

**WARREN COMMUNITY DISTRICT #205
BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING
Wednesday, February 24, 2010**

I. OPENING OF MEETING

A. Call to Order

The regular session of the Warren Community Unit District #205 Board of Education meeting was held in the Board Room. President Sabinson called the meeting to order at 6:35PM.

B. Roll Call

Those present were Mullen, Reidl, Bohnsack, Wuebben, Williams and Sabinson. Also present were others as per the sign-in sheet.

II. ADDITIONS TO AGENDA

III. REGOGNITION OF GUESTS AND VISITORS/PUBLIC COMMENT

IV. CORRESPONDENCE/COMMUNICATIONS

V. WARREN EDUCATION ASSOCIATION COMMENTS

Sabinson mentioned minutes from AVC meeting were included with board packet. Still trying to get East Dubuque involved with the AVC. Hope to have nursing classes in Galena which interests East Dubuque. Waiting on enrollment numbers to make some decisions, hopefully have schedule next month.

VI. BOARD OF EDUCATION COMMITTEE REPORTS

VII. CONSENT AGENDA

- A. Regular Meeting Minutes from 1/20/10**
- B. Executive Session Minutes from 1/20/10**
- C. Payment of February Bills**
- D. Treasurer's Report**
- E. Destruction of Closed Meeting Audio Recording from 8/20/08**

Bohnsack made motion to accept the consent agenda as presented, second by Mullen. Roll call vote taken, all in favor, none opposed. Motion carried.

VIII. OLD BUSINESS

- A. Academic Update – Auto Skills & RtI**

Evan Korth gave a presentation to the board on the program he is presently working on. He is setting up files for students that will show how students are progressing over time. This will help the staff make informed decisions in the curriculum.

B. Building Update

Bill Kussner reported on the following:

- 1) Matt has inventoried all equipment at Apple River.
- 2) Proposed using 1/2% tax money to replace the doors at the Main High School Entrance and at Mary Street. The January Tax Money will be arriving around April 1st. Bill has the proposal on the cost of the doors.

Riedl made a motion to use the tax money to purchase the doors, second by Bohnsack. Roll call vote taken, all in favor, none opposed. Motion carried.

- 3) Roofs are holding up well.

C. Athletic Update

Brinkmeier reported on the following:

- 1) Girls High School Basketball: Varsity ended season with 6-21 record: Jr. Varsity ended their season with a 0-16 record.
- 2) Boys lost at Regionals last night. Varsity ended season with a 6-20 record; Jr. Varsity ended their season with a record 3-17.
- 3) Baseball and track will be starting the season on March 1st. It was noted there is no charge for entry to baseball games.
- 4) Junior High School Girls Basketball season ends next week. Warren will host the Tournament on March 6th, 8th and 9th.

D. Dual Sports/Golf & Football

Football - Having a hard time getting a meeting set up due to weather issues and Mr. Fennell being gone. There will be a meeting Saturday if all goes well. Golf – meeting set for March 10th. Meeting will include Mr. Fennell, Dean Brinkmeier, and Sports Coaches. Master schedule is finished.

E. 6th Grade playing 7th Grade Sports

Brinkmeier will bring more information to next month's meeting after speaking with respective coaches.

F. FOIA Training

Sirgany has passed the training test. Calow and Fennell will take next week. Can do on your own on Attorney General's website.

IX. NEW BUSINESS

A. NWSE

Christan Schueler introduced herself to the board. She is the new director at the Northwest Special Education Coop. Schueler reported there is a lot of in-service going on to help staffs understand the new laws. If anyone has any questions please call her.

B. Bus Contract

After some discussion, this item will be brought up at the next board meeting when Mike Thill can be present to answer questions.

C. ARMS Committee Report

The committee has had numerous meetings with a lot of input from teachers. There have been discussions regarding when and where each class would be taught. Many committee members gave reports on their opinions and ideas. Discussion are continuing. Decisions are needed before Kussner can create a moving schedule.

D. Grouping Grade Levels

Bohnsack made a motion to group the students in the following manner: PK-5 and 6th – 12th, second by Riedl. Roll call vote taken, all in favor, none opposed. Motion carried.

E. 8-Period Day vs Block Scheduling

Bohnsack made a motion to go back to an 8-period (Traditional) schedule, second by Riedl. Roll call vote taken, all in favor, none opposed. Motion carried.

F. Length of School Day

Bohnsack made a motion to set the school day from 7:55am to 3:18pm, second by Williams for the 2010-2011 school year. Roll call vote taken, all in favor, none opposed. Motion carried.

G. School Calendar Adoption for 2010-2011

Riedl made a motion to accept schedule #3 with a County Institute being put in on October 12th from November 19th with October 11th being added as a Holiday, second by Wuebben. Roll call vote taken, all in favor, none opposed. Motion carried.

H. Third Grade for 2010-2011

Riedl made motion to group all third grade students into one section for 2010-2011, second by Wuebben. Roll call vote taken, all in favor, none opposed. Motion carried.

I. Budget for 2010-2011

Dr. Sirgany presented the Board with a preliminary budget. Cuts have been made to the budget with more to come.

J. Fee Structure for 2010-2011

There will be a Finance Meeting set in the near future.

K. AUP and Tech Plan

Sirgany stated she has the Tech plan if anyone wishes to look at it. She did not copy it for the board since it is 69 pages long.

L. Handbook Committee

Williams volunteered to be the PK-5 representative and Riedl and Wuebben volunteered to be the 6-12 representatives for the Handbook Committees.

