

**RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS**

**Waverly City Board of Education**  
Special Meeting

December 28, 2005

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The Waverly City Board of Education met in special session on December 28, 2005, at 5:30 p.m. in the Fiscal Office building. On roll call the following members were present: Mr. Randy Armbruster, Mr. John Boyer, Mrs. Sharon Manson, Mr. Gary Towler, and Mrs. Linda Shoemaker. Also present were: Superintendent Cheryl Francis, Assistant Superintendent Roger Ramsey, Treasurer/CFO Rebecca Peden, Jeff Allen, Barbara Early, Yvonne Jones, Alan Jones, Frank Perry, Mike Corwin, Bill Kelly, Nathan Davis, Janet Roberts, Greg Kempton, and Forrest Blakeman. President Linda Shoemaker called the meeting to order. Mrs. Peden called the roll.

*Discussion of Rezoning and Future Use of District Property*

Mrs. Francis informed those in attendance that the Waverly Planning Commission had previously attended a meeting of the Board of Education and had asked the Board to consider what the future plans will be for the downtown properties. The Planning Commission is working on revising the zoning code for the City and wants the District's input on how to zone the former sites of East Primary School, West Intermediate School, North Junior High School, and Waverly High School. Mrs. Francis presented a plan previously obtained by the District of future athletic facilities. The plan shows practice facilities on the campus site and an athletic complex at the downtown former location of the high school. Mrs. Francis stated that the Board would like for the zoning of the downtown properties to remain zoned as it currently is, which is residential. That would let the residents surrounding the properties know that the Board wishes for the properties to continue to blend with the neighborhoods and would also allow the District to make improvements to the existing facilities at the high school site. Currently the District does not have the money to build new athletic facilities so the plans are long-range plans. In the mean time, the District may use the other sites for practice and will continue to use the downtown fields, tennis courts, gymnasium, and bus garage. Mrs. Francis asked for questions or comments from those in attendance. Mrs. Early expressed concern about busing student athletes downtown to practice. Mrs. Francis stated that having a practice facility on the campus would alleviate that problem with games being played downtown. Mr. Davis stated that to be "technically correct," on the original zoning map, the District properties do not have a zoning designation. Mrs. Francis and the Board members were under the impression that the properties were zoned residential. Mrs. Francis stated that regardless of the

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current designation, the District is asking for the properties to be zoned residential so the neighborhoods will be maintained and the District could make upgrades to current facilities. If the District offered any of the properties for sale, the buyer would have the burden of asking the City to change the zoning before developing the property for anything other than a residential use. Mr. Davis asked if it wouldn't make more sense for the District properties to be zoned for public school use only. The Board members responded that this was the first time that option had been presented to them. Mr. Davis stated that a zoning classification could be created that was just for public school use. Mr. Davis asked if the District's plan for the downtown high school site could be incorporated into the new zoning map. He also stated that if the properties were designated for public school use only, then the City would be in control of the future use of those properties. Mrs. Francis responded that the Board feels that having the East, West, and North properties zoned residential provides a protection for the residents surrounding those properties. Zoning the properties as public school use only would tie the hands of the District if the decision is made to sell a property. The property would be more attractive to potential buyers as residential than public school use only. Mr. Davis then asked if the Board would be willing to work with the City to correct the traffic problems at the intersection of State Route 335 and Clough Street. Mrs. Francis responded that the Board is willing to work with the City but does not like the current plan the City has to cut across the District's parking lot and connect State Route 335 with Second Street. The District has received feedback from some Second Street residents who are not pleased with the possibility of increased traffic from State Route 335 on their street. The plan would also greatly decrease the amount of parking available for the football field and gymnasium. Mrs. Early stated that she has heard that the District will be going for a levy soon and she wondered if the public would be more likely to support the levy if the District sold one or more properties first. Mrs. Francis responded that if the District were to sell a property for \$350,000, that would not operate the District for one month. Mrs. Peden added that a biweekly payroll is more than \$350,000. Councilman Blakeman suggested that if land were needed in the future for school facilities, the District already has property and would not have to try to purchase land in the City at a premium price. Councilman Kempton stated that selling now would be irresponsible. Mrs. Peden informed

