

**WARREN COMMUNITY DISTRICT #205
BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING
Wednesday, November 18, 2009**

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 6:33PM.

B. Roll Call

Those present were Mullen, Rogers, Bohnsack, Wuebben, Williams and Sabinson. Also present were Dee Dee Calow, Francis Fennell, Karen Sirgany and Ed Schmidt. Riedl arrived at 6:45PM.

II. ADDITIONS TO AGENDA

III. RECOGNITION OF GUESTS AND VISITORS/PUBLIC COMMENT

IV. CORRESPONDENCE/COMMUNICATIONS

Sirgany reported she has the "Thank-you" cards, gift certificates and plaques for the previous board members. The present board members will be signing the cards at the end of this session.

V. WARREN EDUCATION ASSOCIATION COMMENTS

Schmidt wanted to thank the Legion for the apples given during Educational Week and the Board and Administration for their gifts.

VI. BOARD OF EDUCATION COMMITTEE REPORTS

Sabinson reported on the following:

- 1) AVC is trying to get East Dubuque to join;
- 2) Adding a Registered Nurse's Program in Galena with dual credit through Highland.

VII. CONSENT AGENDA

- A. Regular Meeting Minutes from 10/21/09, 11/5/09**
- B. Executive Session Minutes from 10/21/09, 11/5/09**
- C. Payment of November Bills**

D. Treasurer's Report

E. Destruction of Closed Meeting Audio Recording from 5/21/08

Bohnsack made motion to accept the Consent Agenda as presented including the additional bill of \$2,272.41 from Prairie Farms Dairy for milk, second by Wuebben. Roll call vote taken, all in favor, none opposed. Motion carried.

VIII. OLD BUSINESS

A. Building Update

Sirgany reported there were five speakers installed around the outside of the building. These were needed to alert teachers and students when bad weather approached. Karen will check on whether Apple River has speakers or not.

Kussner report given by Sirgany reported the facility storage shed is under roof. Thanks to Mr. Schliem and some seniors for working during homeroom. Mr. Stake and his senior woods class are progressing with the siding and doors. 3 ft. side door is in. Bill will start the electrical work next week. Kussner also laid out guidelines for ARMS snow removal. Stated bathroom partitions are installed in the girls commons rest room.

Bohnsack reported there is a light out in the parking lot.

B. AD Update

C. ARMS

Sirgany reported she is meeting with her staff next week regarding the pros and cons of the possibility of closing ARMS as are Fennell and Calow. After meeting with the staff the ARMS committee will meet. Then the board will schedule a meeting with the public to discuss the pros and cons of closing ARMS.

The Committee has scheduled a meeting for Tuesday, December 1, 2009 at 6:30PM where they will discuss the information given by the staff..

D. ACT

Fennell reported on the individual scores. It was requested that the board look at the material and discuss at next month's meeting. He would like to add incentives to challenge students to do better. He will work on assessment portfolios for each student for the next school year. Hopefully

this will be a better system of tracking students. He wanted to thank Kristy Leitzen for all her hard work.

IX. NEW BUSINESS

A. 2009-2010 Tax Levy

Rogers made motion to put the 2009-2010 Tax Levy on Display, second by Bohnsack. Roll call vote taken, all in favor, none opposed. Motion carried.

B. Open Snow Bids

Williams made motion to accept Colin Cleary for snow removal at ARMS for \$50 per plow contingent upon receiving proof of insurance, second by Riedl. Roll call vote taken, all in favor, none opposed. Motion carried.

C. Football

Mr. Fennell reported Mr. Foltz called Tuesday morning to inform us that the River Ridge School Board voted not to Co-op with Warren next year. There will be an accounting of the bills for the past 5 years to determine what equipment belongs to what school. Fennell would like to conduct a parent/student meeting after the basketball season ends to get a feel for the interest in students wanting to play football. Mr. Fennell wondered if we should open up the option of students playing dual sports. This item will be on December agenda.

D. Auditing a Class

Mr. Fennell is still gathering information.

E. Health Insurance

Riedl made motion to stay with Blue Cross/Blue Schield pending more information, second by Wuebben. Roll call taken, Mullen, Reidl, Rogers, Bohnsack, Wuebben and Sabinson – yes; Williams abstained. Motion carried.

F. Board Meeting Date for December

All agreed to change the December board meeting to December 17th, 2009 at 6:30PM.

G. First Policy Reading

Bohnsack made motion to accept the first reading of the following policies: 4:120 – Food Services; 4:120AP 0 Food Services; 4:130 – Free & Reduced-Price Food Services; 4:150 – Facility Management & Building Programs; 4:160 – Environmental Quality of Buildings & Grounds; 4:160AP – Environmental Quality of Buildings & Grounds; 6:20 – School Year Calendar & Day; 6:50 – School Wellness; 6:185 – Remote Educational Program; 8:70 – Accommodating Individuals with Disabilities, second by Mullen. Roll call vote taken, all in favor, none opposed. Motion carried.

