

**WARREN COMMUNITY DISTRICT #205
BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING
Wednesday, March 17, 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 6:29PM.

B. Roll Call

Those present were Wuebben, Rogers, Bohnsack, Mullen, and Sabinson. Also present were Francis Fennell, Karen Sirgany, Heidi Sigafus and Kristy Leverton. Riedl arrived at 6:44PM. DeeDee Calow arrived at 7:05PM.

II. ADDITIONS TO AGENDA

It was decided to move A & B under New Business to Old Business A & B due to long distance for Bob Bergland to drive home.

Rogers made a motion to accept the agenda as written with the addition, second by Mullen. Roll call vote taken, all in favor, none opposed. Motion carried.

III. RECOGNITION OF GUESTS AND VISITORS/PUBLIC COMMENT

IV. CORRESPONDENCE/COMMUNICATIONS

There was a Thank-you read from the Paul Feltmeyer Family regarding the money and memorial.

V. WARREN EDUCATION ASSOCIATION COMMENTS

VI. BOARD OF EDUCATION COMMITTEE REPORTS

Sabinson reported there were 2 AVC meetings in March; looking at the numbers for next year, they are up a little. There is a copy of the March 1st Board Meeting Minutes in packets. There was a class cut due to low enrollment. The lawn bids are out and the work on the budget is continuing.

VII. CONSENT AGENDA

A. Regular Meeting Minutes from 2/24/10

- B. Executive Session Minutes from 2/24/10**
- C. Payment of March Bills**
- D. Treasurer's Report**
- E. Destruction of Closed Meeting Audio Recording from 9/17/08**

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

VIII. OLD BUSINESS

- A. Bond Sale Resolution: Consideration of a Bond Resolution providing for the issue of General Obligation Refunding School Bonds, Series 2010, for the purpose of refunding certain outstanding obligations of the District.**

Bob Bergland presented the board with the Bond Sale Resolution expressing to the Board the outstanding job the Superintendent did on the Bond issues. Warren was given a rating of A+, with insurance the rating became AAA. The \$7,381 savings from 2009 will be used to reduce the 2010 levy.

Riedl made a motion of a Bond Resolution providing for the issue of \$4,315,000 General Obligation Refunding School Bonds, Series 2010, of Community Unit School District Number 205, Jo Daviess and Stephenson Counties, Illinois, and for the levy of a direct annual tax sufficient to pay the principal and interest on said bonds, second by Bohnsack. Roll call vote taken, all in favor, none opposed. Motion carried.

- B. Escrow Resolution: Consideration of a Escrow Resolution in connection with the issue of General Obligation Refunding School Bonds, Series 2010.**

Riedl made a motion of an Escrow Resolution authorizing and directing the execution of an Escrow Agreement in connection with the issue of \$4,315,000 General Obligation Refunding School Bonds, Series 2010, of Community Unit School District Number 205, Jo Daviess and Stephenson Counties, Illinois, seconded by Rogers. Roll call vote taken, all in favor, none opposed. Motion carried.

- C. Building Update**

Kussner reported on the following: summer jobs that need to be completed are being scheduled; the rate for electricity for the next three years was locked in at ½ cent less than the previous contract with same company; boys' locker room lockers are in bad shape. Building Committee will look into the locker problem and get back to the board before end of school year. The new doors at the Main

Entrance and the Mary Street entrance will be installed in May with new wiring for door computer access installed by June at the latest.

D. Dual Sports – Golf, Volleyball, Football

Brinkmeier reported on Golf/Football. He provided a calendar that showed the dates of practices for both football and golf. A discussion pursued showing how a student could participate in both sports and how the practices would work. Practice starts on August 25th. Athletes could participate in both practices for football and then golf at 4pm. Fennell reported this is a plan for how a student could do both. This would be on a one year trial basis.

E. 6th Grade Playing 7th Grade Sports

Brinkmeier reported there was an AD meeting on March 17th and some schools are allowing the 6th grade to play 7th grade sports now.

Bohnsack made a motion to allow 6th graders to play 7th grade sports as long as it conforms to what the coaches and the athletic director want, second by Riedl. Roll call vote taken, all in favor, none opposed. Motion carried.

