

**WAUNAKEE COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT  
BOARD OF EDUCATION**

Special Meeting  
Tuesday, March 31, 2009  
5:30 p.m.

District Administration & Maintenance Center  
905 Bethel Circle  
Waunakee, Wisconsin 53597

**MINUTES**

**I. CALL TO ORDER**

President Statz called the meeting to order by noting proper publication/posting of the meeting agenda had occurred.

Time: 5:30 p.m.

**II. ROLL CALL**

Esser -Yes    Heimann –Yes            Hill-Breunig -Yes    Kruschek –Absent  
Meese –Yes    Statz -Yes                    Waner-Yes

**III. APPROVE THE AGENDA**

Motion Esser/Meese to approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried 6-0

**IV. REQUEST FOR NEW CLUB – WAUNAKEE EQUESTRIAN TEAM/ACTION**

District Administrator Guttenberg shared information previously requested related to the Equestrian Club proposal and how it compares to other clubs as far as insurance, co-curricular code and awarding of a varsity letter. After some research it was determined that the insurance will be carried by the club through their association. The head coach will be a volunteer and will not be covered under workers compensation. The coach will be asked to sign a release of liability. There is no personal injury insurance to cover an injury. It was suggested that the first year be conducted as a pilot and then reassessed before obtaining permanent club status. The participants will not receive a varsity letter during the pilot year, but will be considered when the club receives permanent club status. Guttenberg also asked the board to add a provision that the approval be based on the stipulation that there will be no future expense to the district if approved. A question was brought forward related to students who do not own a horse and if this would preclude them from participating in this club? It was clarified that any student would be welcome to participate in the club and that there are numerous opportunities for anyone interested in becoming part of the team.

Questions were raised about the possibility of the club being allowed to letter in the pilot year and how pilot programs were treated in the past.

Motion Meese/Heimann to approve the Equestrian Club pilot program for the 2009-10 school year. A friendly amendment was offered by Waner and accepted to include “at no cost to the district” to the motion. Motion carried 6-0 (Kruschek absent).

Motion Meese/Hill-Breunig to evaluate the program at the end of the season and if there is full participation (defined as 15 members) that the club participants be evaluated for eligibility for a letter in the first year of participation.

Motion Hill-Breunig/Heimann to table the decision of allowing participants to letter in the pilot year until the April regular meeting. Motion carried 6-0 (Kruschek absent).

**V. BOARD OF EDUCATION – SELF EVALUATION REVIEW**

Statz indicated that at a previous meeting discussion had evolved around board roles either individual or whole and board/policy governance. District Administrator Guttenberg suggested a summer retreat possibility utilizing a third-party facilitator to promote discussion related to overall Board operations.

**VI. FUTURE AGENDS AND MEETINGS**

A tentative meeting date was set for April 20, 2009 for the purpose of board reorganization.

**VII. ADJOURN**

Motion Hill-Breunig/Heimann to adjourn. Motion carried 6-0 (Kruschek absent).

Time: 7:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Juliette F. Waner  
Board Clerk  
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