H. Policy Reading Approval

Bohnsack made motion to approve the following policies: 2:20 – Powers and Duties of the School Board; 2:40 – Board Member Qualifications; 2:70-E – Checklist for Filling Board Vacancies by Appointment; 2:110 – Qualifications, Terms, and Duties of Board Members; 3:40 – Superintendent; 4:30 – Revenue and Investments; 4:40 – Incurring Debt; 4:100 – Insurance Management; 4:110 – Transportation; 4:110-AP2 – Post-Trip Inspection and Bus Driving Comments; 4:140 – Waiver of Student Fees; 4:140-Ea – Application for Fee Waiver; 5:30 – Hiring Process and Criteria; 5:90 – Abused and Neglected Child Reporting; 5:100 – Staff Development Program; 5:120 – Ethics; 5:120-AP2 – Employee Conduct Standards; 5:250 – Leaves of Absence; 5:280 – Duties and Qualifications; Sick Days, Vacation, Holidays, and Leaves; 6:110 – Programs for Students at Risk of Academic Failure and/or Dropping Out of School and Graduation Incentives Program; 6:330 – Graduation Requirements; Vietnam Conflict; 6:310 – Credit for Alternative Courses and Programs, and Course Substitutions; 6:320 - High School Credit for Proficiency; 6:340 – Student Testing and Assessment Program; 7:100 – Health, Eye, and Dental Examinations; Immunizations; and Exclusion of Students; 7:190 – Student Discipline; 7:240 – Conduct Code for Participants in Extracurricular Activities; 7:300 – Extracurricular Athletics; 8:100 – Relations with Other Organizations and Agencies, second by Riedl. Roll call vote taken, all in favor, none opposed. Motion carried.

X. ADMINISTRATORS' COMMENTS

Dr. Sirgany reported on the following:

- 1) State approved our waiver to allow the children of staff to come here tuition free.
- 2) FOIA / OMA training for Board required. Information was passed out.

- 4) American Education Week – Gardettos, Apple Pie & Ice Cream, ½ hour late coupon, and breakfast pizza / rolls were items given to staff to let them know we appreciate all their hard work.
- 5) RtI meeting was November 9th – Warren Elementary in AM, ARMS in PM. Dee Dee did chart – we’re close to being on schedule with the progress of our students
- 6) ROE did walk-thru on 11/5. All went well.
- 7) Fire Drill with Fire Department was on 11/6.
- 8) Superintendent’s Meeting & NWSE Meeting on 11/10.
- 9) AVC Finance Meeting on 11/13.
- 10) NWSE Finance Meeting on 11/17.
- 11) Full Day In-service on 11/20 – The topic will be Differentiated Instruction.
- 14) We were selected by the State to be a Pilot for Special Education kids in December.

Mr. Fennell reported on the following:

- 1) 1st quarter assembly to honor the following areas:
 - a. Band – Mrs. Krahe
HS IMEA: Band – Miranda Davis
JH IMEA: Band – JT Barker, Kim Levitski
 - b. Choir – Mrs. Bourquin
IMEA Sr. High – Corey Noble
Freshmen singing in the Junior Choir: Kaitlin Stilson, Zach Martins, Robin Levitski
Those who auditioned but were not accepted: Janessa, Chelsea Davis, and Meghan Horton.
IMEA Jr. High – Jacob Plapp, Koty Mackall, Alayna Waters, Keanah Bates.
Those auditioned but not accepted: Brandi Ernst, Kody Kaiser
 - c. Recognition for summer weight lifting program – 17 students
 - d. Recognition for students who met/exceeded on the standardized tests
 - e. Recognition for 1st quarter incentive eligibility – 61 students. Thank McDonalds and Caseys for their support.
 - f. Honors – JH – 29 students; HS – 33 students
 - g. High Honors – JH – 10 students; HS – 4 students
 - h. Raffle of gift certificates
- 2) Autoskills – all 7th and 8th graders are using Autoskills in math and reading class every other week
- 3) Parent/Teacher survey results were given out
- 4) Student Portfolios – Mrs. Leitzen and I are working on establishing electronic folders for every student starting in 7th grade where standardized test scores, career pathways, etc. is kept
- 5) 8th grade takes the “PLAN” test on December 2
- 6) Special Education interviews will start the 1st week of December

- 7) The Warren Talent Show was a great success
- 8) Warren Lions Club gave \$195 for the purchase of an archery target to the P.E. Department
- 9) RtI Workshop – Evan, Elaine and I went to Woodbine, met with other high schools to discuss approaches and strategies for meeting the needs of all students
- 10) Post-Prom committee has met and is in action. They are working the tournament to earn extra money.
- 11) Band/Chorus will have their concert on Dec. 9 and the K-6 on Dec. 16
- 12) Fire Drill went well

Mrs. Calow reported on the following:

- 1) All but 8 parents were in attendance for Parent/Teacher Conferences with a 93% total school turnout. Parents who filled in a survey about the conferences rated the conferences as well worth attending.
- 2) ISAT Reward Week for students meeting or exceeding standards were:
 - Monday, Oct. 26th – suckers
 - Tuesday, Oct. 27th – extra recess
 - Wednesday, Oct. 28th – Pizza slips
 - Thursday, Oct. 29th – t-shirts
- 3) Assembly on Bullying given by Riverview Center on October 28th
- 4) Halloween Parade w/great costumes on Oct. 30th
- 5) Continuing to do teacher observations for the year
- 6) RtI meetings were held on November 9th
- 7) Riverview Center here today to talk with the students about sexual harassment and dating.
- 8) There will be an Internet Safety assembly in March

XI. EXECUTIVE SESSION – For the purpose of the discussion of the appointment, employment, performance, resignation, or dismissal of personnel and for student discipline.

Wuebben made motion to adjourn to Executive Session at 8:05PM, second by Mullen. Roll call vote taken, all in favor, none opposed. Motion carried.

Bohnsack made motion to adjourn from Executive Session at 8:27PM, second by Riedl. Roll call vote taken, all in favor, none opposed. Motion carried.

XII. BUSINESS CONTINUED

- A. Resignation/Dismissal of Personnel
- B. Employment of Personnel
- C. Student Discipline

XIII. ADJOURNMENT

Bohnsack made motion to adjourn at 8:30PM, second by Mullen. All yes in voice vote. Motion carried.