

SPECIAL SESSION

September 18, 2017

The North Wamac Grade School District #186 Board of Education meet in Special Session on Monday, September 18, 2017, 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 – President Norman Faulkner called the meeting to order at 7:07 p.m. with William Sloat and Hank Jourdan present. Cathy Faulkner, Ashley Calvert, and Pam McKay were absent.

1.1 New Board Member Oath of Office – As a result of Laurie Holmes’s resignation due to her recent employment at North Wamac School, there exists a vacancy on the Board that must be filled; Jasper Pennington, a district resident and student parent, agreed to accept the two-year appointment. As required by the IASB Board Policy 2.80, the newly appointed Board member took the Oath of Office.

1.2 Board Member Code of Conduct – As required by the IASB Board Policy 2.80-E, Mr. Morris presented a copy of the Board Member Code of Conduct to the newly appointed Board member. Mr. Morris also informed Pennington of some IASB mandatory training opportunities as a new Board member and will provide more details to him at a future point in time.

1.3 Adjournment - A motion was made by William Sloat and seconded by Hank Jourdan to adjourn at 7:13 p.m. Sloat, aye; Jourdan, aye; Pennington, 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

SPECIAL SESSION

September 18, 2017

The North Wamac Grade School District #186 Board of Education meet in Special Session on Monday, September 18, 2017, at 7:14 p.m. in the Conference Room located at 1500 Case Street, Centralia, Illinois.

AGENDA ITEM #2 CALL MEETING TO ORDER/ROLL CALL – President Norman Faulkner called the meeting to order at 7:14 p.m. with William Sloat, Hank Jourdan, and Jasper Pennington present. Cathy Faulkner, Ashley Calvert, and Pam McKay were absent.

2.1 Budget Hearing – Mr. Morris presented to the Board the district’s fiscal year 2018 proposed budget, which included a 5% overestimation of expenditures and underestimation of revenues. Even in this scenario, it appears North Wamac School will end the fiscal year in very good shape. A vote will be needed during regular session in order to approve the budget proposal.

2.2 Adjournment - A motion was made by Hank Jourdan and seconded by Jasper Pennington to adjourn at 7:25 p.m. Sloat, aye; Jourdan, aye; Pennington, 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

REGULAR SESSION

September 18, 2017

The North Wamac Grade School District #186 Board of Education meet in Regular Session on Monday, September 18, 2017, at 7:26 p.m. in the Conference Room located at 1500 Case Street, Centralia, Illinois.

AGENDA ITEM #3 CALL MEETING TO ORDER/ROLL CALL

3.1 Regularly Scheduled Board Meeting (7:26 p.m.) - President Norman Faulkner called the meeting to order at 7:26 p.m. with William Sloat, Hank Jourdan, and Jasper Pennington present. Cathy Faulkner, Ashley Calvert, and Pam McKay were absent.

AGENDA ITEM #4 – PUBLIC TO ADDRESS BOARD – No one addressed the Board.

AGENDA ITEM #5 – EXECUTIVE SESSION

5.1 Discussion of Personnel (as necessary and determined by the Board of Education) – A motion was made by Jasper Pennington and seconded by Hank Jourdan to go into Executive Session at 7:38 p.m. Sloat, aye; Jourdan, aye; Pennington, aye; and N Faulkner, aye. All ayes. Motion carried.

A motion was made by William Sloat and seconded by Jasper Pennington to return from Executive Session at 8:45 p.m. Sloat, aye; Jourdan, aye; Pennington, 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 William Sloat and seconded by Jasper Pennington to adopt the FY18 proposed budget. Sloat, aye; Jourdan, aye; Pennington, aye; and N Faulkner, aye. All ayes. Motion carried.
2. A motion was made by Hank Jourdan and seconded by William Sloat to approve a settlement agreement regarding former North Wamac School personnel. Sloat, aye; Jourdan, aye; Pennington, aye; and N Faulkner, aye. All ayes. Motion carried.
3. A motion was made by William Sloat and seconded by Jasper Pennington to table written requests made by custodial staff until another board meeting at a further point in time. Sloat, aye; Jourdan, aye; Pennington, aye; and N Faulkner, aye. All ayes. Motion carried.

AGENDA ITEM #6 – CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS

6.1 Review and Approve Minutes – A motion was made by William Sloat and seconded by Jasper Pennington to approve the minutes from the August 21, 2017, meeting. Sloat, aye; Jourdan, aye; Pennington, aye; and N Faulkner, aye. All ayes. Motion carried.

6.2 Financial Report

6.2.1 Treasurer's Report – A motion was made by Norman Faulkner and seconded by Jasper Pennington to approve the August 2017 Treasurer's Report. Sloat, aye; Jourdan, aye; Pennington, aye; and N Faulkner, aye. All ayes. Motion carried.

6.2.2 Review and Approve Bills - A motion was made by Jasper Pennington and seconded by Hank Jourdan to approve the bills for payment. Sloat, aye; Jourdan, aye; Pennington, aye; and N Faulkner, aye. All ayes. Motion carried.

