

**Regular Session**  
**December 19th, 2022 at 7 p.m.**

The North Wamac Grade School District #186 Board of Education met in Regular Session on Monday, December 19th, 2022 at 7:00 p.m. in the Computer Lab located at 1500 Case Street, Centralia, IL.

**AGENDA ITEM #1-CALL MEETING TO ORDER/ROLL CALL** - President Norman Faulkner called the meeting to order at 7:08 p.m. Cathy Faulkner, Ashley Calvert, Kerri Hawley, and Donnie Calvert were present. LeeAnn Westbrook, Beth Tate, and Karisa Neudecker were also present. Heather Atchison was absent.

**1.1 New Board Member Oath of Office** - Due to the departure of Roger and Pam McKay from the board, a new member was appointed. Mr. Morris introduced LeeAnn Westbrook to the board. LeeAnn is the mom to one of our current students, DaKyra Westbrook. President Norman Faulkner read the oath of office to Ms. Westbrook and she was sworn in and became a North Wamac Grade School board member.

**1.2 Board Member Code of Conduct** - Ms. Westbrook was given the Board Member Code of conduct and notified of some mandatory training opportunities. Mr. Morris will advise her of the dates and times.

**AGENDA ITEM #2 - PUBLIC HEARING**

**2.1 Request for Modification of the IL School Code** - The purpose of this hearing is for renewal of the modification of the IL School Code Mandates.

2.1.1 Specifically, the district will apply a waiver to allow school-aged children of full-time district employees who live outside the district the opportunity to attend North Wamac Grade School District #186 tuition free.

**AGENDA ITEM #3 - ADJOURNMENT** - A motion was made by Ashley Calvert and seconded by Kerri Hawley to adjourn the appointing meeting at 7:16 pm. C. Faulkner; aye, N. Faulkner; aye, D. Calvert; aye, A. Calvert; aye, Westbrook; aye, and K. Hawley; aye. All ayes. Motion carried.

**AGENDA ITEM #4 - CALL MEETING TO ORDER/ROLL CALL** - President Norman Faulkner called the meeting to order at 7:16 p.m. Cathy Faulkner, Ashley Calvert, Kerri Hawley, Donnie Calvert, LeeAnn Westbrook, Beth Tate, and Karisa Neudecker were present.

## **AGENDA ITEM #5 - CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS**

**5.1 Review and Approve Minutes** - A motion was made by Ashley Calvert and seconded by Kerri Hawley to approve the minutes from the November 2022 meeting. N. Faulkner, aye; C. Faulkner, aye; D. Calvert, aye; A. Calvert, aye; K. Hawley, aye; Westbrook, aye. All ayes. Motion carried.

### **5.2 Financial Report**

**5.2.1 Treasurer's Report** - A motion was made by Ashley Calvert and seconded by Kerri Hawley to approve the November 2022 Treasurer's Report. N. Faulkner, aye; C. Faulkner, aye; D. Calvert, aye; A. Calvert, aye; K. Hawley, aye; Westbrook, aye. All ayes. Motion carried.

**5.2.2 Review and Approve Bills** - A motion was made by Donnie Calvert and seconded by Cathy Faulkner to approve the bills for payment. N. Faulkner, aye; C. Faulkner, aye; D. Calvert, aye; A. Calvert, aye; K. Hawley, aye; Westbrook, aye. All ayes. Motion carried.

## **AGENDA ITEM 6 - OLD BUSINESS**

**6.1 School Christmas Program Date & Time** - Mr. Morris stated that the Christmas program went very well and a lot of the parents liked 1st grade's performance.

**6.2 January School Board Meeting Date Change** - January meeting is set for the 23rd.

**6.3 IAR Incentive** - Just a reminder, we will be awarding the students who met or exceeded the IAR spring testing with monetary awards at the upcoming Quarter Award Assembly. This was voted on last month.

## **AGENDA ITEM #7 - NEW BUSINESS**

**7.1 1% Sales Tax Resolution** - Mr. Morris presented that schools within Clinton County are proposing a retailers' occupation tax and a service occupation tax at a rate of 1% to provide revenue to be used exclusively for school facility purposes, school resource officers, and mental health professionals for submission to the electors of Clinton County at the consolidated election to be held on April 4th, 2023. The proposal already has 75% of the percent needed to be placed on the ballot. So, our vote is only a formality at this point, but since we would be one of the recipients of the 1% funding, it is Mr. Morris's recommendation that we consent with the other area schools and vote in favor of it going before the voters.