F. Athletic Update

Brinkmeier reported there are 16 players from Warren in baseball, 1st game is March 20th. There are 4 seniors, 1 junior, 5 sophomores and 6 freshmen out this year. Track has 12 athletes out, 1 senior, 4 juniors, 6 sophomores and 1 freshman. The first meet is March 26th. The Jr. High School Girls' Basketball season ended with 8th grade having a record of 6-8 and the 7th grade with a record of 9-5. The 8th grade placed 2nd in the tournament losing to Benton 33-24, Benton went 14-0. Tournament went well with good crowds.

Fennell reported he had received numerous emails complimenting the school on the fan support and mentioned the 8th grade boys did a great job of cheering on the girls.

G. Academic Update

Calow reported teachers are using the Coach Book to help with ISAT. This is the 3rd or 4th year using it. It helps with skills, also helps to prepare students for the test. The practice test within the book is the type of test the students will be taking for the actual ISAT test. The last few years show this method has been working well. Test scores are great. There are different books for different classes but we have found the reading one to be very successful for us. We start day one using this study guide.

H. ARMS

Bohnsack reported he talked with Tim Raisbeck. If the school could wait until May 1st, Apple River will have a better knowledge of where they are in terms of finances. Kussner stated he has already started planning for the move. Calow reported “we are working hard in the back rooms”, going through old records, materials, etc. to determine when and how to prepare for the move. Massingill had gone through numerous boxes of records, and we have many supplies already for moving.

I. Transportation Contract for 2010-2011

There were questions regarding the terms of the bus transportation contract. After much discussion there was a decision to have this item put on the agenda for the April 14th board meeting.

J. Calendar for 2010-2011

Riedl made a motion to accept the revised Calendar for the 2010-2011 school year, seconded by Mullen. Roll call vote taken, all in favor, none opposed. Motion carried.

K. Budget for 2010-2011

Sirgany stated there was at a meeting with Scacia and Bivens. They discussed the potential of the State cutting 17% cut in education spending. There are more cuts to be made by the State for next year. Final decisions are yet to be made which makes planning for next year more difficult

L. FOIA Information

The board members do not have to take the FOIA training. Sirgany, Fennell and Calow have already took their training and passed.

IX. NEW BUSINESS

A. Community Service and Graduation Requirements

Fennell recommended adding a community service requirement for graduation. Pre-approved Community Service could be at daycare programs, churches, village, etc. Students would need 40 hours service to graduate. Community Service could be done 5 hours each semester. Riedl made a motion to approve 40 hours of Community Service to graduate with 20 hours needed to be completed

by the end of the sophomore year, second by Rogers. Roll call vote taken, all in favor, none opposed. Motion carried.

The Warren Lions Club is sponsoring a Clean-Up Day on April 24, 2010. Anyone interested in helping can work either 4 hour shifts or 8 hours shifts.

C. Let Auditor Bids

Bohnsack made a motion to let Auditor Bids, second by Mullen. Roll call vote taken, all in favor, none opposed. Motion carried.

D. Let Lawn Mowing Bids

Mullen made a motion to let Lawn Mowing Bids, second by Bohnsack. Roll call vote taken, all in favor, none opposed. Motion carried.

E. Handbook Approval

The process is ongoing. The changes will be completed for the April board meeting.

F. Fee Structure for 2010-2011

There will be a Finance Meeting set up. Check with other schools on fees before the next meeting.

G. Destruction of Records –

There is an attached list of records that will be disposed of according to the laws of the State. Mr. Massingill worked hard to prepare the records for disposal.

H. Inter-RAP Program

Bohnsack made a motion to Start Our Own RAP Program at the High School Level, second by Rogers. Roll call vote taken, all in favor, none opposed. Motion carried.

I. First Reading of Policies – policies attached

Rogers made a motion to approve the First Reading of Policies, second by Mullen. Roll call vote taken, all in favor, none opposed. Motion carried.

