

**WARREN COMMUNITY UNIT SCHOOL DISTRICT #205
BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING
Wednesday, June 16, 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 6:00PM.

B. Roll Call

Those present were Nolan Mullen, Becky Riedl, Rod Rogers, Bryan Bohnsack and Kip Sabinson. Also present were Francis Fennell, Karen Sirgany, Dee Dee Calow, Donna Breed, Kevin Linden and Shirley Thompson.

II. ADDITIONS TO AGENDA

III. RECOGNITION OF GUESTS AND VISITORS/PUBLIC COMMENT

IV. CORRESPONDENCE/COMMUNICATIONS

V. WARREN EDUCATION ASSOCIATION COMMENTS

VI. BOARD OF EDUCATION COMMITTEE REPORTS

Sabinson reported on the AVC. John Lange has terminated the Pitney-Bowes contract and is currently looking at alternatives for Internet services. The AVC has sold old cars for \$2300. Joyce McCready has been rehired with a 1-year contract.

VII. CONSENT AGENDA

- A. Regular Meeting Minutes from 5/19/10**
- B. Executive Session Minutes from 5/19/10**
- C. Payment of June Bills**
- D. Treasurer's Report**
- E. Destruction of Closed Meeting Audio Recording from 12/19/08**

Bohnsack made a motion to accept the consent agenda as presented with the addition of two Bond Payments which are due July 1, second by Mullen. Roll call vote taken, all in favor, none opposed. Motion carried.

VIII. OLD BUSINESS

A. Building Update

Dr. Sirgany reported everyone is working very hard getting the Warren building ready so the Apple River Teachers can move in. Work was started in the Elementary Wing. Quite a bit of stuff has been moved already. Sirgany is very impressed with the workers.

There was discussion on lockers for the 5th grade students. It was stated that the lockers would be here in time for school to start.

The new doors at the Mary Street Entrance were installed today. The two new doors at the high school entrance will be installed shortly. Door locks for these three doors as well as for the rest of the building were discussed. Bill is to bring back costs to install new card access locks for all of the exterior doors. Riedl made a motion to accept a proposal from R.E. Paulson to install the door locks for the new doors, second by Bohnsack. Roll call vote taken, all in favor, none opposed. Motion carried.

B. Athletic Update

Mr. Fennell reported Summer Camp was May 36th and 27th. Volleyball and Football will work around Basketball and Baseball. Football practice will start the last week in July. A schedule for the Volleyball Tournament will be sent to all coaches. Students entering 7th grade are exempt for weight room, will begin lifting weights the following year.

C. Academic Update

Mr. Fennell reported the State has a new system for meeting Special Education requirements for transitioning of students aged 14 and older. The District didn't pass all of the "Smart Goals" last year, will correct them all this year. Mr. Fennell started the process by sending the special education staff to training put on by NWSE. Then on four days the high school Special Education Staff met with Christy Hopper from NWSE to work on meeting these goals. The district also had a SIP Workshop on May 7th dealing with this same issue, and all paperwork has been sent into the State. In August there will be another workshop for RtI and Indicator 20. Part of the process was to amend our DIP Plan. That has been done and the information will be sent to State tomorrow. This is the first year for the new system, and 10% of all schools were randomly selected with Warren being one of them. Every school selected had some issues. Since this is new to everyone in the State there are no penalties for problems this year. Dr. Sirgany noted that Mr. Fennell worked very hard on this. Fennell also reported that on 9/28 and 9/29 there is another workshop to attend at Dixon. Mr. Fennell will keep the board informed on discussions to increase the number of students taking science classes.

D. Phones

Mullen made a motion to replace the phone system in the Warren Building for \$11,540 from Aero Group, second by Bohnsack. Roll call vote taken, all in favor, none opposed. Motion carried.

E. ARMS

Kevin Linden inquired as to where the Board was concerning the sale of ARMS. After much discussion it was decided to set a date for interested parties to be able to tour the building. This notice was to be advertised for a couple of weeks in the newspaper with a date set for July 7th from 5pm-7pm for a walk-through.

It was noted that the Nora bell has been moved to Nora. Some of the playground equipment will be moved to Warren. Bill Kussner is to get bids for the removal of the equipment from ARMS and then moved to Warren. The storage shed at the school will be moved here as well.

F. Tentative Budget

Dr. Sirgany reported revenue is down for the 2009-2010 school year due to the State not making its payments to the school. School is "in-the-black" as of now. The closing of ARMS is helping keep costs down for next year. At this point the State is saying the schools should count on a 10% reduction in monies received from the State for 2010-2011 from what was received in 2009-2010.

IX. NEW BUSINESS

A. Committee Parameters

B. Minimum Wage

Bohnsack made a motion to pay the minimum wage of \$8.25/hour for the 2010-2011 school year, second by Rogers. Roll call vote taken, all in favor, none opposed. Motion carried.

C. Adoption of Prevailing Wage

Mullen made a motion to adopt the Prevailing Wage as attached for the 2010-2011 school year, second by Riedl. Roll call vote taken, all in favor, none opposed. Motion carried.

