

**MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING
OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION
WALNUT COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT
WEDNESDAY JULY 2, 2008**

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

Motion by Sampson, second by Gettler to approve the agenda with the addition of secondary principal position discussion. Motion carried.

4.1 The board discussed the request of Principal Croghan for late open enrollment to the Atlantic district due to his job change. The board felt that requirements of the rules should be upheld and a job change was not one of the rules for granting the request.. Motion by Hamilton, second by Griffith to deny the request. Gettler aye, Schaben and Sampson nay. Motion carried.

4.2 Due to the lack of clarification on the actual work being done on the sidewalk and landscaping, the board tabled the bids until further information could be obtained.

5.1 The board discussed the potential loss of the shared dollars that the district has been receiving for sharing Supt Kruse. The Department of Ed informed the district that it was not eligible due to the fact that IKM and Walnut were not contiguous districts. Mr. Kruse has informed the district that he has submitted a request for reconsideration of the reduction this year as it will impact our budget.

6.1 Future agenda items will be to advertise for principal positions and screen applicants. Larry Siegel will attend the August meeting to share financial ideas with the board.

7.0 Motion by Sampson, second by Gettler to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried
The meeting adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted

**MINUTES OF THE MONTHLY MEETING
OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION
WALNUT COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT
THURSDAY JULY 17, 2008**

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

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

3.0 Discussion on the concession stand costs as the district has received upward of \$12,000. in expenses and at this time only one donation has been turned in. Hamilton will be checking with groups and individuals who were noted as contributors.

Darrin Tooley and Rick Blum gave the report on the Friends Organization and what has been completed at this time. The landscaping, tree removal and sidewalk projects are well underway and should be completed by the time school starts.

4.0 Supt Peterson reported that he would not have a newsletter this week. A report on a grant that Principal Radloff had written was received and a certificate of praise from St. Judes for the trike a thon.

5.1 New freezers for the kitchen will be arriving within the month. Hamilton stated that he had checked on the difference between commercial and regular and it was noted that we have no need for commercial units.

5.2 The board decided to continue with the idea of purchasing air conditioner units for the elementary/MS rooms. Motion by Hamilton, second by Griffith to purchase up to 10 units or spending up to \$4,000. Motion carried.

5.3 The classroom locations have been finalized and the building committee decided to keep the old building open and in use. It was decided that several storage rooms need to be cleaned out.

5.4 Supt Peterson reported that the new room assignment that was proposed by the previous administration is a positive and he believes this change should be done.

5.5 The next Lighthouse Project meeting will be in Malvern on August 19th.

6.1 Motion by Hamilton, second by Gettler to approve the minutes, board bills of \$76,088.62, activity report, food service report and board secretary's report. Motion carried

6.2 It was decided that if students who are attending Atlantic classes over the lunch period time, will need to pay the Atlantic lunch rates, as they charge higher rates than

Walnut. Also, if they choose second helpings or extra milk, they will need to set up an account at the Atlantic center for those purchases. Motion by Sampson, second by Gettler to approve the Atlantic lunch rates for students who eat there. Motion carried.

6.3. SM Concrete was awarded the sidewalk bid based on clarification of what exactly is to be done. Motion by Hamilton, second by Gettler to table the actual start and price until new quote is received. Motion carried.

6.4 Motion by Hamilton, second by Sampson to approve a contract to Lydia Wahlert at \$28,350 as a science teacher. Motion carried.

6.6 Principal interviews

Closed session at 8:00 p.m.

6.61 Hiring an administrator—Motion by Griffith, 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 candidates being interviewed for the principal position. Roll call vote. All ayes.

Closed session at 8:35 p.m.

6.62 Hiring an administrator—Motion by Griffith, second by Gettlet to hold a closed session as provided in section 21.5(1)(i) of the Code of Iowa to discuss the professional competency of candidates being interviewed for the principal position. Roll call vote. All ayes.

Closed session at 9:05 p.m.

6.63 Hiring an administrator—Motion by Griffith, second by Gettler to hold a closed session as provided in section 21.5(1)(i) of the Code of Iowa to discuss the professional competency of candidates being interviewed for the principal position. Roll call vote. All ayes.

The board returned to open session at 10:18 p.m. Motion by Hamilton, second by Gettler to approve a contract for HS/MS Principal/AD to Chris Binns at \$70,000. Motion carried

8.0 Motion by Gettler, second by Sampson to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 10:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted

**MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING
OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION
WALNUT COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT
THURSDAY JULY 24, 2008**

The meeting was called to order at 6:45 p.m. with members Troy Schaben, Rob Sampson, Ron Hamilton, Heather Gettler and Shannon Griffith. Also in attendance were Principal Croghan and Supt Peterson.

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

4.1 Motion by Hamilton, second by Sampson to approve the bid for the sidewalk project with a cap set at \$14,000. Motion carried.

4.2 Motion by Sampson, second by Gettler to approve the resignation of Analise Letner from her contract. She will be required to pay the penalty fee of \$750. Motion carried.

4.3 Motion by Sampson, second by Gettler to approve a contract for Jessica Anzalone as an aide at \$8.50 for the Pre School. Motion carried.

5.0 Director Interview

Closed Session at 7:00 p.m.

5.1 Hiring an administrator—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 candidates being interviewed for the curriculum director position. Roll call vote. All ayes.

The board returned to open session at 8:15 p.m. Motion by Schaben, second by Griffith to approve a contract to Angela Radloff at \$54,000. as Curriculum/Professional Development Director. Motion carried.

6.0 Motion by Hamilton, second by Sampson to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 8:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted