to adjourn the meeting. Carried.
The meeting adjourned at 10:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Vicky Travis Board Secretary

Shannon Griffith President

**MINUTES OF THE LEADERSHIP TEAM AND
THE BOARD OF EDUCATION
WALNUT COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT
MAY 19, 2009**

The special meeting was called to order at 5:30 p.m. with board members Troy Schaben, Bryan Simonsen, Rob Sampson and Shannon Griffith. Ron Hamilton was absent. Also in attendance were Leadership members Angie Radloff, Chris Binns, Lindsey Meyer, Rachel Pfannkuch and Bill Kearney, Supt Peterson, Tina Wahlert and speaker Susie Olsen

Motion by Sampson, second by Schaben to approve the agenda. Carried

Team members and board member spent the time discussing how to make board member more aware of what and how the staff strive for the goals that are set for the curriculum. It was decided to keep communication flowing among all the groups and strive for higher test scores.

Motion by Sampson, second by Griffith to adjourn the meeting. Carried
The meeting adjourned at 6:54 p.m.

Respectfully submitted

Vicky Travis Board Secretary

Shannon Griffith President