

MINUTES OF BOARD WORKSHOP  
Monday, April 27, 2009

- I. Call to Order
- II. Roll Call
- III. Walnut Creek Campus
- IV. Adjournment

The workshop meeting of the Board of Education of the West Des Moines Community School District was held on Monday, April 27, 2009 at Walnut Creek Campus, 815 8th Street, West Des Moines, Iowa 50265.

- I. **Call to Order** – The meeting was called to order by President Mark Lyons at 5:22 p.m.
- II. **Roll Call** – The secretary noted the following Board members present: Mark Lyons, Terry Tobin (arrived at 5:35 p.m.), Susan Moritz, Barbara Burnett, Jill Hansen, Tom Suckow, Milton Cole  
Absent: None
- III. **Walnut Creek Campus** – Superintendent Tom Narak introduced Walnut Creek Campus Principal Kim Davis, who described the handouts distributed to the Board and made available to those attending the workshop: a detailed agenda, dropout questionnaire and the PowerPoint presentation she will go through. She commented on the activities for the evening. Davis welcomed the Board to Walnut Creek Campus. She reviewed the mission, vision and guiding principles of Walnut Creek, which were established by the school district 14 years ago. Davis said there is no “typical” Walnut Creek student; she described the varying characteristics of students and the school. Each Board member and various administrators received a sealed envelope with a profile of a Walnut Creek student, based on real information about current or former students. She talked about the ways students can qualify for a high school diploma or GED. Davis commented on the components of the Walnut Creek Campus program, including the referral process, the point system, day/night/summer classes, class configuration, expectation that a student complete 100 percent of the work at a 70 percent quality level, daily advisory program and service learning for all students and the extra supports provided by specialized staff members. Davis described the restorative discipline system in place at the school. She said the staff members at Walnut Creek are working on becoming a professional learning community. She described the various sources of data used to drive practices at the school. Board members and workshop participants visited two of six learning stations: American Dream, A Celebration of Diversity, BOYS Class, Restorative Practices Math Fun and Advisory and Service Learning.
- IV. **Adjournment** – The meeting adjourned at 6:45 p.m.

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Kay Rosene, Board Secretary