Minutes of Regular Meeting

The Board of Trustees
Waverly Community Schools

Opening of Meeting

The regular monthly meeting of the Waverly Community Schools Board of Education was held on Monday, December 18, 2023 in the Waverly Board of Education Meeting Room, located at 515 Snow Rd., Lansing, MI 48917. President Guevara Warren called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM. The pledge to the flag was led by Board Member Mary Ann Martin.

Members Present:	Alicia Guevara Warren Vince Perkins Deborah Lopez Cathy Pike Holly Nester Amy Krause Mary Ann Martin
Members Absent:	None
Staff Present:	Kelly Blake, Superintendent Evan Nuffer, Director of Finance & Facilities Micky Savage, Director of Human Resources Jon Harpst, Director of IT Tiffany Wright, Director of Student Services Shawn Lewis, Director of School Culture Ann Marie Lindsay Tim Lyman Tony Terranova Bernard Colton Doreatha Rusher Allison Orwat Jeff Parks Chuck Tolhurst Leo Blundell Todd Simon Cheryl Kelley

Special Presentation

Mary Ann Martin Retirement

- Waverly Board of Education Member, Mary Ann Martin, announced her retirement from the Waverly Board of Education effective January 8, 2024. Member Martin thanked Waverly Community Schools for the opportunity to represent and service this community.

- Superintendent Kelly Blake presented Trustee Mary Ann Martin with a retirement plaque for her 21 years of service and loyalty to Waverly Community Schools. Member Martin was honored by each of the Waverly Schools for her outstanding commitment to our students, staff and community. She was also presented the "Ultimate Warrior" award.

Jackson Norman, Elmwood 2nd Grade student, read a short-story he wrote and illustrated to highlight the success of the Elementary EL Education curriculum Waverly adopted. His story was a compare/contract research story regarding schools in India compared to Elmwood Elementary.

Correspondence:
None

Public Comment for Agenda Items:
None

Board Member Comment:
Member Krause:
- Congratulated Member Martin on her retirement and thanked her for her many years of service as a Waverly BOE member.
- Thanked Jackson Norman for sharing his story with the Board.
- Excited to be able to be part of "book signing" by the students.
- Construction at the High School is progressing well.

Member Pike:
- Congratulated Member Martin on her retirement and thanked her for her commitment to Waverly Community Schools.
- Congratulated Jackson Norman on his amazing short story that he shared with the Board.
- Very impressed with the implementation and success of the recently adopted EL Education curriculum in our elementary schools.

Member Perkins:
- Congratulated Member Martin on her retirement and thanked her for her hard work while serving on the Waverly Board of Education.
- Thanked Jackson Norman for sharing his story with the Board.
- Congratulated Waverly High School teacher, David Gorbe, for receiving the Michigan Lottery Excellence in Education award.

Member Nestor:
- Thanked member Martin for her 21 years of dedication to Waverly Community Schools and enjoyed serving on the Board of Education with her.
- Thanked Jackson Norman for sharing his story and awesome pictures from his book.

Member Martin:
- Thanked all in attendance for coming to honor her years of service on the Waverly Board of Education and to share in her retirement.

Member Lopez:

- Congratulated Member Martin on her retirement and thanked her for her commitment and work for Waverly Community Schools.
- Thanked Jackson Norman for sharing his story with the Board, teachers at Elmwood for their hard work and Doreatha Rusher for her hard work as Elmwood Assistant Principal.
- Have completed all school visits except for East Intermediate, which is scheduled for January 2024, and have met staff new to leadership roles in each building. Gave an update on events and activities at each building; Straight Talk anti-drug assembly at WHS, staff mentoring opportunities at WHS, community platform at the HS and tutorials for parents to review Google Docs, PS, etc., the elementary book signings, Winans student mentorship with our HS basketball team, Colt ECEC in-house visits for parents of the younger students.
- Excited for the positive changes at the Middle School, ex., more electives offered, staff recognition, student incentives. There are lots of opportunities for parent involvement in the building.
- Community members who no longer have students attending the district would like to be notified of the district activities, events and fundraising opportunities to be able to support the district.
- Shout-out to School Resource Officer, Troy Hansbarger, who is doing an amazing job.