AGENDA ITEM #7 – OLD BUSINESS

7.1 Annual District Audit – North Wamac Grade School District #186 has received its annual audit for the 2016-2017 school year. Doug Ess, senior auditor with Glass & Shuffett, Ltd., will report the audit findings at the October school board meeting.

7.2 Current 2017-2018 Student Enrollment – Mr. Morris indicated that student enrollment at North Wamac School as of Monday, September 19, 2017, was 128 students, with 124 in the building, one at Bridges for Learning, two at the Alternative Learning Academy, and one at Willow Grove for early childhood education.

7.3 PTO Kickoff/Title I Meeting/Open House – The faculty, staff, and administration hosted North Wamac Grade School's annual Open House/Title I Meeting at 6:00 p.m. on Tuesday, August 28, 2017. At this meeting, there was an introduction of: all faculty and staff, the school's Fresh Fruit and Vegetable Program, school board members, etc.; also, 20 gift cards were raffled to visitors during the event. Thereafter, parents and students visited classrooms before returning to the gymnasium for a healthy snack before the night's conclusion. A total of 98 visitors were in attendance.

AGENDA ITEM #8 – NEW BUSINESS

8.1 Application for Recognition of Schools – ISBE has changed the process for completing the Application for Recognition of Schools; the application no longer requires School Board approval. Therefore, Mr. Morris will simply complete the application and then submit it to ISBE. The due date for submission is Monday, October 30, 2017.

8.2 Review of District's Homeless Policy – In order to remain in compliance with state guidelines regarding the enrollment of homeless students, it is of necessity that we review our school board policies (6:140, 6:140-AP, 7:10, 7:100, 4:100, 7:50, & 7:60) that coincide with said guidelines.

8.3 School Improvement Day (09/15/17) – North Wamac Grade School held a School Improvement Day on Friday, September 15, 2017, from 1:00 – 3:00 p.m. The afternoon was very productive as the teachers were able to discuss an array of topics such as Wonders curriculum, PARCC testing, mathematics curriculum, Title I reading, etc. Mr. Morris provided the Board with a copy of the teachers' agendas from the School Improvement Day meeting.

8.4 Centralia Area Feeder Schools Joint In-Service Day – Throughout the course of the 2017-2018 school year, the faculties and administrators from the area feeder schools will be conducting some of their school improvement days together. Consequently, the next feeder school joint in-service will be conducted on Friday, October 27, 2017, from 8:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. The purpose of this in-service day will be the furtherance of transitioning to the Common Core State Standards.

8.5 Cross-Country Team Co-op – Mr. Marcum reports that he has about 15 participants on the cross-country team and that the practices have been going well. Our team participated in their first meet this evening at Foundation Park in the St. Mary's Invitational. On Wednesday, our team will be participating in the Little Six Conference meet, also at Foundation Park. The start time for both meets is 4:00 p.m.

8.6 Roof Repair – The flat roof over Mrs. Rudolph's classroom was leaking quite heavily over the past few months, which required her to place several buckets under areas where the roof was leaking. Jared Peters was able to work on the roof last week and completed the necessary repairs.

8.7 Teachers' Rep (Tina Wilken) – Tina Wilken reported on some of the topics of discussion from the teachers' meeting; in particular, she updated the Board on details relating to the curriculum changes and improving PARCC scores. She stated that teachers implementing the Wonders curriculum are trying to incorporate as many of the available resources as possible in order to determine which are most beneficial. She also explained that the teachers actively collaborate to address any gaps that may exist in the curriculum so that the material will flow from grade to grade; they will be continuously monitoring it to see if it will be

necessary for kindergarten to convert to the Wonders program in the future. As for the GO Math! curriculum, Mrs. Wilken informed the Board that Ms. Wood's K-4 cross-categorical classroom will be implementing the new curriculum using consumables and that, ideally, the third and fourth grades would begin using GO Math! as soon as possible. Ms. Jayne would also like to begin using GO Math! due to the progressive nature of the program and the promising results shown by the lower grades. Regarding the topic of improving PARCC scores, Mrs. Wilken reported that multiple teachers have expressed interest in the idea of incorporating an after-school tutoring program; a similar concept would include peer tutoring. Another alternative mentioned was a (currently established) program consisting of retired teachers who work with small groups of children once a week after school to provide support, work on art projects, and even offer dinner; they considered if this might be feasible to implement as it could potentially help with emotional issues as well.

AGENDA ITEM #9 – OTHER

9.1 Appointment of School Board Vice President – Due to the resignation of Laurie Holmes as Vice President of the School Board, it is necessary to appoint a member to fill the position. A motion was made by Hank Jourdan and seconded by Norman Faulkner to nominate William Sloat as Vice President of the School Board. Sloat, abstained; Jourdan, aye; Pennington, aye; and N Faulkner, aye. Three (3) ayes and one (1) abstention. Motion carried.

AGENDA ITEM #10 – ADJOURNMENT – A motion was made by William Sloat and seconded by Norman Faulkner to adjourn at 9:02 p.m. Sloat, aye; Jourdan, aye; Pennington, aye; and N Faulkner, aye. All ayes. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Kassidy Miller
Board Clerk

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Date

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