

## **REGULAR SESSION**

November 19, 2018

The North Wamac Grade School District #186 Board of Education meet in Regular Session on Monday, November 19, 2018, at 7:07 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** – President Norman Faulkner called the meeting to order at 7:07 p.m. with Ashley Calvert, Hank Jourdan, Pam McKay, and Cathy Faulkner present. William Sloat was absent.

### **AGENDA ITEM #2 – CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS**

**2.1 Review and Approve Minutes** – A motion was made by Cathy Faulkner and seconded by Ashley Calvert to approve the minutes from the October 15, 2018, 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 Cathy Faulkner and seconded by Ashley Calvert to approve the October 2018 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 Cathy Faulkner and seconded by Pam McKay 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 School Christmas Program** – As with the past several years of our school Christmas programs, the faculty and staff have created their own performances for the program. The Christmas program will begin at 7:00 p.m., on Monday, December 17, 2018.

**3.2 December School Board Meeting Time Change** – The December school board meeting will be held on its regularly scheduled day (December 17), but, due to the school Christmas program, will start at 5:00 p.m., rather than the usual start time of 7:00 p.m.

**3.3 Club's Choice Fundraiser Results** – Students who participated in the Club's Choice PTO fundraiser this fall raised a total of \$2,625.00, of which \$1,130.80 was the final amount profited for the PTO fund.

### **AGENDA ITEM #4 – NEW BUSINESS**

**4.1 School Board Change** – We are greatly saddened by the untimely passing of our most recently appointed school board member, Jasper Pennington. Jasper served the Board exceptionally well during his brief tenure, and he will be sorely missed. As a result of Jasper's passing, we will need to appoint someone to replace him in the near future to fill a two-year term (2019-2021).

**4.2 School Report Card for 2018** – Within the past few weeks, I.S.B.E. has published each Illinois School Report Card for the 2017-2018 school year. The school report card published all pertinent PARCC test data, attendance data, financial data, etc., of each school district within the state of Illinois. Additionally, I.S.B.E. rates each school district based upon the 2018 PARCC data. There are four possible rating

designations: 1). Exemplary, 2). Commendable, 3). Underperforming, and 4). Lowest Performing. Out of the four designations, North Wamac Grade School received a “Commendable” designation. Considering the difficulties our school district encounters with high student mobility and a majority low-income population, our school community does an excellent job of providing a quality education to our students.

**4.3 FY20 Tax Levy** – Mr. Morris has presented to the Board a tentative copy of the proposed tax levy for FY20. Since North Wamac Grade School District received more than \$26,000 less than requested for the FY19 tax levy, he believes our district should maintain the standard 4.99% tax levy. Even with the standard 4.99% levy, taxes collected will still be over \$10,000 less than requested for FY19; therefore, it will have very little, if any, impact on the Wamac taxpayers. A vote on adopting the proposed levy will need to be taken at the December school board meeting.

**4.4 Basketball Team Update** – Our basketball season is in full swing. We have had several varsity and junior varsity games at this juncture. Our teams’ records currently stand at 3-2 (junior varsity team) and 3-6 (varsity team). The next game for both teams will be played at North Wamac Grade School on Tuesday, November 27, 2018, against St. Mary’s of Mt. Vernon.

**4.5 Teachers’ Rep (Karisa Neudecker)** – Mrs. Neudecker reported to the Board that there was a great turnout at parent/teacher conferences, which were arranged somewhat differently this school year; she explained that, unlike in previous years, the school book fair was held during parent/teacher conferences in attempt to engage parents as well as hopefully increase interest and foot traffic to the event. Furthermore, the books were all sold for only one dollar each, and each student was eligible to receive one free book during the book fair. Lastly, Mrs. Neudecker noted that the ongoing curriculum this year has been excellent in achieving successful PARCC test preparation.

#### **AGENDA ITEM #5 – 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 Ashley Calvert to go into Executive Session at 7:59 p.m. Calvert, aye; Jourdan, aye; McKay, aye; C Faulkner, aye; and N Faulkner, aye. All ayes. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Pam McKay and seconded by Ashley Calvert to return from Executive Session at 8:08 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 Cathy Faulkner and seconded by Hank Jourdan to change the date of the January school board meeting to Tuesday, January 22, 2018, with the usual start time of 7:00 p.m. Calvert, aye; Jourdan, aye; McKay, aye; C Faulkner, aye; and N Faulkner, aye. All ayes. Motion carried.

2. A motion was made by Ashley Calvert and seconded by Cathy Faulkner to approve a Christmas bonus for faculty and staff in the form of a \$50 Walmart gift card. 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**

**7.1 School Board Elections** – The 2018-2019 school year is an election year for our school board members. Kassy Miller shared with the Board the information she had received regarding the election. Candidate packets are available in the Clinton County Clerk’s office and on Clinton County’s website. The first day to circulate petitions was September 18, 2018; the first day to file nomination papers is December 10, 2018; the last day to file nomination papers is December 17, 2018; a minimum of 29 petition signatures by registered voters is required for North Wamac Grade School District.

**AGENDA ITEM #8 – ADJOURNMENT** – A motion was made by Cathy Faulkner and seconded by Pam McKay to adjourn at 8:26 p.m. Calvert, aye; Jourdan, 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