

**MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING OF
THE BOARD OF EDUCATION
WALNUT COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT
JUNE 3, 2008**

The meeting was called to order at 5:35 p.m. with members Troy Schaben, Heather Gettler, Shannon Griffith and Ron Hamilton present. Rob Sampson was absent.

Motion by Gettler, second by Hamilton to approve the agenda. Motion carried.

Motion by Hamilton, second by Gettler to approve the resignation from Title I teacher Sarah Laudner upon finding a suitable replacement. Motion Carried.

Motion by Gettler, second by Griffith to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 5:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted

**MINUTES OF THE MONTHLY MEETING OF
THE BOARD OF EDUCATION
WALNUT COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT
JUNE 23, 2008**

The meeting was called to order at 6:42 p.m. with members Troy Schaben, Rob Sampson, Shannon Griffith and Ron Hamilton present. Heather Gettler was absent. Also in attendance were Supt Kruse, Principal Croghan, several teachers and guests.

Motion by Hamilton, second by Sampson to approve the agenda. Motion carried.

3.6 Rick Blum of the Friends Organization discussed landscaping around the school, the pros and cons of sharing students, the hiring of teachers and administrators, the possibility of the board sharing their vision for the district with the community more often. It was agreed that this kind of correspondence is needed. Suggestions about 5 year vision, promoting and welcoming new population to the community, grant and donation options for the district and perhaps looking at alternatives in the sharing arrangements.

4.0 Administrative Reports

Principal Croghan reported on the concession stand, the summer cleaning of the building and future renovations and purchases.

Principal Radloff's report showed a certificate of appreciation from the St. Jude's hospital for the Day Care Trike A Thon and the new TAG Plan for the 2008-09 school year.

Supt Kruse reported on the Lighthouse Project to date and informed the board of the loss of approximately \$10, 000 in PPEL funds due to levy rate change for the next year.

5.0 Discussion Items

5.1 Signs will be placed at the Ball Park showing that it is a smoke free zone during school activities. This also applies to smoking in vehicles parked in the Park. Administrators are supposed to patrol during events.

5.2 Hamilton questioned why the district is not utilizing the ICN Room and the possibility of getting classes through ICN rather than so much sharing with Atlantic. Supt Kruse it was probably due to scheduling and availability but it could be checked into.

5..3 Supt Kruse gave his proposed facility changes and suggested the board put the Building committee in charge of a plan for usage of rooms. Some of the options were sharing of the Music/Band Room, moving Kindergarten and First to the science room in the new wing and moving 2nd Grade to old Sp Ed room.

6.1 Action Items

6.1A-6.1I Consent Items: Motion by Sampson, second by Griffith to approve the minutes, board bills of \$113,672.93, activity report, food service report, board secretary's report, participation in Title I for 2008-09, SW IA Employee Assistance Program, updated TAG Plan and end of year bills. Motion carried.

6.2 Paul and Brenda Croghan submitted their resignation from the district. Motion by Schaben, second by Griffith to approve Principal Croghan's resignation. Motion carried.

Motion by Sampson, second by Griffith to approve Brenda Croghan's resignation. Motion carried.

6.3 Motion by Sampson, second by Hamilton to approve the contracts that still needed to be filled. Patty Ross, 4th Grade \$33,550., Varsity Boys Basketball-Bob Gross \$2700., JH Girls BB-Jeff Koenck \$1,250., Asst VB-Jeff Koenck \$1,750., JH Track-Jamie Llewellyn \$1,250., Annual-Jamie Llewellyn and Tyler Spoon \$400. each, Speech-Tyler Spoon \$1,050., Asst SB-Melissa Akers \$750., Concession-Teri Harmon 41<200. and Prom-Kandy Dea and Gwen Blum \$600. each. Motion carried.

6.4 Motion by Sampson, second by Hamilton to approve 2008-09 student handbooks. Motion carried.

6.5 Motion by Hamilton, second by Sampson to approve 2008-09 student fees. Motion carried.

6.6 Motion by Sampson, second by Hamilton to approve bread bid from Interstate Brands. Motion carried.

6.7 Motion by Hamilton, second by Sampson to approve milk bid from AE Dairy. Motion carried.

6.8 Motion by Griffith, second by Sampson to approve Administrator Evaluation procedures. Motion carried.

6.9 Motion by Sampson, second by Griffith to approve the election change plan to match new law that states elections will only be held in odd years.. Roll call vote. Motion carried.

6.10 Motion by Sampson, second by Griffith to table chairs and table purchase. Motion carried.

6.11 Finalize freezer purchase for lunch room.

6.12 Motion by Sampson, second by Hamilton to approve the mentoring and induction plan. Motion carried.

6.13 Tabled concrete work bids due to lack of information on actual work being done.

The board suspended the meeting at 9:00 p.m. in order to remove spectators to conduct closed session..

6.14 At 9:10 p.m. a motion by Hamilton to " hold a closed session as provided in section 21.5(1)(i) of the Code of Iowa, to discuss a late open enrollment application request for a student." Second by Griffith. Roll call vote. Motion carried.
Closed session adjourned at 9:35 p.m.

The board resumed open session with the decision to allow the late request.

Further discussion on Principal Croghan's request for late open enrollment to Atlantic now that he had accepted the position there. It will be an agenda item at the next meeting.

7.0 The next regular meeting will be July 17.

8.0 Adjournment

Motion by Sampson, second by Griffith to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried

The meeting adjourned at 10:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted