

**WARREN COMMUNITY DISTRICT #205  
BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING  
Wednesday, December 15, 2010**

**I. OPENING OF HEARING**

**A. Call to Order**

The levy hearing 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 6:31 PM.

**B. Roll Call**

Those present were Mullen, Rogers, Wuebben and Sabinson. Also present were Karen Sirgany, Dee Dee Calow, Francis Fennell, Erin Jordan, Mike Renz, Bill Raisbeck, and Bill Kussner. Riedl entered at 6:46.

**II. LEVY HEARING**

**A. Discussion of Levy**

Levy has been on display for the past month. There was a discussion of the levy.

**III. ADJOURNMENT OF LEVY HEARING**

Wuebben made motion to adjourn the levy hearing at 6:48 PM, second by Mullen. Roll call vote taken, all in favor, none opposed. Motion carried.

**IV. 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 6:48 PM.

**B. Roll Call**

Those present were Mullen, Rogers, Riedl, Wuebben and Sabinson. Karen Sirgany, Dee Dee Calow, Francis Fennell, Erin Jordan, Mike Renz, Bill Raisbeck, and Bill Kussner. Dean Brinkmeier arrived at 6:43 PM.

**C. Seat New Board Member**

An expression of thanks was given to Mike Williams for his service to the district. Jeff Bartell was seated at 6:50 PM, and he gave the oath of office.

**V. ADDITIONS TO AGENDA**

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

**VI. RECOGNITION OF GUESTS AND VISITORS/PUBLIC COMMENT**

**VII. CORRESPONDENCE/COMMUNICATIONS**

**VIII. WARREN EDUCATION ASSOCIATION COMMENTS**

**IX. BOARD OF EDUCATION COMMITTEE REPORTS**

Sabinson reported on the AVC: The RAP program will be moved from Savanna to the AVC for the 2011-2012 school year. The director has been given the authority to investigate adding a Child/Day Care component to the existing Preschool Program at the AVC. Upon the recommendation of the Finance Committee several Activity Fund Balances will be moved to the Student Leadership Activity Account due to lack of activity in the other accounts.

## **IX. CONSENT AGENDA**

- A. Regular Meeting Minutes from 11/17/10**
- B. Executive Session Minutes from 11/17/10**
- C. Payment of December Bills**
- D. Treasurer's Report**
- E. Destruction of Closed Meeting Audio Recording from 6/08/09, 6/17/09**

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

## **X. OLD BUSINESS**

### **A. Building Update**

Kussner reported on the following:

The Building Committee met to discuss the Energy Grant.

He is working on a 5 year plan to show the Board where he sees the district going over the next 5 years.

### **B. AD Update**

Renz reported on the following:

Mike Williams is requesting another coach due to larger numbers of freshmen going out for basketball.

Kudos to Erin Jordan and her volleyball team for winning the Sportsmanship award.

Junior High Boys Basketball is over. Kudos to the excellent job of the coaches.

Junior Varsity Girls Basketball took 4<sup>th</sup> in the Tournament. Our tournament went well.

The Boys will be in Mount Carroll followed by Sterling for tournaments.

Coordination of the 2 gyms has been difficult.

He is looking to learn how to access the web page in order to update scores.

### **C. Academic Update**

Mr. Fennell reported that the rubric that will be used to evaluate textbooks is finally complete. The staff will be using the rubric to determine the new math textbooks for next year.

## **XII. NEW BUSINESS**

### **A. ARMS - Tax Abatement**

Bill Raisbeck is requesting a five-year abatement of ARMS taxes for reinvestment in the building. He discussed several of his ideas for utilizing the building with the Board. He estimates the taxes to be approximately \$1/sq. ft. or approximately \$16,000/year. He thanked Dr. Sirgany and Mr. Kussner for their help in having a smooth transition to the new owners. There will be a Finance Committee to discuss this issue prior to the next Board Meeting.

### **B. PALS Changes**

Riedl made Resolution providing for the execution of an intergovernmental agreement establishing Prairiecat and authorizing membership in Prairiecat, second by Rogers. Roll call vote taken, all in favor, none opposed. Motion carried.

### **C. Amend the Budget**

Rogers made motion to amend the budget for the 2011-2012 school year as presented, second by Mullen. Roll call vote taken, all in favor, not opposed. Motion carried.

### **D. Adopt 2010-2011 Levy**

Wuebben made motion to accept the 2010 Levy as presented for the 2011-2012 school year, second by Rogers. Roll call vote taken, all in favor, none opposed. Motion carried.

### **E. School Energy Efficiency Project Grant**

Wuebben made motion to accept the School Energy Efficiency Grant as written, second by Mullen. Roll call vote taken, all in favor, none opposed. Motion carried.

#### **F. Board Meeting Dates for 2011**

Rogers made motion to accept the board meeting dates for 2011 as presented, second by Riedl. Roll call vote taken, all in favor, none opposed. Motion carried.

#### **G. Handbook Committee**

Mullen made motion to form a new Handbook Committee and to appoint Becky Riedl and Tim Wuebben to be the Board Members on the committee for the 2011-2012 Handbook, second by Rogers. Roll call vote taken, all in favor, none opposed. Motion carried.

