

Waverly Community Unit School District #6
Regular Meeting of the Board of Education
December 10, 2014
Waverly High School Faculty Workroom

I. Truth in Taxation Hearing

- A. Board President Nancy Heriford called the Truth in Taxation Hearing to order. Upon roll being called, the following members were present: Matt Couturiaux, Valerie Duewer, Nancy Heriford, Mike Keeton, Ted Mies, Joe Sutera, and Gail Turner.
- B. Board President Nancy Heriford informed the audience that this meeting is an Open Hearing.
- C. Nancy Heriford asked the Public if they had any comments or questions. There were none.
- D. Joe Sutera moved, Valerie Duewer seconded to adjourn the Truth in Taxation Hearing. Roll Call: All ayes.

II. Preliminaries

- A. The Board of Education of Community Unit School District #6, Morgan, Sangamon, and Macoupin Counties, Illinois met for the Regular Session December 10, 2014 at 7 p.m. in the Teachers Workroom of the Waverly High School.

Board President Nancy Heriford called the meeting to order at 7 p.m. and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited. Upon roll being called, the following members were present: Matt Couturiaux, Valerie Duewer, Nancy Heriford, Mike Keeton, Ted Mies, Joe Sutera, and Gail Turner.

- B. Ted Mies moved, Valerie Duewer seconded to approve the minutes of the Regular Session of November 12, 2014. Roll Call: All ayes.

III. Recognition of Audience

- A. Rob Cameron with Cameron, Smith & Company, along with Sarah Jaeger to explain the recent audit. He has been doing Waverly audits for a long time and gets along well with the management. He also uses ISBE guidelines. It is estimated that we spend around

\$6000 per student per year. The State average is \$12,000 per student. He presented us an option how he thought he could save us money on the bus program.

- B. Todd Hannah with Allied Designs, was here to discuss the upcoming projects in the High School and Grade School. They have been looking at the site for the new HVAC system and the buildings. The heating and cooling systems will run from 8 am to 3 pm. Other items that will be added or improved are spiral ductwork, adding 3 to 4 more outlets per classroom, removal of 3 smaller boilers and a large storage tank. Work will begin the last day of school in May. They just need contracts signed and approval from the board.
- C. Todd Hannah with Allied Designs also discussed the Elementary Gym floor. Todd talked with construction engineer, Steve Stalker, and he mentioned taking off only the top layer. Under the top layer is wood support and the lattice. We want to make sure this bid on the project takes care of all the floor. The floor does not contain asbestos.
- D. Todd Hannah also talked about the Health, Life and Safety bonds. They would like a vote on that. They will repair any structures that are in need. Allied Designs will have the drawings ready after the February Board Meeting, so it may call for a special meeting.
- E. Mrs. Nikki Goodall was here to present to the Board more information on the ESL Teacher and the funding. The first is at a State Level and it has a 2 page application. These students will have limited English as their birth country is not America. Deb Rust will check with other schools as they might be able to share an ESL teacher. Auburn and Rochester have several international adoptions and Beardstown and Jacksonville have an ESL program. Mrs Goodall talked with the lady from ISBE and was confident there is money to fund it. She is worried about the time frame as it would take 3 semesters to get that person trained. Nancy Heriford thanked Mrs. Goodall for all the work she has put into the research for the need of an ESL teacher to better inform the board.
- F. Mrs. McGiles was here to share with the board about National Honor

Society. She is the sponsor and they use club time in her home room.

They talk about leadership, character, honesty, integrity and “What is a good student?” In her math classes, she is focusing on standards. She gives assessments to her students. They are the Performance Based, Mid-Year, and the End of the year assessments. 8th grade has similar standards. It is good background and covers the basics. Mrs McGiles can pull the student out of study skills to work with them. She says its all a new way of teaching. Every year, kids learn and keep building with these skills.

- G. Mrs. Monica Cookson is the sponsor for Student Council. Along with President Nathan Thresher, they do many volunteer activities. They worked the “Stuff the Bus” at Verda Maes, had a “Penny War” at the high school raising \$592. They were able to give to at least 8 kids in town. Julie Samaras, town Librarian, thanked the Student Council and President Michael Thresher for helping with the annual library book sale. Mrs. Cookson also teaches English. When her students write papers, she hands out a syllabus and they also grade with a syllabus. They have been very receptive to this. Gail Turner wanted to know if the rubric will be taken down to the younger students. The teachers are trying to incorporate writing in all other classes also.
- H. Dustin Day brought his family and introduced them to the board.

IV. Communications

A. Atta Boy/Girl

1. The Pre-K through 6th grade Christmas Program was great.
2. High School Boys Basketball placed 4th in the New Berlin Tournament. All Tournament Team was Josh Wilson.
3. High School Girls Basketball placed 2nd in the Waverly Turkey Tournament. All Tournament Team members are Micah Peebles, Mackenzie Nichols, and Lydia Wall.
4. Colton Shipley was elected Lt, Governor for Key Club in the Eastern, IL and Iowa Districts.