D. School District Financial Statement Reviewer

Bohnsack made a motion to hereby appoint Dr. Sirgany and Kip Sabinson to review, approve and accept the draft audit and the draft state financial report for the current fiscal year, and to sign the transmittal letter to our auditors, The Benning Group within a five day period, second by Rogers. Roll call vote taken,

Mullen – yes, Riedl – yes, Rogers – yes, Bohnsack – yes, Sabinson – abstain, none opposed. Motion carried.

E. Capitalization Policy

Rogers made a motion to keep the capitalization guideline at \$500 for all expenditures, second by Riedl. Roll call vote taken, all in favor, none opposed. Motion carried.

F. Grant Expenditure Motion

Bohnsack made a motion to allow for final grant expenditures before June 30th, second by Rogers. Roll call vote taken, all in favor, none opposed. Motion carried.

G. Close Working Cash Fund

Mullen made a motion to close out the Working Cash Fund and put the money into the Education Fund, second by Riedl. Roll call vote taken, all in favor, none opposed. Motion carried.

H. Interfund Loan Transfer

Bohnsack made a motion to make Interfund Loan Transfers as needed to end the fiscal year, second by Mullen. Roll call vote taken, all in favor, none opposed. Motion carried.

I. Activity Funds and Balancing Books

Riedl made a motion to authorize the balancing of all activity accounts, second by Rogers. Roll call vote taken, all in favor, none opposed. Motion carried.

J. Additional Fiscal Year Expenditures

Rogers made a motion to approve necessary additional fiscal year expenditures, second by Bohnsack. Roll call vote taken, all in favor, none opposed. Motion carried.

K. Budget Amendment

Riedl made a motion to amend the budget for the 2009-2010 school year as presented, second by Bohnsack. Roll call vote taken, all in favor, none opposed. Motion carried.

L. Let Milk, Bread, and Commodity Bids

Rogers made a motion to let milk, bread, and commodity bids with at least 3 bids on each, second by Bohnsack. Roll call vote taken, all in favor, none opposed. Motion carried.

X. ADMINISTRATORS' COMMENTS

Dr. Sirgany reported on the following:

1. Karen is continuing to work on County Institute set for 10/12/10.
2. She attended TIF Meeting at Village Hall. Sirgany stated Mayor Raisbeck was being very proactive in his efforts to improve the town of Warren.
3. Karen also attended NWSE meeting last week.
4. Working on organizing and planning for the ARMS move. Stated that Francis and Dee Dee are working very hard on this as well.
5. Gave the Board a practice piano bid.

Mr. Fennell reported on the following:

1. Graduation went well, and he wanted to thank Kristy for all of her efforts.
2. The custodians are working on 6th grade classrooms which are looking great with the floors being refinished.
3. School has had 30+ students at morning weight room and 38-40 students at night.
4. Have 33 students signed up for AVC in the fall.
5. Spanish position may be open again.

Mrs. Calow reported on the following:

1. Classrooms at ARMS are packed and ready to be moved over. Gail and Dee Dee are working on the office and storage areas of the building.
2. ISAT scores in, the area that had the lowest scores were 5th and 8th grade writing.
3. Calculating the DIBELS scores of the students in order to get baseline benchmarks. We have 2 years of scores and after the 3rd year we will have our own district benchmarks.
4. Working on requisitions.
5. The following people worked on summer CPDU's together:
Colette Binger, Susan Stone, Heidi Sigafus, Kristi Leverton, Connie Kruger and Dee Dee. They worked on Behavior Reports with the help of Colette.
6. Applied for a Retired Teachers Foundation Grant for \$500.

There was also a discussion on the fee for Handbooks. There will be a note handed out at registration with the handbooks for the 2nd and 3rd grades. Bohnsack mentioned there is a Curriculum Committee meeting set for July 16th. Board is continuing discussion on new text books.

XI. EXECUTIVE SESSION – For the purpose of the discussion of the appointment, employment, resignation, or dismissal of personnel, for pending litigation, and for negotiations.

Bohnsack made a motion to adjourn to executive session at 7:21PM, 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 7:34PM, second by Riedl. Roll call vote taken, all in favor, none opposed.

A. Resignation of Personnel

Bohnsack made a motion to accept with regret the resignation of Nolan Mullen as Jr. High Football Coach, second by Rogers. Roll call vote taken, Mullen – pass, Riedl – yes, Rogrs – yes, Bohnsack – yes, Sabinson – yes. Motion carried.

B. Employment of Personnel

Rogers made a motion to hire Greg Stake as Part-Time Industrial Arts Teacher for the 2010-2011 school year, second by Riedl. Roll call vote taken, all in favor, none opposed. Motion carried.

Riedl made a motion to hire Nolan Mullen as JV Football Coach – nonpaid, second by Rogers. Roll call vote taken, Mullen – pass, Riedl – yes, Rogers – yes, Bohnsack – yes, Sabinson – yes, none opposed. Motion carried.

XIII. ADJOURNMENT

Bohnsack made a motion to adjourn at 7:38PM, second by Riedl. Roll call vote taken, all in favor, none opposed. Motion carried.

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