

WESTERN DUBUQUE COUNTY COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT
Board of Education Minutes
Workshop Session
November 14, 2011 – 5:30 p.m.

Call to Order:

Board President Bob McCabe called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m. in the Board Room – District Administration Office, Farley, Iowa.

Roll Call:

Present were Bob McCabe, Jeanne Coppola, Gary McAndrew, Chad Vaske and Superintendent Jeff Corkery. Absent Mark Knuth

Update on Enrollment:

This topic will be presented at the 6:00 p.m. regular session.

Staffing Requests: Superintendent Corkery reviewed the status of a request to place a paraprofessional in a private school setting to assist with the needs of a special education student as requested by the parents and the school. He noted that he does not favor the placement for educational reasons and precedent setting concerns. He also noted that the placement is discretionary per Iowa Law and is a question of what is meant by free and appropriate education. The issue is being contested by the parents and a formal Remediation Meeting has been held without resolve. He noted that the next step would most likely be a request by the parents for a formal hearing by an administrative law judge appointed by the Department of Education per Iowa Administrative Code Rules to adjudicate the issue.

Adjournment:

Motion by Coppola, second by Vaske to adjourn. Motion passed 4-0. The meeting adjourned at 5:53 p.m. on November 14, 2011.

David A. Wegmann
Board Secretary

Robert McCabe
President, Board of Education