**7.2 Basketball Season Update** - Mr. Morris stated that our basketball season is approximately halfway done with their season. Varsity record is 9-6 and JV's record is 9-3.

**7.3 Health Life Safety Inspection** - Mr. Morris stated that we had our Health/Life Safety Inspection on October 26th and several violations were reported. We have taken immediate action to rectify the citations. Some citations were: Items stored in the exit corridor at the north end of the gym were removed, the expired heat detectors were updated on 12/12/22, a GFI receptacle was installed in the 5th/6th classroom near sink, exhaust fan in lounge was repaired, and ceiling issues in the walkway to the upper classrooms will be corrected, as we are in the process of securing a School Maintenance Grant.

**7.4 Adoption of FY24 Tax Levy** - Mr. Morris has prepared a tentative copy of the tax levy for FY24. He believes that we should maintain the standard 4.99% tax levy.

**7.5 School Maintenance Grant** - Mr. Morris stated that he has written a “School Maintenance grant” for \$75,000.00 for the purpose of renovating the breezeway that adjoins the gymnasium and the 5th-8th grade classrooms. The grant is a 50% matching grant. Therefore, if we do get awarded, we would receive \$37,500.00 from the grant and then use the remainder \$37,500.00 from our own funds.

**7.6 Teachers’ Rep (Karisa Neudecker)** - Mrs. Neudecker thanked the board for the Christmas gift card. The extra money was very much appreciated. She talked about the BookBlast fundraiser in which every kid received 2 books, and some received way more. No money was raised, just everyone received books. It was a lot of fun with the great prizes.

## **AGENDA ITEM #8 - EXECUTIVE SESSION -**

A motion was made by Ashley Calvert and seconded by Cathy Faulkner to go into Executive Session at 8:06 pm. C. Faulkner; aye, N. Faulkner; aye, D. Calvert; aye, A. Calvert; aye, Westbrook; aye, and K. Hawley; aye. All ayes. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Ashley Calvert and seconded by Cathy Faulkner to go out of Executive Session at 8:41pm. C. Faulkner; aye, N. Faulkner; aye, D. Calvert; aye, A. Calvert; aye, Westbrook; aye, and K. Hawley; aye. All ayes. Motion carried.

*The following motions were made:*

A motion was made by Donnie Calvert and seconded by Cathy Faulkner to approve the FY24 Tax Levy at 4.99%. C. Faulkner; aye, N. Faulkner; aye, D. Calvert; aye, A. Calvert; aye, Westbrook; aye, and K. Hawley; aye. All ayes. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Donnie Calvert and seconded by Ashley Calvert to approve the Cheer Stipend of \$250 to Mrs. Ashlee Skelton as the cheer coach. C. Faulkner; aye, N. Faulkner; aye, D. Calvert; aye, A. Calvert; aye, Westbrook; aye, and K. Hawley; aye. All ayes. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Kerri Hawley and seconded by Donnie Calvert to accept the School Maintenance Grant in the amount of \$37,500.00. C. Faulkner; aye, N. Faulkner; aye, D. Calvert; aye, A. Calvert; aye, Westbrook; aye, and K. Hawley; aye. All ayes. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Ashley Calvert and seconded by Cathy Faulkner to appoint Kerri Hawley as the new Vice President of the North Wamac School Board. C. Faulkner; aye, N. Faulkner; aye, D. Calvert; aye, A. Calvert; aye, Westbrook; aye, and K. Hawley; abstain. Motion carried.

**AGENDA ITEM #9 Public to Address the Board** - No one addressed the board.

**AGENDA ITEM #10 Other**

**AGENDA ITEM #11 ADJOURNMENT** - A motion was made by Cathy Faulkner and seconded by Ashley Calvert to adjourn the meeting at 8:49 p.m. N. Faulkner, aye; C. Faulkner, aye; D. Calvert, aye; A. Calvert, aye; K. Hawley, aye; Westbrook, aye. All ayes. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,  
Jessica Bone, Board Secretary

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Date

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Norman Faulkner, President

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Ashley Calvert, Secretary