X. ADMINISTRATORS' COMMENTS

Sirgany reported on the following:

- 1) School has received A+ rating, an AAA rating with insurance – not big enough to get a higher rating. We were rated well because the district has good fund balances and excellent fiscal management.
- 2) Mrs. Doersam had a “Cooking on a Budget” presentation a couple of weeks ago, it went very well.
- 3) Attended a NW/IASA meeting with Scacia and Bivens to discuss potential cuts to schools for next year.
- 4) Attended AVC Meeting where finances were discussed for next year.
- 5) The Dueling Pianos for Education Foundation Event went well.
- 6) Attended ROE and NWSE meetings last week. Both went well, dealing with future plans for students.
- 7) Census Training going well, noted surveys are in the mail.
- 8) March 18th is SIP day with NWSE being here to present information on ADHD Training and with Riverview presenting Sexual Assault Training, both are required to be provided to the staff.
- 9) Monday there are RtI meetings for PK-6th.
- 10) Last Friday AR goal - 1st thru 3rd grade did shoe removal contest & egg on a spoon contest, lots of fun.
- 11) Village of Warren mailed back the results of Round Table Meeting if any of Board is interested in seeing. Sirgany stated Mayor Raisbeck deserved a lot of credit in helping move Warren along.
- 12) Also District had compliance visit – the ROE was very pleased with the running of the district and all suggestions were minor.

Fennell reported on the following:

- 1) March 14th a student is going to the School for Deaf in Jacksonville, IL.
- 2) The following students participated at the Solo & Ensemble Contest in Stockton on March 6th: Chorus Students were Division 1 Solos – Miranda Davis, Janessa Davis, Desirae Stiefel and Meghan Horton. Division 2 Solos and Ensembles – Danica Balbach, Duet – Lynn Albrecht and Tiffany Repa, Duet – Robin Levitski and Zachary Martins. Division 3 Solos – Zachary Martins, Lindsey Hicks. Band Students were Division 1 Solos and Ensembles – Emily Ortman, Miranda Davis, Cora Robinson, Duet – Miranda Davis and Krystal Francis. Division 2 Solos and Ensembles – Krystal Francis, Lynn Albrecht, Austin Cosgrove, Duet – Danielle Balbach and Caitlyn Cleary, Duet – Danica Balbach and Janessa Davis.
- 3) On March 22nd there will be an assembly with Tammy Abell for 9th through 12th grade on Integrity.
- 4) March 23rd the junior high Solo and Ensemble students will appear at the Women’s Club.
- 5) March 24th there will be an Expo for juniors and seniors to talk with college representatives.
- 6) March 26th and 27th is the Musical.
- 7) March 29th there will be an author presentation.
- 8) An email was received from Mrs. Cosgrove regarding the Nora School Bell, asking what will be done with it.

- 9) Also an email was received requesting the school look at Co-op wrestling with Lena-Winslow/Stockton.
- 10) Attended RtI Team Meetings on March 9th & 10th. Elementary process was followed, used Evan Korth's presentation.
- 11) Attended a PBIS Workshop with Jan Barker and Lynette Diedrich.

Calow reported on the following:

- 1) ISAT was the first week in March. Finished make-up work 2nd week.
- 2) Met with Colette Binger (Psychologist) who is observing both Warren and Apple River students to help with creating a consistent behavior program that will help us with the transition to one building. She is working well with DeeDee.
- 3) Roller skating party was done following the ISATs.
- 4) FOIA training is finished.
- 5) March 17th at ARMS was a big Saint Patrick's Day event.
- 6) Post Prom is going well with funding.

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

Bohnsack made a motion to adjourn to Executive Session at 9:26PM, second by Riedl. Roll call vote taken, all in favor, none opposed. Motion carried.

XII. BUSINESS CONTINUED

Bohnsack made a motion to return to regular session at 9:53PM, second by Riedl. Roll call vote taken, all in favor, none opposed. Motion carried.

A. Resignation/Dismissal/Retirement of Personnel

Bohnsack made a motion to accept the resignation of Katie Davies from Junior High Student Council for the 2010-2011 School Year, second by Rogers. Roll call vote taken, all in favor, none opposed. Motion carried.

Mullen made a motion of Resolution authorizing Notice of Dismissal of Tim Burel as the Spanish Teacher for the 2010-2011 school year, second by Bohnsack. Roll call vote taken, all in favor, none opposed. Motion carried.

