

Wapello Community School District
Board of Directors
Regular Meeting
12-10-25

The Wapello Board of Education met in an open session for their monthly meeting at 7:00 p.m. at the Central Administration Building Board Room. Those present included Sarah Bockes, Kerri Horton, Brandon Marquardt, Dave Moore, and Supt. Peterson. Kenny Marlette was absent. The meeting was live-streamed on the [Wapello CSD YouTube Channel](#).

Call to Order: President Brandon Marquardt called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Approval of Agenda: Moore moved and was seconded by Horton to approve the agenda. The motion carried with a 4-0 voice vote.

Community Forum -

Approval of Minutes: The motion was made by Bockes and seconded by Horton to approve the minutes as prepared. The motion carried with a 4-0 voice vote.

Approval of Bills: Bockes moved, and Horton seconded, to approve the bills presented for payment, with the added pre-approvals. The motion carried with a 4-0 voice vote.

Financial Report: Horton moved, seconded by Moore, to approve the November 2025 financial report. The motion carried with a 4-0 voice vote.

Consideration to Approve Canvassed Results of School Board Election - The results of the November 2025 City-School Election were provided by the Louisa County Auditor. There was a motion by Bokces, seconded by Horton, to approve the Canvassed Results of the 2025 School Election, with the winners certified as Jenna Meeker and Brandon Marquardt. The motion carried with a 4-0 voice vote.

Recognition of Retiring Board Members - The board recognized Kenny Marlette for his four years of service to the staff, students, and taxpayers of the Wapello Community School District. A plaque has been ordered for him, and as soon as it arrives, it will be delivered to Kenny.

Adjournment - There was a motion by Bockes, seconded by Horton, to adjourn the meeting. The motion carried with a 5-0 voice vote.



Brandon Marquardt, President



Eric Small, Secretary

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The Wapello Board of Education met in an open session for its monthly meeting at 7:02 p.m. at the Central Administration Building Board Room. Those present included Sarah Bockes, Kerri Horton, Brandon Marquardt, Jenna Meeker, Dave Moore, and Supt. Peterson. The meeting was live-streamed on the [Wapello CSD YouTube Channel](#).

Board Secretary acting as President Pro-Tem called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m.

Eric Small administered the Oath of Office to Jenna Meeker and Brandon Marquardt as recently elected board members.

Approval of the Agenda - There was a motion by Horton, seconded by Moore to approve the agenda. The motion passed with a 5-0 voice vote.

Election of Board President and Vice-President - Eric Small asked for nominations for the office of Board President. Brandon Marquardt nominated Sarah Bockes. Seeing no further nominations, Marquardt moved, seconded by Moore, to have the Board Secretary cast a unanimous ballot for Brandon Marquardt as Board President. The motion passed with a 5-0 voice vote. Sarah Bockes was sworn in as Board President.

Eric Small requested nominations for the office of Vice President. Dave Moore nominated Kerri Horton. Seeing no further nominations, Marquardt moved, seconded by Moore, to have the Board Secretary cast a unanimous ballot for Kerri Horton as Board President. Kerri Horton was elected Vice-President, and the oath of office was administered.

Administrative Reports:

Supt. Peterson –

- New Open Meetings Law Training Opportunities
- Legislative Rumblings
- Supt. Peterson has been selected to serve on the GPAEA Board of Directors
- Upcoming Schedule

Tony Johnson, High School Principal –

- Mr. Johnson and Supt. Peterson will meet with W-MU to discuss potential sharing opportunities in Work-Based Learning.
- Winter Concerts will be held next week
- The 1st Semester will end on December 19, during winter break
- Report Cards will go home after the students return to school after winter break

Brett Nagle, Elementary Principal

- What's Happening at Wapello Elementary
- Maintenance and Playground Updates
- Character Strong
- The end of the 2nd quarter is approaching. Report Cards will go home on 1/16/26, and conference scheduling will take place next week.
- Celebrations and Other Things Going Well

Activity Director – Brandon Brown

- Coaching Appointments
- Congratulations to Coach Maine and the Wapello Pom Squad for Division I Ratings in Poms and Novelty, and their 3rd Place Finish at last week’s ISDDA Competition
- Thank you to the Community Foundation of Louisa County for its \$3,000 grant toward the purchase of new soccer goals.

