

**MINUTES OF THE MONTHLY MEETING OF
THE BOARD OF EDUCATION
WALNUT COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT
JANUARY 19, 2009**

1.0 The negotiations meeting was called to order at 6: p.m. with members Troy Schaben, Shannon Griffith, Ron Hamilton, Bryan Simonsen and Rob Sampson present. Supt Peterson was also present.

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

3.0 Motion by Schaben, second by Simonsen to adjourn negotiation meeting. Motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 6:35 p.m.

1.0 The regular meeting was called to order at 6:40 p.m. with all members in attendance. Also present were several teachers, Supt Peterson, Principal Binns and Mrs. Radloff.

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

3.0 Discussion Items

3.1 The Friends Group presented a list potential projects and expenditures from the group.

3.2 Walnut Communications presented a check for \$1,000 from a Grant which was written by Mrs. Radloff. The Grant is provided to help cover costs of the Study tables program. She also reported that the Soup supper will held again this year

4.0 Administrative Reports

Supt Peterson reported on the potential sharing positions with other districts. The positions that are being considered are Curriculum Director, Human Resource and Transportation Director.

Principal Binns reported on the Senior Trip date and the class schedules for next year. Walnut will start early registration to determine where the interests are in the upcoming year.

5.0 Negotiations

5.1 The board presented a 2% total package to the teachers with a cap amount to be set on the insurance increase, as it has not yet been received for the next year.

6.0 Action Items

6.1 Motion by Sampson, second by Schaben to approve the minutes, board bills of \$129,822.21, the activity report, food service report and the board secretary's report. Motion carried.

6.2 Motion by Sampson, second by Simonsen to the approve the SBRC Allowable Growth for the Special Education deficit.

6.3 Board members committees, will be: Schaben and Simonsen will be on the Buildings and Grounds, Sampson and Schaben on Finance.

6.4 Motion by Simonsen, second by Sampson to approve the Goals and Mission Statement #4 with a wording change from in partnership to by partnering. Hamilton nay on the word change. Motion carried.

6.5 The board is looking at the possibility of purchasing Smart Board and Mrs. Radloff reported on the ITBS scores and DIBELS.

6.6 Arlan Thorson from the ICN-Online Learning presented a potential learning idea to the board which uses more ICN classes in districts.

7.0 Adjournment

7.1 At 8:50 p.m. a motion by Sampson, second 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 a district administrator.” Motion carried.

At 9:35 p.m. the board returned to open session with no action taken during the closed session.

8.0 Motion by Hamilton, second by Sampson to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 9:40

Respectfully submitted

Vicky Travis, Board Secretary

Shannon Griffith, President