Bohnsack made a motion of Resolution authorizing Notice of Dismissal of Lindsey Nelson as a Jr./Sr. High Special Education teacher for the 2010-2011 school year, second by Riedl. Roll call vote taken, all in favor, none opposed. Motion carried.

Rogers made a motion of Resolution authorizing Notice of Dismissal of William Schuldt as a Jr./Sr. High School Special Education teacher for the 2010-2011

school year, second by Bohnsack. Roll call vote taken, all in favor, none opposed. Motion carried.

Riedl made a motion of Resolution of Dismissal of Pat Rosberg as an aide for the 2010-2011 school year, second by Mullen. Roll call vote taken, all in favor, none opposed. Motion carried.

Bohnsack made a motion to accept the Retirement of Dr. Karen Sirgany as Superintendent as of June 30, 2011, second by Riedl. Roll call vote taken, all in favor, none opposed. Motion carried.

B. Employment of Personnel

Bohnsack made a motion to employ Ray Massingill as a part-time RAP Teacher, second by Rogers. Roll call vote taken, all in favor, none opposed. Motion carried.

C. Reduction in Force

Mullen made a motion of Resolution of Honorable Dismissal of Bonnie Harris as sub caller for the 2010-2011 school year, second by Rogers. Roll call vote taken, all in favor, none opposed. Motion carried.

Bohnsack made a motion of Resolution of Honorable Dismissal of Heather Steitz as an aide for the 2010-2011 school year, second by Rogers. Roll call vote taken, all in favor, none opposed. Motion carried.

Rogers made a motion of Resolution of Honorable Dismissal of Tracie Slamp as an aide for the 2010-2011 school year, second by Bohnsack. Roll call vote taken, all in favor, none opposed. Motion carried.

Bohnsack made a motion of Resolution of Honorable Dismissal of Crystal Barker as an aide for the 2010-2011 school year, second by Riedl. Roll call vote taken, all in favor, none opposed. Motion carried.

Mullen made a motion of Resolution of Honorable Dismissal of Shane Harbach as custodian for the 2010-2011 school year, second by Bohnsack. Roll call vote taken, all in favor, none opposed. Motion carried.

Mullen made a motion of Resolution of Honorable Dismissal of Tonya Byrne as cook for the 2010-2011 school year, second by Rogers. Roll call vote taken, all in favor, none opposed. Motion carried.

Rogers made a motion of Resolution of Non-reemployment of Cathy Fennell as part-time teacher for the 2010-2011 school year, second by Bohnsack. Roll call vote taken, all in favor, none opposed. Motion carried.

Riedl made a motion of Resolution of Non-reemployment of Greg Stake as part-time teacher for the 2010-2011 school year, second by Rogers. Roll call vote taken, all in favor, none opposed. Motion carried.

D. Employment of Certified Staff for 2010-2011

Bohnsack made a motion to rehire the tenured staff as per the attached sheet, second by Mullen. Roll call note taken, all in favor, none opposed. Motion carried.

E. Placement of Certified Staff on Tenure

Rogers made a motion to rehire and put on tenure Erin Jordan, second by Bohnsack. Roll call vote taken, all in favor, none opposed. Motion carried.

Bohnsack made a motion to rehire and put on tenure Mande Dagle, second by Riedl. Roll call vote taken, all in favor, none opposed. Motion carried.

Bohnsack made a motion to rehire and move to 4th year status the teachers as per the attached sheet, second by Mullen. Roll call vote taken, all in favor, none opposed. Motion carried.

Bohnsack made a motion to rehire and move to 3rd year status the teachers as per the attached sheet, second by Mullen. Roll call vote taken, all in favor, none opposed. Motion carried.

Bohnsack made a motion to rehire and move to 2nd year status the teachers as per the attached sheet, second by Mullen. Roll call vote taken, all in favor, none opposed. Motion carried.

F. Student Discipline

None at this time

XIII. ADJOURNMENT

Bohnsack made a motion to adjourn at 10:06PM, second by Mullen. Roll call vote taken, all in favor, none opposed. Motion carried.

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