Member Guevara Warren:

- Thanked Mary Ann Martin for her 21 years of service on the Waverly Board of Education and will be greatly missed.
- Wished everyone an enjoyable holiday season.

Approval of Agenda and Acceptance of Reports

A motion was presented by Member Pike and supported by Member Perkins to adopt the December 18, 2023 agenda as presented and accept all reports into discussion.

Motion PASSED
Vote: Ayes – 7; Nays – 0; Absent – 0

Approval Consent Agenda Items

A motion was presented by Member Nester and supported by Member Krause to approve the consent agenda as presented.

Motion PASSED
Vote: Ayes – 7; Nays – 0; Absent – 0

Committee Meetings

Member Pike reviewed the recent Finance & Facilities committee meeting. Highlights include:

- The October 2023 Pupil count was reviewed.
- Discussed student enrollment and enrollment stabilization funding.
- Next steps for the proposed May 2024 special election.
- Reviewed the budgets for the upcoming construction projects.
- All current projects are within budget with the exception of the High School athletic projects.
- All school vehicles, except school buses, will be equipped with an electronic monitoring system.
- Lots of discussion and review of data regarding student enrollment.

Member Lopez reviewed the recent Teaching & Learning committee meeting. Highlights include:

- Waverly Middle School is no longer on the Target for Support and Intervention list and there is an action plan to help continue the success at the Middle School.
- Working on a math curriculum and a reproductive health curriculum and parent involvement is encouraged.
- Continue to remind parents, via email and phone calls, to participate in the Accreditation survey.
- Implicit bias training continues in the district for all staff.
- Discussion on inclusive and equitable learning environments within the district.

PRESENTATION OF REPORTS

For Action – Report #23-34, Waverly Board of Education Working Agreements
A motion was presented by Member Krause and supported by Member Pike to approve the proposed Board of Education working agreements as listed.

Motion PASSED
Vote: Ayes – 7; Nays – 0; Absent – 0

Finance and Facilities

For Action – Report #23-35, 2022 Building and Site, Series I – Abatement Award Recommendation
A motion was presented by Members Pike and supported by Member Nester to approve awards to the lowest responsible bidder(s) from Bid Package – Asbestos Abatement.

Motion PASSED
Vote: Ayes – 7; Nays – 0; Absent – 0

For Action – Report #23-36, Special Election on Tuesday, May 7, 2024
A motion was presented by Member Mary Ann Martin and supported by Member Krause to approve the resolution to call for a special election to be held on May 7, 2024 for the purpose of asking voters to approve additional funding to complete our capital improvement projects.

Motion PASSED
Vote: Ayes – 7; Nays – 0; Absent – 0

For Action – Report #23-37, High School Auditorium Bid Package
A motion was presented by Member Mary Ann Martin and supported by Member Lopez to approve awards to the lowest responsible bidder(s) from Bid Package – High School Auditorium.

Motion PASSED
Vote: Ayes – 7; Nays – 0; Absent – 0

Teaching and Learning
High School Principal, Tony Terranova, reviewed the proposed 2024-25 Waverly High School Program of Studies. This will be brought for action to approve at the January 2024 meeting.

Superintendent's Report:
Superintendent Blake:

- Distributed the E3 Consent to Treatment to Board members as required by the grant.
- Winter break will be from December 23, 2023 – January 7, 2024.
- The music collage concert is scheduled Wednesday, December 20th at 7 pm in the High School auditorium.

Public Comment – Open Comment for District Issues
Dan Moreno Jr., gave an update of the community youth soccer program for Waverly students. Mr. Moreno thanked Winans for letting the area teams practice on their playground.

Susan Ruegsegger, former Waverly School Nurse, voiced concern on the lack of resources for school nurses to succeed at their duties. She asked the Board of Education to review funding to help add resources to Waverly Community Schools for health training for staff to be comfortable with and successful in their duties. Mrs. Ruegsegger.

Other Board Business:
Member Martin stated that school nurses are a vital part of student health and school success.

The meeting adjourned at 7:20 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Vincent Perkins, Secretary
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