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Mrs. Early that the levy in question is a renewal of a 5-mill operating levy and that the Board has not yet decided whether they will place the renewal on the ballot. Mayor Kelly expressed his opinion that the District should zone the properties as public school use only and then the future use of the properties would be dependent on the desires of City Council. Mrs. Francis stated that the properties are currently residential with an allowance for school purposes and this designation serves the District's purposes and leaves the decision to the City if a buyer wishes to have the property zoned something else, such as commercial. Mr. Davis asked if the Board would agree with a zoning designation of residential or public school use. The Board responded that they would consider it and let the Planning Commission know soon. Mr. Perry asked if the Board would appoint one of their members or a member of the administration to work with Mr. Davis on a plan for the State Route 335/Clough Street problem. Mr. Davis asked if the Board would be willing to split the cost with the City of a consultant to create options for the traffic problem.

**243-05 APPOINT REPRESENTATIVES TO ATTEND PLANNING COMMISSION MEETINGS**

It was moved by Mr. Towler and seconded by Mr. Boyer to appoint Mrs. Manson and Mr. Ramsey to attend the Planning Commission meetings. On roll call the vote was as follows: Ayes - Mr. Armbruster, Mr. Boyer, Mrs. Manson, Mr. Towler, and Mrs. Shoemaker. Motion carried.

**244-05 RECESS**

It was moved by Mr. Boyer and seconded by Mr. Armbruster to take a short recess at 7:08 p.m. On roll call the vote was as follows: Ayes - Mr. Armbruster, Mr. Boyer, Mrs. Manson, Mr. Towler, and Mrs. Shoemaker. Motion carried.

**245-05 RETURN FROM RECESS**

It was moved by Mrs. Manson and seconded by Mr. Towler to return from recess at 7:18 p.m. On roll call the vote was as follows: Ayes - Mr. Boyer, Mrs. Manson, Mr. Towler, and Mrs. Shoemaker. Motion carried. Mr. Armbruster left the meeting during the recess.

- 246-05**
- **ACCEPT RESIGNATION**
  - **EMPLOY SUPPLEMENTAL STAFF**
  - **APPROVE VOLUNTEERS**

It was moved by Mrs. Manson and seconded by Mr. Boyer to accept the resignation, with regret, of

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April Bryant as Girls Varsity Track Coach, employ Tom Monroe as Varsity Baseball Coach, employ Jeff Noble as Varsity Assistant Baseball Coach, employ Brian Martin as Reserve Baseball Coach, employ Verlin Kritzwiser as Varsity Softball Coach, approve Jason Ramsey as Volunteer Baseball Coach, and approve Josh Gillott as Volunteer Baseball Coach. On roll call the vote was as follows: Ayes - Mr. Boyer, Mrs. Manson, Mr. Towler, and Mrs. Shoemaker. Motion carried.

Appropriation Discussion

Mrs. Peden explained to the Board members that the appropriations that are approved for July every year have been termed "Temporary" but are actually the first permanent appropriations for the fiscal year. Temporary appropriations as prescribed by Ohio Revised Code 5705.38 are for three months only (until the October 1 deadline). The District includes the entire fiscal year in the appropriations that are approved for July 1 so Mrs. Peden requested that the Board amend the title of those appropriations and amended certificate of estimated resources from "Temporary" to "Permanent."

**247-05 AMEND TITLE OF APPROPRIATIONS AND AMENDED CERTIFICATE**

It was moved by Mrs. Manson and seconded by Mr. Towler to amend the title of the appropriations approved June 22, 2005, from "Temporary" to "Permanent." On roll call the vote was as follows: Ayes - Mr. Boyer, Mrs. Manson, Mr. Towler, and Mrs. Shoemaker. Motion carried.

**248-05 ADJOURNMENT OF BOARD - DECEMBER 28, 2005**

It was moved by Mr. Towler and seconded by Mrs. Manson to adjourn at 7:21 p.m. On roll call the vote was as follows: Ayes - Mr. Boyer, Mrs. Manson, Mr. Towler, and Mrs. Shoemaker. Motion carried. The President declared the meeting adjourned.

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President

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Treasurer/CFO