

**WESTERN DUBUQUE COUNTY COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT**  
**Board of Education Minutes**  
Regular Meeting  
September 9, 2011 – 7:00 p.m.

**Call to Order:**

Board President Bob McCabe called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. in the Board Room – District Administration Office, Farley, Iowa, with a moment of silence in honor of Harriet Feese. Harriet was employed in July of 1960 as the 1<sup>st</sup> School Board Secretary and professionally performed her duties for 39 years until her resignation in June of 1999.

**Roll Call**

Present were Bob McCabe, Jeanne Coppola, Mark Knuth, Gary McAndrew, Barb Weber, and Superintendent Jeff Corkery.

**Approval of Agenda:**

The following changes to the published agenda were announced.

Consent Agenda – Add: Cascade HS Band & Choir to New York - 06/04/2012 to 06/08/2012.

Reports: Transportation and Crisis Plan moved to October meeting.

Motion by Weber, second by Coppola to approve the Agenda with noted changes. Motion passed 5-0.

**Welcome to Visitors, Press, Staff, etc.:**

- a. Open Forum: No comments were received.

**Approval of:**

- a. Minutes from August 8, 2011 Workshop and Regular Meeting and August 22, 2011 Special Meeting. Motion by McAndrew, second by Knuth to approve the Minutes. Motion passed 5-0.
- b. Bills and Claims for September: Motion by Knuth second by Weber to approve the bills. Motion passed 5-0.

**Reports:**

- I. Principals Reports: The following topics were reported on: Back to School Bash at Peosta, 911 Observations, National Hall of Fame award for Cascade HS retired coach and instructor Bob Davidshofer, good comments about District's new web site, appreciation from students, staff and parents on the quality of the new additions at Dyersville and Farley, teacher mentoring, MAPP testing (Measures of Academic Proficiency and Progress), PBIS (Positive Behavior Interventions and Support) programs underway, development of the new 5<sup>th</sup> grade program at Farley, Homecoming, Rick Wormeli – grading and teaching concepts presentation received well by staff and PBIS training for bus drivers. Sarah Oldenkamp, librarian provided an overview of the envisioned plans for the new Dyersville Elementary library.
- II. Superintendent Report: Working on the County/City library agreement for joint use of the new Farley school library, new five-year strategic plan, bus safety training and concerns about the Governor's plan for student testing and teacher pay schedules.
- III. American College Testing (ACT) Results. High School principals David Hoeger and Greg Vanderlugt provided a review past test scores including trends and comparative data with state averages.

- IV. Tentative Enrollment: Final numbers will not be available until the certified count date in October; but initial counts indicate an increase of 84 students in grades K-12 and PreK down 31 students.

**Consent Agenda:**

Motion by Knuth, second by Weber to approve the Consent Agenda with the noted changes. Motion passed 5-0.

- a. Financial Reports of District
- b. Personnel
  1. Resignations
    - 1 Leo Roldan – Head Boys’ Soccer Coach - WDHS
  2. Employment
    - 1 Amanda Troyer – Cheerleading Advisor – CHS \$2,179.20
- c. Out of State Travel
  - 1 Cascade High School FFA to Indianapolis for National Convention
  - 2 Cascade High School FFA to Indianapolis for Washington DC Leadership Conference
  - 3 Western Dubuque High School FFA to Indianapolis for National Convention
  - 4 Western Dubuque High School FFA to Madison, WI for World Dairy Expo
  - 5 Cascade Dance team to Orlando, Florida for Dance Competition
  - 6 Western Dubuque Music Department to New York City
  - 7 Cascade HS Band and Choir to New York City
- d. Policy Revisions 2nd Readings
- e. Equipment/Fund Raising Project Requests
  1. Football Sideline Game Headsets – Donated by WD Booster Club at a cost of \$6,170.00.
  2. Football Sideline Camera Tower – Donated by WD Booster Club at a cost of \$6,199.00
- f. Resolutions
  1. Resolution recognizing National Food Service Week.

**Old Business:** None

**New Business:**

A. Approve Abstract of School Board Election: Motion by Weber, second by Coppola to approve the ABSTRACT OF VOTES for the September 13, 2011 School Board Election as certified by the Dubuque County Board of Supervisors. Vote totals were Jeanne Coppola – 296 votes, Gary McAndrew – 293 votes and Chad Vaske – 293 votes. Jeanne Coppola, Gary McAndrew and Chad Vaske were declared elected to the office of Western Dubuque School Board Member for the term of 4 years. Motion passed 5-0.

**Recognition of Service:** Retiring School Board member Barb Weber was presented a plaque in recognition of her six years of excellent service to the students, parents, patrons, employees and fellow Board members of the School District. Thank you Barb.

**Adjournment:** Motion by Weber, second by Coppola to adjourn. Motion passed 5-0. The meeting adjourned at 8:00 p.m. on September 19, 2011.

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David A. Wegmann  
Board Secretary

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Robert McCabe  
President, Board of Education