Curriculum - Shannon Salazar -

- Curriculum Spotlight - Megan Brown, Computer Science
- Seth Denney, GPAEA Technology Consultant, has provided Computer Science Support to the 7th Grade Technology Hex and at the elementary school this week.
- Staff Reindeer Games were held today during in-service
- Collaboration with the Columbus CSD Curriculum Coordinator

Maintenance – Cody Schnell –

- New Toilets have been installed in the main building
- Woodman Controls is finishing up the computer system for HVAC Controls that was damaged earlier this year.

Personnel

a. **Terminations - None**

b. **Hires –**

1. Cassie Calderon - 6-12 Spanish, MA Step 11, Prorated to 103 Contract Days
2. Tony Hammer - JH Softball Coach

There was a motion to approve the above contracts. The motion was made by Horton and seconded by Moore. The motion carried with a 5-0 voice vote.

c. **Resignations – None**

New Business:

Consideration to Approve Fundraisers -

1. E-Sports - Butter Braids
2. Elementary Student Council - Candy Cane Sales

There was a motion by Moore, seconded by Marquardt, to approve the fundraisers. The motion carried with a 5-0 voice vote.

Consideration to Approve Board Policies – Supt. Peterson recommended that the board approve reviewing the following policies:

- a. 300–Role of School District Administration
- b. 301.1–Management
- c. 302.1–Superintendent Qualifications, Recruitment, Appointment
- d. 302.2–Superintendent Contract and Contract Non-Renewal
- e. 302.3–Superintendent Salary and Other Compensation
- f. 302.4–Superintendent Duties
- g. 302.5–Superintendent Evaluation
- h. 302.6–Superintendent Professional Development
- i. 302.7–Superintendent Civic Activities
- j. 302.8–Superintendent Consulting/Outside Employment

A motion by Moore, seconded by Meeker, to approve the review of the above-board policies. The motion carried with a 5-0 voice vote.

Consideration to Approve Official Board Designations – Superintendent Peterson recommended that the board approve the following official designations:

- i. Attorney
 1. Ahlers & Cooney
 2. Hicklin & Matthews & Parsons
- ii. Newspaper
 1. *The Wapello Morning Sun*
- iii. Depositories
 1. MSB - \$5,000,000
 2. Community Bank & Trust - \$5,000,000
 3. BANK - \$5,000,000
 4. ISJIT - \$5,000,000

There was a motion by Horton and seconded by Moore to approve the above Official Board Designations as presented. The motion carried with a 5-0 voice vote.

Elementary Playground Update - There was a request at the October meeting to discuss the Elementary Playground further. Mr. Nagle covered this in his administrator report. Mr. Nagle will begin assembling a committee to plan playground upgrades. Mr. Nagle will report back next month with the committee that has been formed.

Consideration to Approve MSA Requests to the SBRC - The district is eligible to request MSA in two areas, Open Enrolled Out, Not Previously Counted (\$93,887), and EL Beyond 5 Years (\$6,709)

There was a motion by Moore, seconded by Horton, that the district's administration is authorized to submit a request to the School Budget Review Committee for a modified supplemental amount of \$93,887 for open-enrolled out students who were not included in the district's previous year certified enrollment count. The motion carried with a 5-0 voice vote.

There was a motion by Moore and seconded by Horton that the district's administration is authorized to submit a request to the School Budget Review Committee for a modified supplemental amount of \$6,709 related to the EL program for students who have exceeded five years of weighting that are included on the Fall 2025 certified enrollment headcount. The motion carried with a 5-0 voice vote.

Items for the Next Regular Board Meeting - Supt. Peterson asked the board for any agenda items for the November meeting.

- Playground Committee
- Rodeo Recap
- Corporate Resolutions and Banking Updates

Consideration to Set Date for the January Board Meeting:

Horton moved, seconded by Meeker, to set the January 2026 Board meeting for Monday, January 12, 2026, at 5:00 p.m. The motion carried with a 5-0 voice vote.

Adjournment:

Motion by Moore and seconded by Marquardt to adjourn. The motion carried with a 5-0 voice vote. The meeting was adjourned at 7:56 p.m.



Sarah Bockes, President



Eric Small, Secretary