#### **H. Board Policy Approval**

Mullen made motion to approve the following policies: 2:30-E – Waiver and Modification Request Process; 2:60 – Board Member Removal from Office; 2:70 – Vacancies on the School Board – Filling Vacancies; 2:110 – Qualifications, Term, and Duties of Board members; 2:125 – Board Member Expenses; 2:150 – Committees; 2:220 – School Board Meeting Procedure; 2:230 – Public Participation at School Board Meetings and Petitions to the Board; 2:250-E2 – Immediately Available District Public Records; 2:260 – Uniform Grievance Procedure; 4:10 – Fiscal Business Management; 4:80 – Accounting and Audits; 4:150 – Facility Management and Building Programs; 4:170 – Safety; 4:170-AP2 – Criminal Offender Notification Laws; 4:170-AP6 – Plan for Responding to a Medical Emergency at a Physical Fitness Facility; 4:180 – Pandemic Preparedness; 5:10 – Equal Employment Opportunity and Minority Recruitment; 5:10-AP – Workplace Accommodations for Nursing Mothers; 5:30 – Hiring Process and Criteria; 5:30-AP1 – Interview Questions; 5:30-AP2 – Investigations; 5:90 – Abused and Neglected Child Reporting; 5:120 – Ethics and Conduct; 5:120-AP1 – Statement of Economic Interests for Employees; 5:185 – Family and Medical Leave; 5:220 – Substitute Teachers; 5:220-AP – Substitute Teachers; 5:260 – Student Teachers; 6:110 – Programs for Students At Risk of Academic Failure and/or Dropping Out of School and Graduation Incentives Program; 6:140 – Education of Homeless Children; 6:210 – Instructional Materials; 6:300 – Graduation Requirements; 7:10 – Equal Educational Opportunities; 7:50 – School Admissions and Student Transfers To and From Non-District Schools; 7:60 – Residence; 7:60 – AP2 – Establishing Student Residency; 7:70 – Attendance and Truancy; 7:100 – Health, Eye, and Dental Examinations; Immunizations; and Exclusion of Students; 7:190-AP3 – Guidelines for Reciprocal Reporting of Criminal Offenses; Committed by Students; 7:270 – Administering Medicines to Students; 7:270-E – School Medication Authorization Form; 7:290 – Adolescent Suicide Awareness and Prevention Programs; 7:310 – Restrictions on Publications; 7:310-AP – Guidelines for Student Distribution of Non-School Sponsored Publications, second by Riedl. Roll call vote taken, all in favor, none opposed. Motion carried.

### **XIII. ADMINISTRATORS' COMMENTS**

Dr. Sirgany reported on the following:

- 1) She received approximately a \$17,000 Homework Helper Grant for math assistance. The problem is that our books are so old, only one is new enough to be on the list. The geometry book is a 2010 edition.
- 2) She needs to meet with the Finance Committee to discuss Driver Education Fees and a potential waiver.
- 3) Both music concerts went well and were well attended.
- 4) There was a meeting of the Healthier Generation Committee. The committee is working on getting the school up to the Bronze Level.
- 5) Attended both a NWSE meeting and a NWSE Finance Meeting this month.
- 6) Attended a Finance Meeting for the AVC this month as well.
- 7) Will be attending a meeting with Representative Sacia to discuss education.
- 8) Family Reading Night went well. It was sponsored by the PTO and Elaine Hoff, our librarian.

Mrs. Calow reported on the following:

- 1) Every 6 weeks the staff has been having RtI meeting to discuss the RtI students and to make changes as needed to the interventions that are being given to the students. The last meeting was two weeks ago.

- 2) She has attended several IEP meetings for RtI students who have been receiving RtI services for awhile. One student was placed into special education for services and the other two will continue to receive RtI services.
- 3) She continues to work with Colette Binger, Behavioral Specialist, with several classrooms and students. She is also working with a few of our families.
- 4) Mrs. Stone and Mrs. Kurschner attended a workshop in Madison. They will be sharing the information they learned with the rest of the staff.
- 5) She received a second LAN Grant to help assist another student in the elementary.
- 6) The first-fifth grade teachers are using their SIP days to work on revamping the report cards so the report cards will be Standards-Based. They also spent a day in small groups with floating subs to continue to make the transition smooth from one grade level to another.
- 7) The music concert went well on Tuesday.
- 8) The AutoSkill trainer will be out in January to watch the classes as they use the program in order to offer feedback to the staff.
- 9) There have been two student teachers in the elementary. They will be done Jan. 14.

Mr. Fennell reported on the following:

- 1) Mrs. Leitzen gave the Explore Test to the 8<sup>th</sup> graders today.
- 2) The 6<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> graders will have a game time from 12: 25-2:15 on December 22. The Student Council along with Mrs. Mahoney have worked out many games and teams that include all of the students.
- 3) First semester exams will be Wednesday, January 12 through Friday, January 14.
- 4) He would like to thank the Junior/Senior High School Bands and Choruses for their performances at the concert. Everyone did a great job!

**XIV. 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.**

Rogers made motion to adjourn to executive session at 7:52 PM, second by Bartell. Roll call vote taken, all in favor, none opposed. Motion carried.

**XV. BUSINESS CONTINUED**

Mullen made motion to return to Regular Session at 8:37 PM, second by Wuebben. Roll call vote taken, all in favor, none opposed. Motion carried.

**A. Resignation of Personnel**

**B. Employment of Personnel**

Riedl made motion to hire Ryley Laird as a Junior High School Girls Basketball coach for the 2010-2011 school year, second by Wuebben. Roll call vote taken, all in favor, none opposed. Motion carried.

Rogers made motion to hire Dawn Wurster as a classroom aide for the remainder of the 2010-2011 school year starting January 18, 2011, second by Bartell. Roll call vote taken, all in favor, none opposed. Motion carried.

**C. Student Discipline**

**XVI. ADJOURNMENT**

Bartell made motion to adjourn at 8:38 PM, second by Mullen. Roll call vote taken, all in favor, none opposed. Motion carried.