X. ADMINISTRATORS' COMMENTS

Sirgany report on the following:

- 1) Bob Bergland said Bond values have dropped so no need to come to meeting yet. Bond rating information will be given to Standard and Poor on Tuesday
- 2) Been at a number of staffings for students.
- 3) RtI meetings on 2/8 – progressing well.
- 4) Went to Work Keys meeting in Freeport. Stephenson County trying to get going on this with business schools. Joyce McCready was working on that with Jo Daviess County prior to her accident.
- 5) Attended AVC Finance Committee meeting
- 6) Attended ARMS Closing Meetings

- 7) 100 Day was 1/29/10
- 8) Mayor meeting on Census was very informative
- 9) Attended Homeless Meeting in Freeport
- 10) Spelling Bees at ARMS and JR. High
- 11) Attended a NWSE meeting
- 12) Attended Round Table meeting with Mayor. Mr. Raisbeck has created a round table group to get the various organizations and businesses in town to work together to improve the community. Applaud him for his efforts.
- 13) Was a judge at the Pearl City Regional Spelling Bee
- 14) Discussed County Institute for October 12 next year.
- 15) Scanning Records – Microfiche machine is dying so looking to transfer records from microfiche to CD/DVR. Cost around \$500-\$600.
- 16) Ray Massingill has been going through records. He has some 150 boxes to date to dispose of and ARMS yet to do. That opens up storage space.
- 17) ARMS & Warren Elementary – earned the Excellence Awards for academic performance again this year for their test scores on the ISAT.
- 18) Deer Valley – NW/IASB meeting is next week if anyone is interested..
- 19) Library Grant was received for \$296.31

Mr. Fennell reported on the following:

- 1) Jr. and Sr. High students had awards assembly for the 2nd quarter and the 1st semester. Students recognized for behavior, attendance, grades and academic achievement to the Honor Roll.
- 2) ISAT testing is scheduled to start Tuesday March 2 and go through Friday, March 5th. Students will be given a snack and either milk, juice or water during a morning break.
- 3) 8th grade promotion has been changed a “JR. High Awards Assembly” which will be on May 14th.
- 4) 8th grade trip is set for Monday, May 17th. More information will be coming from Mrs. Barker and Mr. Nelson.
- 5) High School graduation has been set for May 22nd at 2:00PM.
- 6) I would like to thank the Sr. High Pep Band and Mrs. Krahe for their performances at home games. They did a great job. High School Solo & Ensemble Contest is March 6th in Stockton. Band and Chorus Conference Music Festival is in Dakota on March 19th.
- 7) Jr. High girls’ basketball season is wrapping up. Warren is hosting the tournament this year on March 6th, 8th and 9th.
- 8) Thank you to the high school girls and boys basketball teams for their effort and representation of our school. They worked hard and did a great job.
- 9) The High School Academic Team has their Regional meet on Tuesday, March 9th at Durand and the WCCI toss up competition is scheduled for Thursday, March 12th.
- 10) Servant Leadership will be sponsoring an assembly on integrity for the High School on March 22nd.
- 11) High School play will be Friday, March 26th and Saturday, March 27th.

- 12) The Jo Daviess County Juvenile Justice Council was to host an assembly in Galena but was cancelled due to the weather. It has been moved to May 10th.
13) RtI meetings are scheduled for two days on March 9th and 10th.

Mrs. Calow reported on the following:

- 1) 6th Grade Lorado Taft included:

Outdoor education

Pioneering, Instincts for Survival, Predator vs Prey, Animal Habitats, DET Report at lunch on food waste

Silkscreening

Winter Ecology

Orienteering

21 students went along with 3 chaperones

- 2) Restructuring meetings have been ongoing
3) ARMS Spelling Bee
Mason Woodley and Ally Klecan went to the Regional Spelling Bee after winning the ARMS and the district spelling bees. Jessie Williams was the alternate to the district spelling bee.
4) ARMS did a Hope for Haiti project. The students did a bake sale, 3 pt. Shoot Out, Haitian Music, and Change Jars. The students presented the Red Cross with \$1,794.82 – Red Cross Rep was awestruck at amount of money raised.
5) RtI Meetings at Warren and Apple River. Mrs. Pearson has been doing RtI with the younger students. What a difference that is making to give some students the extra jump start to language.
7) Learning Fair was on Friday. There were some 70 projects represented.
8) 2009 Academic Improvement Award given to ARMS for the second year in a row. Thanks to the staff and teachers for all of their efforts.
9) ISAT Pre-Week this week. In an effort to get the students excited about the ISAT tests, the students had themed days to get them prepped. They had Dress Up Days, Competitions, Relay Race, and an Assembly.

XI. EXECUTIVE SESSION – For the purpose of the discussion of the appointment, employment, resignation, or dismissal of personnel, for pending litigation, for negotiations, and for matters relating to individual students and discipline.

Wuebben made motion to adjourn to executive session at 9:57PM, second by Williams. Roll call vote taken, all in favor, none opposed. Motion carried.

XII. BUSINESS CONTINUED

Williams made motion to return to regular session at 10:55PM, second by Wuebben. Roll call vote taken, all in favor, none opposed. Motion carried.

A. Resignation of Personnel

Wuebben made motion to accept the resignation of Lyndsey Nelson as Academic Bowl Sponsor, second by Mullen. Roll call vote taken, all in favor, none opposed. Motion carried.

B. Employment of Personnel

Bohnsack made motion to hire Cathy Fennell as Varsity and Jr. Varsity Academic Bowl Sponsor, second by Wuebben. Roll call vote taken, all in favor, none opposed. Motion carried.

C. Student Discipline

D. Superintendent Evaluation

XIII. ADJOURNMENT

Wuebben made motion to adjourn at 10:58PM, second by Mullen. Roll call vote taken, all in favor, none opposed. Motion carried.

These minutes are subject to approval at the next regular board meeting.