

WALLACE GRADE SCHOOL DIST. 195
BOARD MEETING
WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 24, 2016
7:00PM

Wallace Grade School Board of Education President Bill Vogel called the meeting to order. Roll call was taken and members present were: Vogel, Armstrong, Carroll, Miller, Evola, Keene and Mangold.

Bill Keene made a motion and John Armstrong seconded to approve the minutes from the January 27, 2016 meeting. In favor, Vogel, Armstrong, Carroll, Miller, Evola, Keene, and Mangold.

Visitors present at the meeting were Toni Edgcomb, Laura Levine, John Vezetti, Albert, Doris Harris, and Jaeshaun Hughes. Mr. Coates presented Jaeshaun Hughes with the February Student of the Month Award. Jaeshaun was present with his parents, Albert and Doris Harris to accept this award. Mr. John Vezetti from Bernardi Securities was also present at the meeting. He discussed the possibility of refinancing the bonds at a lower interest rate. The interest rate on the bonds can be lowered from 4.79% to 2.76%. This could save approximately \$161,393. The alternate revenue bonds can be lowered from 4.64% to 2.76% and this could save \$81,774.

Mrs. Edgcomb and Mrs. Levine reported to the board on behalf of the teachers. They said the 4th/5th grade students are working on fractions. They also said the 3rd grade classes just finished a unit on the Chinese New Year. They visited the New Chiam Restaurant. The 7th grade classes are beginning to study the Illinois Constitution.

Mr. Dennis Bute gave the treasurer's report. Bill Keene made a motion and Doug Carroll seconded to approve the treasurer's report. In favor, Vogel, Armstrong, Carroll, Miller, Evola, Keene, and Mangold.

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

Mr. Matteson gave the Superintendent's report. He gave a budget update. He reported the state is still behind in payments in the amount of \$64,434. Mr. Matteson said the investment account earned \$5414 in January with an interest rate of 1.03. Mr. Matteson also reported that the list with summer building maintenance and projected (beyond next summer) projects has been started. Mr. Matteson discussed the registration and lunch fees. The fees will remain the same for the 2016-17 school years. Mr. Matteson reported that the insurance packages have not been bid out in three years. They will be put out for bid this spring.

Mr. Coates gave the Principal's report. He said the Science Fair will be held on February 25, 2016 in conjunction with the Book Fair. Mr. Coates also said that 7th grade student Miah Ferracuti competed in the LaSalle County Spelling Bee on February 13, 2016. He congratulated the teams that have completed their sports season. He also said track will be getting underway in March. Bill Keene made a motion and Doug Carroll seconded to approve the hiring of Brad Brittin as assistant track coach for the 2016 year. In favor, Vogel, Carroll, Armstrong, Miller, Evola, Keene, and Mangold. Mr. Coates said the PARCC Testing will begin in April. He also discussed with the board the end of the year calendar. Mr. Coates said that Pre-school registration began on February 4, 2016 and Kindergarten registration began on February 22, 2016.

At 8:22PM Bill Keene made a motion and Rick Mangold seconded to adjourn to executive session to discuss the appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific employees of the public body or legal counsel for the public body, In favor, Vogel, Armstrong, Mangold, Carroll, Evola, Keene, and Carroll.

At 8:47PM Bill Keene made a motion and John Armstrong seconded to adjourn and return to the regular meeting. In favor, Vogel, Armstrong, Carroll, Miller, Evola, Keene, and Mangold.

Bill Keene made a motion and Rick Mangold seconded to release the following non-certified staff –Velinda Corocran, Deb Fraser, Sam Gondolfi, Jessica Hancock, Kayla Kennedy, Janet Lobraco, Tricia Melvin, Shelli Slack, and Tracy Tipple. In favor, Vogel, Carroll, Armstrong, Evola, Miller, Keene, and Mangold.

John Armstrong made a motion and Rick Mangold seconded to renew contracts to the following certified personnel - Sarah Evola (tenure), Steve Sharp, Liz Masley, Melanie Hart, Laura Levine, and Tyler Bernardoni. In favor, Vogel, Carroll, Armstrong, Evola, Miller, Keene, and Mangold.

At 8:49PM Bill Keene made a motion and John Armstrong seconded to adjourn the meeting. All in favor.

Respectfully submitted by Kathi Hermann,
Recording Secretary

Signed by Bill Vogel,
Board President