5. Shane Gray did a lot of work and made a lot of phone calls on the Franklin/Waverly Basketball game. The ceremony was a very nice, classy presentation between the 2 schools.
6. Emily Huff and Bailey Caruthers were selected as Illinois State Scholars.
7. Heather Kusk, P.E. teacher, wrote a grant for P.E. Scooters.
8. Mr. Rahe is building a cart for the scooter storage. His students also built a house on a replica scale.

V. Board Committee Reports

1. Nancy Heriford among others, attended the School Board Convention. She said it was very good this year with many breakout sessions. Valerie Duewer said she went to several good sessions.

VI. Administrator's Report

A. Junior Senior High School Principal

1. Tammy Hermes went to a Professional Development Training in Raymond. It was small schools including Waverly, Raymond Lincolnwood, Franklin, and Northwestern. They talked about course offerings. Mrs. Hermes talked with Franklin Principal Jason Courier and worked on schedules. She feels they are moving in the right direction.
2. Things are good with the heater. There are still pockets of cold rooms but for right now, its going well.
3. High School Finals will be December 18th and 19th. It will be a 2 p.m. dismissal for the High School.
4. Homecoming week is December 8th through 12th. The Junior class will play the teachers in a volleyball game during lunch hour. The Homecoming game will be Friday night with the Dance being on Saturday, December 13th.
5. The Driver's Education class size this year is 39 students. They are usually taken out of PE and prep time. They have a total of 100 driving hours left in the school year. Joe Sutura suggested contacting Franklin and discuss sharing driving instructors.

B. Superintendent/Pre-K-5 Principal

1. The builders have been in contact with Kevin and will be in the High School Building on December 22 and 23.
2. A group of teachers met for RTI to discuss a behavior program.
3. Val Duewer suggested we send a sympathy for the passing of the Morrisonville Superintendent.

VII. Executive Session

- A. Ted Mies moved, Joe Sutera seconded to enter into executive session at 8:58 p.m. Roll Call: All ayes.
- B. Matt Couturiaux moved, Joe Sutera seconded to return to open session at 9:37 p.m. Roll Call: All ayes.

VIII. Business Items

- A. Joe Sutera moved, Mike Keeton seconded to approve the payment of monthly bills and salaries. Roll Call: All ayes.
- B. Ted Mies moved, Valerie Duewer seconded to approve the Tax Levy for the 2015-2016 School Year. Roll Call: All ayes.
- C. Joe Sutera moved, Ted Mies seconded to leave the Executive Session Minutes closed. Roll Call: All ayes.
- D. Valerie Duewer moved, Matt Couturiaux seconded to the destruction of closed session audiotapes prior to June 2013. Roll Call: All ayes.
- E. Matt Couturiaux moved, Gail Turner seconded to approve the Final Canvas of Vote Totals for the Referendum and 1% sales tax questions. Roll Call: All ayes.
- F. Joe Sutera moved, Valerie Duewer seconded to hire Dustin Day as the Pre-K-5 Principal/Superintendent. Roll Call: Ayes-Couturiaux, Duewer, Heriford, Mies, Sutera. Nays-Keeton, Turner.
- G. Joe Sutera moved, Ted Mies seconded to hire High School Cheerleading Coach, Alex Wagner and Assistant Coach Tracy Reszineck for School Year 2015-2016. Roll Call: All ayes.
- H. Valerie Duewer moved, Matt Couturiaux seconded to approve the 10 Year Life Safety Survey for the High School. Roll Call: All ayes.
- I. Joe Sutera moved, Ted Mies seconded to approve the 10 Year Life

Safety Survey for the Elementary School. Roll Call: All ayes.

- J. Gail Turner moved, Valerie Duewer seconded to hire Allied Designs for Architectural Services for HVAC and Electrical renovation. Roll Call: All ayes.
- K. To hire Allied Design for Architectural Services for Gym Floor replacement was tabled for next month.

IX. Discussion

- A. Tammy Hermes discussed the situation for hiring an ESL Teacher. We need to look at some neighboring schools and see how they fund it. Most schools train teachers within the school. Joe Sutera visited a Miami school and met with the director of an ESL class. Some students are back in the regular classroom within 2 years. They rely on computer programs. Gail Turner mentioned that we will get additional funding for these kids. We can't depend on getting state funds. Based on other districts, we would have to find money for our district. Nancy Heriford said we should do something about this now. We want to train teachers in the district. A Board member suggested to apply for money and see if the ESL Teacher is still available.
 - B. Tammy Hermes was asked about putting a student, who had studied abroad, for receiving credit on her High School Transcript. That student could make a presentation to the board to show what they have learned being abroad. The Board needs to make a policy and see what other schools do.
 - C. Nick Hurley expressed interest in organizing the Sunday Night Basketball League. It will begin December 14th. The players will need to sign a waiver.
- #### V. Adjourn
- A. Joe Sutera moved, Valerie Duewer seconded to adjourn the meeting at 10:41 p.m. Roll Call: All ayes.