

REGULAR SESSION

January 22, 2018

The North Wamac Grade School District #186 Board of Education meet in Regular Session on Monday, January 22, 2018, at 7:06 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 (7:06 p.m.) - President Norman Faulkner called the meeting to order at 7:06 p.m. with Ashley Calvert, Hank Jourdan, Pam McKay, and Cathy Faulkner present. William Sloat and Jasper Pennington were absent.

AGENDA ITEM #2 – CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS

2.1 Review and Approve Minutes – A motion was made by Ashley Calvert and seconded by Cathy Faulkner to approve the minutes from the December 18, 2017, meeting. Calvert, aye; Jourdan, 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 Hank Jourdan and seconded by Ashley Calvert to approve the November 2017 Treasurer's Report. Calvert, aye; Jourdan, 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 Ashley Calvert and seconded by Cathy Faulkner to approve the bills for payment. Calvert, aye; Jourdan, aye; McKay, aye; C Faulkner, aye; and N Faulkner, aye. All ayes. Motion carried.

AGENDA ITEM #3 – OLD BUSINESS

3.1 PARCC Incentive Program – At the second quarter awards assembly conducted on Wednesday, January 17, 2018, North Wamac School recognized all students who met state standards in any of the content areas on the spring 2017 PARCC test by rewarding them with \$20.00 per content area. Due to last year's results, a total of \$420.00 was distributed to students in grades 4-8. The total dollar amount rewarded this year increased from the dollar amount rewarded for the 2016 PARCC test, and, therefore, the monetary incentive seems to prove advantageous.

3.2 Basketball Team Record/Regional Seed – Our North Wamac/Irvington Indian Eagles's varsity basketball team has struggled a bit this year, but they have been very competitive. Their record currently stands at 10-14, and the junior varsity's record currently stands at 5-8. The varsity team obtained the 3rd seed in the regional tournament, which begins on Tuesday, January 23, 2018; the game will be played at North Wamac Grade School at 6:00 p.m., versus Hoyleton/Grand Prairie.

3.3 FY18 School Calendar Amendment – As a result of the emergency days that were taken due to inclement weather on Friday, January 12, and Tuesday, January 16, Mr. Morris amended the school calendar to reflect those changes accordingly. Additionally, he added a half-day school improvement day for Friday, January 26, 2018; the purpose of this school improvement day is for the teachers to segregate student data as a part of their ongoing teacher evaluations through the Danielson Model of teacher evaluations. Consequently, as of now, our last day of school attendance will be Tuesday, May 29, 2018. The date for 8th grade graduation will be set at the February school board meeting.

AGENDA ITEM #4 – NEW BUSINESS

4.1 Tri-County Institute – The annual Tri-County Institute will take place at Centralia High School from 8:10 a.m. – 2:00 p.m., on Friday, February 16, 2018. The format this year will be the same as the past several years, as there will not be a morning keynote speaker. The first session will begin at 8:10 a.m., and the last session will conclude at 2:00 p.m. There will be a total of six sessions offered to teachers and administrators throughout the course of the day.

4.2 Volleyball Schedule – The volleyball season is upon us, and the first game of the season will be played at Selmaville Grade School on Monday, January 22, 2018, beginning at 5:30 p.m. There are approximately 18 girls on Ms. Jayne’s team this season, and she is quite optimistic about the team’s ability to compete. A complete volleyball schedule was provided to the Board.

4.3 FY19 School Calendar – Mr. Morris and the area feeder school superintendents will be meeting at the Tri-County institute on Friday, February 16, 2018, to begin planning the 2018-2019 school calendar.

4.4 February School Board Meeting Date Change – Due to the holiday (Presidents’ Day) conflicting with the February school board meeting date, Mr. Morris recommended that the meeting should be moved to Tuesday, February 20, 2018, at the usual time of 7:00 p.m.

4.5 Permanent School Board Meeting Date Change – Our school board Vice President, Billy Sloat, has started a new job with a work schedule that requires him to work every Monday; therefore, if the regularly scheduled school board meeting night is not changed, Billy will no longer be able to attend the meetings. Mr. Morris recommended that the Board should vote this evening to move our regularly scheduled school board meetings to the third Tuesday of each month.

4.6 Math Curriculum – Over the past few years, North Wamac School has begun overhauling its teaching curriculum. Several years ago, kindergarten started using the Engage NY curriculum for ELA; last year, we incorporated a Houghton Mifflin Harcourt social studies curriculum for grades 3-8; and, this year, we switched to the Wonders ELA series for grades 1-6. Currently, our school is in the infancy stages of reviewing its math curriculum and looking at options that might be advantageous for improving student test performance.

4.7 Teachers’ Rep (Karisa Neudecker) – Mrs. Neudecker reported to the Board some positive news regarding student productivity. She stated that she had recently completed her mid-year benchmark assessments, and the students appear to be making substantial progress. She also noted that the PARCC test tutoring continues to show constructive results as well as help acclimate the students to using the computers for testing.

AGENDA ITEM #6 – EXECUTIVE SESSION

5.1 Discussion of Personnel (as necessary and determined by the Board of Education) – A motion was made by Ashley Calvert and seconded by Cathy Faulkner to go into Executive Session at 7:34 p.m. Calvert, aye; Jourdan, aye; McKay, aye; C Faulkner, aye; and N Faulkner, aye. All ayes. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Hank Jourdan and seconded by Pam McKay to return from Executive Session at 7:51 p.m. Calvert, aye; Jourdan, 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 Pam McKay and seconded by Cathy Faulkner to approve the amendments made to the FY18 school calendar. Calvert, aye; Jourdan, aye; McKay, aye; C Faulkner, aye; and N Faulkner, aye. All ayes. Motion carried.

2. A motion was made by Pam McKay and seconded by Ashley Calvert to change the February school board meeting date to Tuesday, February 20, 2018, at the usual time of 7:00 p.m. Calvert, aye; Jourdan, 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 Hank Jourdan to permanently change the regularly scheduled board meetings to the third Tuesday of each month. Calvert, aye; Jourdan, 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 Ashley Calvert to formally hire Ronald Pantak as the math PARCC tutor. Calvert, aye; Jourdan, 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 Pam McKay and seconded by Cathy Faulkner to adjourn at 8:09 p.m. Calvert, aye; Jourdan, nay; McKay, aye; C Faulkner, aye; and N Faulkner, nay. Two (2) nays and three (3) ayes. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Kassidy Miller
Board Clerk

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Date

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Norman Faulkner, President

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Ashley Calvert, Secretary