

## REGULAR SESSION

April 17, 2018

The North Wamac Grade School District #186 Board of Education meet in Regular Session on Tuesday, April 17, 2018, at 7:33 p.m., in the Conference Room located at 1500 Case Street, Centralia, Illinois.

### AGENDA ITEM #1 CALL MEETING TO ORDER/ROLL CALL

**1.1 Regularly Scheduled Board Meeting (7:33 p.m.)** - President Norman Faulkner called the meeting to order at 7:33 p.m. with Jasper Pennington, Pam McKay, and Cathy Faulkner present. Ashley Calvert, William Sloat, and Hank Jourdan were absent.

### AGENDA ITEM #2 – CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS

**2.1 Review and Approve Minutes** – A motion was made by Pam McKay and seconded by Jasper Pennington to approve the minutes from the March 20, 2018, meeting. Pennington, aye; McKay, aye; C Faulkner, aye; and N Faulkner, aye. All ayes. Motion carried.

#### **2.2 Financial Report**

**2.2.1 Treasurer’s Report** – A motion was made by Pam McKay and seconded by Cathy Faulkner to approve the March 2018 Treasurer’s Report. Pennington, aye; McKay, aye; C Faulkner, aye; and N Faulkner, aye. All ayes. Motion carried.

**2.2.2 Review and Approve Bills** - A motion was made by Pam McKay and seconded by Jasper Pennington to approve the bills for payment. Pennington, aye; McKay, aye; C Faulkner, aye; and N Faulkner, aye. All ayes. Motion carried.

### AGENDA ITEM #3 – OLD BUSINESS

**3.1 Eighth Grade Graduation** – The eighth grade graduation will be held on Thursday, May 17, 2018; the ceremony will take place at 7:00 p.m., in the Vic Dorris Gymnasium. The keynote speaker has not yet been determined.

**3.2 Southern Illinois Miners Baseball Game/Kim’s Party Jumps** – For the seventh consecutive year, students, faculty, and staff of the third through eighth grades will be attending a Southern Illinois Miners baseball game in Marion, Illinois. This year’s event is scheduled for Tuesday, May 8, 2018, with a start time of 10:00 a.m. The cost of the game is \$9.00 per person, which includes the ticket price, a hot dog, chips, and a drink. While the third through eighth grade students attend the Miners baseball game, we also have tentative plans for the kindergarten through second grades to visit Kim’s Party Jumps in Sandoval, Illinois, for an afternoon of enjoyment with the variety of jump houses as well as games presented there. Mr. Morris will send a letter home to all parents regarding the trips soon before the time comes.

**3.3 Fall K.S.E.D. Governing Board Meeting** – The fall K.S.E.D. Governing Board Meeting will be held at Centralia High School on Monday, August 27, 2018, beginning with a dinner served at 5:30 p.m.

**3.4 Go Math! Curriculum** – North Wamac Grade School has purchased the Go Math! curriculum for the upcoming school year for the kindergarten through second grades, who have already implemented the curriculum, as well as for the third through eighth grades. As a result, all grade levels will be utilizing the same math curriculum for the 2018-2019 school year.

#### **AGENDA ITEM #4 – NEW BUSINESS**

**4.1 Evidence-Based Funding (EBF) Projection** – I.S.B.E. has examined the financial conditions of each school district throughout the state, and, through the use of a specified funding formula, I.S.B.E. determined shortfalls of school districts based upon 34 factors. Due to this examination, North Wamac Grade School will receive an additional \$56,418.40 in new revenue by the end of the current fiscal year.

**4.2 Affordable Gas & Electric (AGE)** – Mr. Morris recently attended a workshop at Rend Lake College regarding a local energy consultant, Affordable Gas & Electric (AGE). Their service is designed with the objective to obtain competitive rates from an array of energy suppliers in order to save companies money on their utility bills. Through their service, we will be able to save approximately \$600.00 annually with Constellation Energy as our energy supplier.

**4.3 Bushue HR, Inc. Bid** – Bushue HR, Inc., is an outsourced risk management company that focuses on human resources, insurance, background screening, fingerprinting, etc., and currently does business with many school districts throughout the state of Illinois, including local schools such as Willow Grove School, Central City School, Centralia City Schools, and Centralia High School. After meeting last summer with Jerome Pankey, who is an account representative for Bushue, and discussing in greater detail with him as well as speaking with other superintendent colleagues about Bushue's services, it is Mr. Morris's recommendation that North Wamac Grade School contract with Bushue HR, Inc., for a three-year term. The expenses for Bushue's services will be paid out of the tort fund, which currently holds a surplus of funds that can only be utilized for liability-related expenditures.

**4.4 Bus Lease Purchase** – Mr. Morris and the Board have previously discussed looking into a van or smaller bus that would be ideal for a variety of situations where the 65-passenger school bus is not necessarily needed for certain school activities. Luckily, Mr. Morris found through Midwest Bus Company a 2017 school bus which seats 29 passengers, is equipped with air conditioning, and currently has only 10,000 miles. The price of the bus is \$47,200.00, which excludes taxes, license fees, and decal lettering. Mr. Morris informed Midwest Bus Company that we would purchase the bus pending school board approval; the bus would be acquired under a five-year lease-purchase agreement, and during each year of the lease purchase, the State of Illinois will reimburse us approximately 75% of the cost of the bus. After the five-year agreement period, North Wamac School would own the bus outright. It is Mr. Morris's recommendation that we pursue the completion of the contract for the 29-passenger bus purchase.

**4.5 Adoption of Prevailing Wages for Clinton County** – It is the time of year to adopt the prevailing wage rates for Clinton County; a vote will be needed at tonight’s board meeting to adopt the prevailing wage rates.

**4.6 Eighth Grade Diplomas** – Currently, we have not yet received the diplomas for our graduating eighth grade students. Josten's has indicated that they will arrive within the next two weeks, at which point we will need Norm's and Mr. Morris's signatures on the diplomas prior to graduation.

**4.7 Rotary Club Spelling Bees** – We typically participate in the annual Rotary Spelling Bee. Unfortunately, this year, our PARCC testing dates conflicted with the Rotary Spelling Bee dates; therefore, we were not able to participate.

**4.8 Student Registration for the 2018-2019 School Year** – North Wamac Grade School student registration for the 2018-2019 school year will be held on Thursday, July 26, 2018, and on Friday, July 27, 2018, from 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. on both dates.

**4.9 Student Handbook Policies for the 2018-2019 School Year** – The faculty and staff are in the process of reviewing the Student Handbook policies for the 2018-2019 school year. Mr. Morris will present any recommended changes to the Board at the May school board meeting.

**4.10 Faculty/Staff Appreciation Week** – The week of May 7 - 11, 2018, has been dedicated as Teacher/Staff Appreciation Week. Throughout the week, faculty and staff will receive several special gifts and activities to demonstrate our appreciation for the quality services they perform for our school community.

**4.11 End-of-Year Activities** – The end-of-year activities are as follows:

- 04/09 - 04/20 – PARCC Testing
- 04/17 – Track meet at Centralia High School, 4:00 p.m.
- 04/20 – Active Shooter training at North Wamac School, 12:30 - 3:00 p.m.
- 04/27 – Track meet at Centralia High School, 9:30 a.m.
- 05/01 – Regional track meet at Salem High School, 9:30 a.m.
- 05/03 – Cultural Society, grades K-3, 9:30 a.m.
- 05/03 – Cultural Society, grades 3-8, 1:00 p.m.
- 05/07 - 05/11 – Teacher/Staff Appreciation week
- 05/08 – Kim’s Party Jumps, grades K-2, 12:30 - 2:30 p.m.
- 05/08 – Southern Illinois Miners baseball game, grades 3-8, 10:00 a.m. (game time)
- 05/13 – State track meet at Herrin Sports Complex, 9:30 a.m.
- 05/16 – Holiday World, grades 7 & 8
- 05/17 – Eighth grade graduation ceremony, 7:00 p.m.
- 05/21 – School board meeting, 7:00 p.m.

