

REGULAR SESSION

October 16, 2017

The North Wamac Grade School District #186 Board of Education meet in Regular Session on Monday, October 16, 2017, at 7:26 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 (7:04 p.m.) - President Norman Faulkner called the meeting to order at 7:04 p.m. with Ashley Calvert, William Sloat, Cathy Faulkner, Hank Jourdan, and Pam McKay present. Jasper Pennington was absent.

AGENDA ITEM #2 – CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS

2.1 Review and Approve Minutes – A motion was made by Ashley Calvert and seconded by William Sloat to approve the minutes from the September 18, 2017, meeting. Calvert, aye; Sloat, aye; C Faulkner, aye; Jourdan, aye; McKay, aye; and N Faulkner, aye. All ayes. Motion carried.

2.2 Financial Report

2.2.1 Treasurer’s Report – A motion was made by Ashley Calvert and seconded by William Sloat to approve the September 2017 Treasurer’s Report. Calvert, aye; Sloat, aye; C Faulkner, aye; Jourdan, aye; McKay, aye; and N Faulkner, aye. All ayes. Motion carried.

2.2.2 Review and Approve Bills - A motion was made by William Sloat and seconded by Cathy Faulkner to approve the bills for payment. Calvert, aye; Sloat, aye; C Faulkner, aye; Jourdan, aye; McKay, aye; and N Faulkner, aye. All ayes. Motion carried.

AGENDA ITEM #3 – OLD BUSINESS

3.1 Centralia Area Feeder Schools Joint In-Service Day – The Centralia area feeder schools will be hosting a joint teachers’ institute day on Friday, October 27, 2017. The institute will be held at the Moose Lodge from 8:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. The guest speaker will be discussing the topic of “Chromebooks in the Classroom.”

3.2 Cross-Country Team Co-op/State Meet Results – Our cross-country team completed the season with the State Meet at Bryan Park in Salem, Illinois, on Saturday, October 14, 2017. There were 210 boys (35 teams) and 200 girls (35 teams) who participated in the meet. We did not have any boys or girls finish in the top 50, but Mr. Marcum indicated that our team is very young with only one eighth grade boy and no eighth grade girls; he also indicated that the runners from both Irvington Grade School and North Wamac Grade School were very cooperative and competed at a very high level.

AGENDA ITEM #4 – NEW BUSINESS

4.1 School District Audit Results for FY17 – North Wamac Grade School District #186 has received its annual audit for the 2016-2017 school year. Mr. Doug Ess, senior auditor with

Glass & Shuffett, Ltd., reported the audit findings at the meeting. With a near perfect profile score, these findings indicate that North Wamac is in great financial standing.

4.2 Field Trip to Pumpkin Patch – We oftentimes have an October field trip to one of the area’s pumpkin patches; this year, we have opted to not go on the field trip and instead, simply have the students participate in “movies & popcorn” as we traditionally do on the day before the October teachers’ institute day.

4.3 Basketball Game Schedule for 2017-2018 – Mr. Morris provided the Board with a complete 2017-2018 basketball schedule. Our junior varsity team began action this past Saturday, October 14, 2017, in the Bluford Shootout. Our varsity team will kick off the season with a game in the Rend Lake Shootout on Thursday, October 19, 2017, at 6:00 p.m.

4.4 End of 1st Quarter Grading Period – The first quarter grading period will conclude on Friday, October 20, 2017.

4.4.1 Awards Assembly – The first quarter awards assembly will be held at 2:30 p.m., on Thursday, October 26, 2017.

4.5 ESEA of 1965 Application – The Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA), which was formerly the NCLB Consolidated Application, has provided North Wamac Grade School with three sources of revenue for the 2017-2018 school year.

4.5.1 Title I – The Title I grant provides \$91,116.00 toward the Title I instructor’s salary and benefits, as well as curriculum materials.

4.5.2 Title II – The Title II grant provides \$16,183.00 toward professional development.

4.5.3 Title IV – The Title IV grant provides \$10,000.00 toward fine arts.

4.6 Parent/Teacher Conferences – As previously mentioned, the first quarter grading period will conclude on Friday, October 20, 2017. Therefore, North Wamac Grade School will be conducting parent/teacher conferences on Wednesday, October 25, 2017, from 4:00 – 8:00 p.m., and on Thursday, October 26, 2017, from 4:00 – 7:00 p.m.

