

**MINUTES OF THE JOINT MEETING WITH A-H-S-T
AND THE BOARD OF EDUCATION
WALNUT COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT
APRIL 13, 2009**

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m. with members Shannon Griffith, Troy Schaben, Bryan Simonsen, Ron Hamilton and Rob Sampson present. Also in attendance were Supt Peterson, Principal Binns and several guests.

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

1.0 The A-H-S-T Board members asked for a meeting with the Walnut Board in order to discuss the possibility of sharing classes/teachers/administration in the future. Their request for the meeting was received approximately two days prior to the Atlantic joint meeting at which the Board had decided to share another year with Atlantic. A-H-S-T President stated that the lines of communication need to remain open between the districts as they are only five (5) miles apart and share the same class periods. An open dialog concerning the potential sharing of classes, sports, administrators would benefit both districts. Their new school project is due to be finished by August and their focus is not to strain community relations.

2.0 Motion by Sampson, second by Hamilton to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried.
The meeting adjourned at 6:48 p.m.

**MINUTES OF THE 2009-10 BUDGET HEARING
THE BOARD OF EDUCATION
WALNUT COMMUNITY SCHOOL
APRIL 13, 2009**

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. with all members present and several guests.

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

1.0 Action Items

1.1 Motion by Hamilton, second by Simonsen to approve the published 2009-10 budget. Motion carried.

1.2 Motion by Hamilton, second by Sampson to approve the Support Levy. Motion carried

1.3 Motion by Sampson, second by Simonsen to approve the Management levy. Motion carried.

1.4 Motion by Griffith, second by Simonsen to approve the Cash Reserve levy. Motion carried.

1.5 Motion by Hamilton, second by Sampson to approve the PPEL levy. Motion carried.

2.0 Adjournment

2.1 Motion by Sampson, second by Simonsen to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 7:42 p.m.

Respectfully submitted

Vicky Travis Board Secretary

Shannon Griffith President

**MINUTES OF THE MONTHLY MEETING OF
THE BOARD OF EDUCATION
WALNUT COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT
APRIL 21, 2009**

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m. with members Shannon Griffith, Troy Schaben, Bryan Simonsen, Ron Hamilton and Rob Sampson present. Also in attendance were Supt Peterson, Principal Binns, Director Radloff and several guests.

Motion by Sampson, second by Schaben to approve the agenda. Carried.

1.0 Discussion Items

1.1 The Friends Organization reported that they hope to have the sprinkler system installed and the sod in place by graduation.

1.2 The question as whether the staff would be changing classes this year was asked, and it was reported that the elementary teaching staff would not be changing classes this year and it may possibly be on a 3 year cycle. Hamilton felt a change each year would not be necessary as things seem to be going well.

1.3 Mrs. Radloff reported on the District Leadership Team. She stated that meetings needed to be set up with all the members of the team in order to insure that everyone was on the same page as far as goals and duties. Simonsen felt that a meeting with Board would be beneficial so everyone would know how to proceed. The meeting date was sent for May 19, 2009 at 5:30 p.m.

1.4 The district will be posting ads for the mowing/trimming of the school grounds for the next year.

1.5 Principal Binns reported that since the district is sharing with Atlantic, it would be easier if the district shared the same Core Credits. It would make scheduling simpler and less strain on students trying to fulfill their requirements.

2.0 Administrative Reports

2.1 Principal Binns stated that Sr. trip would be next week and there were a few students that would not be attending due to excessive tardiness. He thought Prom was well attended and everyone seemed to have had a good time. Drivers Ed appears to be on track for July. The conference had been approached by AR-WE-VA to join, but they have since decided to stay with their current conference.

3.0 Action Items

3.1 Motion by Sampson, second by Simonsen to approve the minutes, board bills of \$62,168.07, activity report, food service report and board secretary's report. Carried

3.2 Motion by Simonsen, second by Sampson to publish full minutes/bills in the newspaper until such time that the website access and publication timeline issues have been corrected. Carried

3.3 Motion by Simonsen, second by Sampson to approve the 2009-10 School fees. Carried

3.4 Motion by Hamilton, second by Simonsen to approve the teacher's negotiation at 3.5% wage increase. Carried

3.5 Motion by Sampson, second by Simonsen to approve the purchase of an audio system for the ball park not to exceed \$6,000. Donations will help with this cost. Carried.

3.6 Motion by Simonsen, second by Sampson to approve professional development day revision to the 2009-10 school calendar. Carried.

3.7 Tabled discussion/purchase of larger bus until later meeting due to waiting on further information. Carried

3.8 Motion by Simonsen, second by Sampson to approve the resignation from Jeff Koenck as Asst HS VB coach and Jr H Girls BB coach and the resignation of Debra Miller as Special Ed teacher.

Carried

Motion by Sampson, second by Schaben to approve resignation from Rachel Pfannkuch as Guidance. Carried.

3.9 Motion by Simonsen, second by Sampson to approve coaching contract for HS Varsity Girls BB at \$2500. Carried

Motion by Sampson, second by Simonsen to approve teaching contract for Math to Derek Steeve at \$27,300. Carried

Motion by Simonsen, second by Schaben to approve the hire of Amy Akers for Day Care Aide at \$7.25 per hour. Carried.

3.9.1 Motion by Simonsen, second by Schaben to approve the list of continuing contracts for teachers for the 2009-10 school year. Carried

4.0 At this time 7:50 p.m. the board entered into closed sessions with a roll call vote. Carried

4.1 Motion by Hamilton to hold a closed session as provided in section 21.5(1)(i) of the Code of Iowa, to discuss the professional competency of an administrator. Second by Schaben. The board entered into closed session at 7:51 p.m. Adjourned at 8:08 p.m. Roll call vote. Carried

4.2 Motion by Sampson to hold a closed session as provided in section 21.5(1)(i) of the Code of Iowa, to discuss the professional competency of an administrator. Second by Schaben. The board entered into closed session at 8:10 p.m. Adjourned at 8:25 p.m. Roll call vote. Carried

4.3 Motion by Sampson to hold a closed session as provided in section 21.5(1)(i) of the Code of Iowa, to discuss the termination of contract. Second by Griffith. The board entered into closed session at 8:30 p.m. Adjourned at 8:45 p.m. Roll call vote. Carried

5.0 The board returned to open session at 8:46 p.m.

Motion by Hamilton, second by Schaben to approve sharing contract of Mrs. Radloff with Harlan at the amount of \$70,000 plus insurance benefit of \$9844. Walnut will hold the contract and Harlan will pay 60% of the costs and Walnut will pay 40%. Carried

Motion by Hamilton, second by Sampson to approve a three year contract to Chris Binns as HS Principal/AD Director/Transportation Director at \$75,000 plus insurance benefit of \$9844. Carried

Motion by Simonsen, second by Hamilton to terminate a mentoring contract for the next school year. Carried.

6.0 Adjournment

Motion by Hamilton, second by Schaben to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 8:57 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted

Vicky Travis Board Secretary

Shannon Griffith Presidnet