

**MINUTES OF THE MONTHLY MEETING OF  
THE BOARD OF EDUCATION  
WALNUT COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT  
MONDAY DECEMBER 15, 2008**

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

**1.0** Motion by Sampson, second by Simonsen to approve the agenda. Motion carried.

**2.0** Rick Blum of the Friends Organization reported on the new sign that is up and working and gave some ideas of other needs that the group could help support. Sarah Kock reported that the 6 thru 12 grade music concert is scheduled for Friday night.

**3.0 Administrative Reports**

**3.1** Supt Peterson reported on the boilers shutting down overnight and causing the building to be cold in the morning. Hopefully the situation and cause has been remedied. He also showed the line item budget that has been prepared for the board in order to track expenditures as the year progresses.

Board policy 507.4 will continue to be handled as in the past. Parents will be notified if a child is sick or has been injured and parents can decide as to how they wish situations are to be handled.

**3.2** Principal Binns reported on the Senior trip and the date should be set by January meeting. He also reported that there are several students interested in track and a schedule had been made in order to bring track back into the Walnut district. The potential cost for uniforms, fees and coach will be around \$9350.00.

**4.0 Board Discussion**

**4.1** Sarah Kock of the Education Union submitted the teacher's union negotiation proposal to the board. A counter proposal extension was signed at this time.

**4.2** Principal Binns reported that he is looking for some changes to the secondary class schedule in order to try and keep students here for more periods of the day.

**4.3** The board members worked on their latest Light House project worksheets and will be looking at data from ITEDS, ITBS, Long term goals and efforts in raising the scores of students in the district.

**5.0 Action Items**

**5.1** Motion by Sampson, second by Hamilton to approve the minutes, board bills of \$113,423.60, the activity report, the food service report and the board secretary's report. Motion carried.

**5.2** Vice President Schaben felt that the draft of the Mission statement by the administration should be adopted as it clearly addressed the districts ideals. Schaben motioned for adoption. The motion died due to lack of a second. Motion by Sampson, second by Hamilton to table until the next meeting in order to allow staff to voice opinions. Nay, Schaben. Motion carried

**5.3** Motion by Sampson, second by Schaben to approve the vision statement from month, with the exception. Motion carried.

**5.4** Motion by Schaben, second by Sampson to table the goals at this time. Motion carried.

**6.0** The board went into negotiations strategy at this time.

**7.0 Adjournment**

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

The meeting adjourned at 8:55 p.m.

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Vicky Travis Board Secretary  
President

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Shannon Griffith