4.7 School Christmas Program/December School Board Meeting Date – The school Christmas program is in the infancy stage of development. As with the past several years of programs, the faculty and staff are working to create their own program. Mr. Morris will keep the Board posted on its progress. As usual, North Wamac School will plan to have the December school board meeting at 6:00 p.m., and the Christmas program will follow at 7:00 p.m., both of which are scheduled for Monday, December 18, 2017.

4.8 Teachers’ Rep (Dawn Jayne) – Ms. Dawn Jayne reported to the Board updates on the progress of the new curriculum. First through fourth grades are continuing to utilize the materials from the Wonders curriculum in Language Arts. Students are writing daily through journal entries, responses to the curriculum’s reading stories, and weekly writing assignments. Second grade will implement cursive penmanship after the second quarter. Title I is focusing on and working well with kindergarten through second grades, with the main lessons being centered on fluency, comprehension, and math facts.

For the upper grades, Ms. Jayne stated that fifth and sixth grade are excelling with the Wonders curriculum, which provides a variety of reading genres and helps build a better foundation in understanding and comparing different types of texts; this, in turn, is crucial, as it is a requirement during PARCC testing. She plans to implement journal writing during the second quarter in addition to regular English instruction, as well as include cursive handwriting in conjunction with spelling. As for seventh and eighth grade, Mr. Marcum informed her that students are developing strong paragraphs and that he plans on working towards effective five-paragraph essays.

AGENDA ITEM #5 – EXECUTIVE SESSION

5.1 Discussion of Personnel (as necessary and determined by the Board of Education) – A motion was made by William Sloat and seconded by Pam McKay to go into Executive Session at 8:02 p.m. Calvert, aye; Sloat, aye; C Faulkner, aye; Jourdan, aye; McKay, aye; and N Faulkner, aye. All ayes. Motion carried.

Ashley Calvert departed from the board meeting at 8:53 p.m.

A motion was made by Pam McKay and seconded by Hank Jourdan to return from Executive Session at 9:18 p.m. Sloat, aye; C Faulkner, aye; Jourdan, aye; McKay, 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 William Sloat to provide Mario Galicia with five additional vacation days. Sloat, aye; C Faulkner, aye; Jourdan, aye; McKay, aye; and N Faulkner, aye. All ayes. Motion carried.

2. No motion was made to grant Mario Galicia the work schedule of 3:00 – 11:00 p.m. Sloat, nay; C Faulkner, nay; Jourdan, nay; McKay, nay; and N Faulkner, nay. All nays. Motion not carried.

3. A motion was made by Hank Jourdan and seconded by Cathy Faulkner to give Mario Galicia the choice of a work schedule from 5:00 a.m. – 2:30 p.m., with a one-hour lunch, or from 6:00 a.m. – 2:30 p.m., with a half-hour lunch. Sloat, aye; C Faulkner, aye; Jourdan, aye; McKay, aye; and N Faulkner, aye. All ayes. Motion carried.

4. A motion was made by William Sloat and seconded by Pam McKay to allow Mario Galicia up to five hours of overtime per pay period during months school is in session. Sloat, aye; C Faulkner, aye; Jourdan, aye; McKay, aye; and N Faulkner, aye. All ayes. Motion carried.

5. A motion was made by Cathy Faulkner and seconded by Pam McKay to approve the possibility of advertising for a PARCC tutor. Sloat, aye; C Faulkner, aye; Jourdan, aye; McKay, 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 Eighth Grade Grandparent/District Senior Citizen Christmas Luncheon – The eighth grade grandparent/district senior citizen Christmas luncheon will be held at 12:00 p.m., on Thursday, December 14, 2017, in the Vic Dorris Gymnasium. All visitors should look forward to a wonderful time with our eighth grade students.

7.2 FY19 Tax Levy – Mr. Morris is working on the tax levy for fiscal year 2019. He believes that North Wamac School should continue with the standard 4.99% levy. He will present a detailed copy of the proposed tax levy at the November school board meeting.

AGENDA ITEM #8 – ADJOURNMENT – A motion was made by William Sloat and seconded by Hank Jourdan to adjourn at 9:22 p.m. Sloat, aye; C Faulkner, aye; Jourdan, aye; McKay, aye; and N Faulkner, aye. All 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