

WALLACE GRADE SCHOOL DIST. 195
BOARD MEETING
WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 25, 2015
7:00PM

Wallace Board of Education President Mike Stone called the meeting to order. Roll call was taken and board members present were: Mike Stone, Doug Carroll, Vince Evola, Bill Vogel, Rick Mangold, and Bill Keene. Absent was Tom Miller.

Bill Vogel made a motion and Bill Keene seconded to approve the minutes from the January 28, 2015 meeting. In favor, Stone, Carroll, Evola, Vogel, Mangold, and Keene.

Visitors present at the meeting were Laura Levine, Walt Zukowski, Brian, Amy and Hayden Price. Mr. Coates presented Hayden Price with the February Student of the Month Award. Hayden was present with his parents to accept this award. Laura Levine reported to the board on behalf of the teachers. She reported that Family Reading Night will be on Thursday, March 19th from 6-7:30PM. Mrs. Levine said the Science Fair was held on February 19, 2015. She also reported the book fair was during this time. Mr. Zukowski, the school's attorney, discussed legal issues regarding education.

Bill Keene made a motion and Bill Vogel seconded to approve the treasurer's report. In favor, Stone, Carroll, Evola, Vogel, Mangold, and Keene.

Mr. Matteson reviewed the monthly bills. Doug Carroll made a motion and Bill Vogel seconded to approve payment of the bills. In favor, Stone, Carroll, Evola, Vogel, Mangold, and Keene.

Mr. Matteson gave the Superintendent's report. He gave a budget update. Mr. Matteson said the State is still behind in payments in the amount of \$76,949.00. The investment account earned \$4,226 in January at an interest rate of 1.7%. The Bonds Proceeds account lost \$3 and had an interest rate of .58%.

Mr. Matteson said we have two buses that will need to be replaced this year. He will begin the process of getting bids and then report back to the board.

Mr. Coates gave the Principal's report. He reported on the recent Science Fair. He thanked the committee and the judges. Mr. Coates said that 8th grade student Andrew Hancock competed in the LaSalle County Spelling Bee on February 21st. Mr. Coates also reported on extra-curricular activities. He congratulated the 7th grade boy's basketball team on an exceptional season. Mr. Coates said the Academic team is competing and doing very well.

Mr. Coates also reported on the PARCC testing. All students are tested online during March. Students take 5 tests – 3 in English, and 2 in Math. Mr. Coates discussed the end of year activities. Graduation will be held on May 26, 2015 and report cards will be distributed on June 2, 2015. Mr. Coates said that Pre-School Open House will be held in February 26, 2015. Kindergarten registration will begin on March 13, 2015 and Family Reading Night will be on March 19, 2015 from 6-7:30PM.

Bill Keene made a motion and Bill Vogel seconded to approve the re-hiring of non-tenure teachers Melanie Hart, Liz Masley, Sarah Evola, and Steve Sharp for the 2015-16 school year. In favor, Stone, Carroll, Ebola, Vogel, Mangold, and Keene.

Bill Keene made a motion and Bill Vogel seconded to approve the hiring of Sam Gondolfi as aid for a special education student for remainder of the school year. In favor, Stone, Carroll, Evola, Vogel, Mangold, and Keene.

Bill Keene made a motion and Bill Vogel seconded to approve the dismissal of non-certified staff – Ashley Klinger, Tracy Tipple, Deb Frazer, Chris Corrie, Janet Lobraco, Brenden Burrell, Sam Gondolfi, Shelli Slack, and Tricia Melvin. In favor, Stone, Carroll, Evola, Vogel, Mangold, and Keene.

Mr. Coates reported the Excellence in Education Dinner will be held on May 7, 2015 at Celebrations. This year honorees are Patrick Allen, Kevin Gallagher, Jenny Vogel and Mike Stone.

At 8:05PM Doug Carroll made a motion and Bill Keene seconded to adjourn the meeting. In favor, Stone, Carroll, Evola, Vogel, Mangold, and Keene.

Respectfully submitted by Kathi Hermann,
Recording Secretary

Signed by Mike Stone,
Board President