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PUBLIC NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN OF A MEETING OF THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF WAUCONDA COMMUNITY UNIT SCHOOL DISTRICT 118 TO BE HELD AT 7:00 P.M. ON THURSDAY, APRIL 9, 2009 IN THE BOARD ROOM OF THE DISTRICT OFFICE, 555 N. MAIN STREET, WAUCONDA, ILLINOIS (USE EVENTS ENTRANCE)

AGENDA

1. CALL TO ORDER
2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
3. ROLL CALL

4. ACCEPTANCE OF AGENDA

Items for discussion may be added to the agenda at the start of the meeting at the request of the Superintendent or any Board member upon majority approval of those members present.

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF C.O.W. MEETING OF MARCH 5, 2009.

6. RECOGNITION OF AUDIENCE

At this time members of the audience may address the Board regarding agenda items or any other item of interest. Each speaker will be asked to give their name and address for the record and will be limited to five minutes. Audience members wishing to speak during the meeting to a particular agenda item should raise their hand to be recognized at that time. It is the practice of the Board not to address issues pertaining to individual students or employees in open session. If you wish to address the Board on a matter pertaining to a specific student or employee, please submit your request in writing to the Board clerk before the conclusion of this meeting so that the Board can hear your comments in executive session. Thank you.

7. NEW RECOGNITION CORDS FOR WHS GRADUATES
8. 1<sup>ST</sup> DRAFT OF 2009/10 BUDGET
9. FOOD SERVICE CONTRACT 2009/10
10. LUNCH FEES 2009/10
11. STUDENT FEES 2009/10
12. STAFFING PLAN 2009/10
13. MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL IN ILLINOIS HIGH SCHOOL ASSOCIATION (IHSA) 2009/10
14. PROPOSAL TO AMEND 2008/09 SCHOOL CALENDAR
15. CLOSED SESSION
16. ADJOURNMENT

DATED APRIL 3, 2009

THOMAS A. WEBER, SR., SECRETARY

## 1. CALL TO ORDER

A meeting of the Committee of the Whole of the Board of Education of Wauconda Community Unit School District 118 was called to order at 7:05 p.m. on Thursday, March 5, 2009 by Deby Dato, President Pro-temp.

Mrs. Dato appointed Ms. Liddell, Secretary Pro-temp.

## 2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by all present.

3. ROLL CALL

PRESENT: Batson, Dato, Liddell, McHugh, Swanson

ABSENT: Armstrong, Weber

OTHERS

PRESENT: D. Coles, W. Harkin, L. Beltchenko, J. Morgan, J. LePage, Building Principals and a few guests.

4. ACCEPTANCE OF AGENDA

MOTION: By Batson second by McHugh to adopt the agenda as presented.

VOTE: All members present voted aye.

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION: By Swanson second by Liddell to approve the minutes of the C.O.W. meeting of February 5, 2009 as presented.

VOTE: All members present voted aye.

6. RECOGNITION OF AUDIENCE

Scott Carlson and his parents were present. Scott thanked the Board of Education and the District for the support and recognition of his state championship. Mrs. Dato expressed the Board's thanks to Scott and his family for their support and stated that it was exciting for the school and the community to have a State Champion. Mr. Keith Carlson stated that he noticed the signs coming into town and wished to thank everyone responsible for the recognition his son has received.

7. PRESENTATION CONCERNING GRADES 9-12 ALTERNATIVE SCHOOL OPTIONS

Dr. Coles addressed the Board regarding a study of alternative school options, indicating that this was a goal for the high school administration as they wanted to study programs to look for more opportunities for students outside the traditional school setting.

Mr. Ernd, Assistant Principal at WHS addressed the Board regarding the study that was conducted and the recommendation. The District currently uses Ombudsman and Mr. Ernd affirmed the success of the program, however, the program does not meet the needs of students with severe disciplinary issues. Based upon the results of the study conducted by the high school administration, the recommendation is to continue to utilize Ombudsman and add the ROE Alternative Program. Mr. Ernd reported on a site-based visit to the ROE Alternative School Program and the details of the program. It is further recommended that District 118 begin

to utilize the ROE Alternative School program this school year. Discussion followed regarding the length of the bus ride, the cost, graduation/diplomas and the experience of area districts that utilize this program.

Board direction was given to bring this item forward at the Business meeting on March 19<sup>th</sup> for approval.

#### 8. AUDITOR FY08/09

Dr. Coles stated that the administration is seeking direction from the Board to release a Request for Proposal (RFP) for the Audit Services for FY08/09. Dr. Coles indicated that this may become an annual requirement and if not required, we may choose to do this any year, if we are not satisfied with the services we received.

Mr. Harkin stated that we were not pleased with the services of Miller Cooper on the last audit. Mr. Harkin reviewed the bid process and indicated that the Bid opening would be March 30<sup>th</sup>. A recommendation would be brought to the Board on April 16<sup>th</sup> at the Business meeting.

Following further discussion, Board direction was given to proceed with the bid process.

#### 9. ESTABLISHMENT OF BOARD ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING DATE (APRIL 30, 2009)

Dr. Coles addressed the Board regarding the establishment of April 30, 2009 as the date for the Board organizational meeting. Dr. Coles referenced our Board Policies relating to this requirement and reviewed the timeline. Board direction was given to bring this item forward for approval at the Business meeting on March 19<sup>th</sup> for approval.

#### 10. CLOSED SESSION

MOTION: By Batson second by Liddell to go into Closed Session at 7:40 p.m. in order to discuss Information Regarding the Appointment, Employment, Compensation, Discipline, Performance, or Dismissal of Specific Employees.

VOTE: All members present voted aye.

MOTION: By Swanson second by McHugh to come out of Closed Session at 8:05 p.m.

VOTE: On roll call, all members present voted aye.

#### 11. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: By Swanson second by McHugh to adjourn the meeting at 8:05 p.m.

VOTE: All members present voted aye.