**4.12 Summer Maintenance Projects** – At the May school board meeting, Mr. Morris will present a broad list of summer maintenance activities which will transpire.

**4.12.1 Flooring & Doors Project Quotes** – Two projects to be completed by DePew & Owen that will need a vote of approval at tonight’s meeting are as follows:

- The installation of three new interior door frames & doors – one for Ms. Jayne’s classroom, one for Mr. Marcum’s classroom, and one for the door on the southeast corner of the gym. These three doors are in very poor condition and, because of their condition, are not in compliance with the parameters of our school safety requirements.
- The removal of the hallway tile in the main building and the linoleum in the restrooms, along with the underlying concrete to be painted and treated with a textured concrete paint which will make it much more aesthetically appealing and much lower in maintenance.

**4.13 Teachers’ Rep (Tammy Wood)** – Ms. Tammy Wood reported to the Board her relief that PARCC testing is nearly over, and she also stated that the PARCC tutoring seems to be adding confidence in the students’ test-taking abilities.

#### **AGENDA ITEM #6 – EXECUTIVE SESSION**

**5.1 Discussion of Personnel (as necessary and determined by the Board of Education)** – A motion was made by Pam McKay and seconded by Jasper Pennington to go into Executive Session at 8:14 p.m. Pennington, aye; McKay, aye; C Faulkner, aye; and N Faulkner, aye. All ayes. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Cathy Faulkner and seconded by Pam McKay to return from Executive Session at 8:26 p.m. Pennington, aye; McKay, aye; C Faulkner, aye; and N Faulkner, aye. All ayes. Motion carried.

Upon returning from Executive Session, the following motions were made:

1. A motion was made by Cathy Faulkner and seconded by Jasper Pennington to approve the SIJHSAA two-year co-op agreement with Irvington Grade School. Pennington, aye; McKay, aye; C Faulkner, aye; and N Faulkner, aye. All ayes. Motion carried.
2. A motion was made by Cathy Faulkner and seconded by Jasper Pennington to approve the three-year agreement with Affordable Gas & Electric to contract with Constellation Energy as our energy supplier. Pennington, aye; McKay, aye; C Faulkner, aye; and N Faulkner, aye. All ayes. Motion carried.
3. A motion was made by Pam McKay and seconded by Cathy Faulkner to approve the three-year contract with Bushue HR, Inc. Pennington, aye; McKay, aye; C Faulkner, aye; and N Faulkner, aye. All ayes. Motion carried.
4. A motion was made by Cathy Faulkner and seconded by Jasper Pennington to approve the five-year lease purchase of the 29-passenger school bus. Pennington, aye; McKay, aye; C Faulkner, aye; and N Faulkner, aye. All ayes. Motion carried.
5. A motion was made by Jasper Pennington and seconded by Pam McKay to adopt the prevailing wage rates for Clinton County. Pennington, aye; McKay, aye; C Faulkner, aye; and N Faulkner, aye. All ayes. Motion carried.

6. A motion was made by Cathy Faulkner and seconded by Jasper Pennington to change the regularly scheduled school board meeting date back to the third Monday of each month. Pennington, aye; McKay, aye; C Faulkner, aye; and N Faulkner, aye. All ayes. Motion carried.
7. A motion was made by Jasper Pennington and seconded by Cathy Faulkner to approve the doors and floors projects to be completed by DePew & Owen this summer. Pennington, aye; McKay, aye; C Faulkner, aye; and N Faulkner, aye. All ayes. Motion carried.

**AGENDA ITEM #6 – PUBLIC TO ADDRESS BOARD** – No one addressed the Board.

**AGENDA ITEM #7 – OTHER**

**AGENDA ITEM #8 – ADJOURNMENT** – A motion was made by Norman Faulkner and seconded by Jasper Pennington to adjourn at 8:45 p.m. Pennington, aye; McKay, aye; C Faulkner, aye; and N Faulkner, aye. All ayes. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Kassidy Miller  
Board Clerk

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Norman Faulkner, President

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Ashley Calvert, Secretary