

**REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION**  
**SCHOOL DISTRICT OF BELOIT**  
**January 24, 2012**

The Board of Education held its regular meeting on January 24, 2012 at the Kolak Education Center in the Board Room. President Scharmer called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m.

Members Present: John Acomb, Nora Gard, Missy Henderson, Tia Johnson, Shannon Scharmer and John Winkelmann. Member absent: Michael Ramsdail. Also present: Steve McNeal.

Acomb moved approval of the agenda. Seconded by Henderson. Motion carried unanimously of the members present.

Acomb led the group in the pledge of allegiance.

Gard announced upcoming activities in the district.

Badger recognized Beloit Health Systems for their partnership with the district in giving the employees the opportunity to receive quality and convenient healthcare at the new Health Center. Kelly Jenkins shared her thanks and appreciation for the cooperative endeavor and partnership. Tim McKevitt, Beloit Health Systems Senior Vice President, also thanked the district and board members for its partnership with them.

Scharmer opened up the podium for citizens to speak on items not on the agenda.

Pierre Charles, 2227 Carnforth Place, addressed the board members regarding the district's proposed referendum. He asked what the district will do if the referendum fails. He also stated that many people he sees each day do not know the details of the referendum.

McNeal introduced Tasha Bell, Minority Excellence Coordinator, who presented an update on multicultural initiatives. She shared current projects such as math meetings and workshops, the "Grow Your Own" project, Robinson Elementary School's African American Community Nights, Culturally Responsive Teaching workshops, facilitation of the (E)Quality Committee and the Superintendent's Family Roundtable. Other items include the Code of Conduct, Wellness Committee, MLK Commemorative Program, GBEDC, WEASSP Conference, facilities planning and outreach to various community groups. She also highlighted future projects such as Beyond Diversity II Training, community outreach, ongoing professional development, school climate survey, career fairs, recruitment and an end of the year recap.

Olszewski and Quillins gave highlights of the activities in the district for high school students. Members asked questions and made comments about activities.

Hickman reviewed the topics of the (E)Quality Committee meetings from November, December and January. Johnson asked clarifying questions from the three meetings. Winkelmann commented on the data from first term and graduation rates for the high school.

Winkelmann reviewed the topics of the January Finance, Transportation and Property Committee meetings.

Acomb reviewed the topics of the January Curriculum and Instruction Committee meetings.

Johnson reviewed the topics of the December Special and January Regular Policy and Personnel Committee meetings.

Winkelmann moved approval of the consent list: 1) Bills, Payroll and Cash Position Statement; 2) Special Board Meetings of December 20, 2011 and January 9 and January 10, 2012; and 3) Regular Business Meeting of December, 2011. Seconded by Acomb. Johnson moved to remove the regular business meeting minutes from the consent list. Both Winkelmann and Acomb accepted the amendment. Motion carried unanimously of the members present.

Acomb moved approval of the regular business meeting minutes of December 20, 2011. Seconded by Gard. Johnson asked if the resolution voted on at the meeting needed to be read in its entirety. Scharmer indicated that the district's attorney provided a legal opinion that the open meetings law was not violated. She also stated that the bond attorney also provided a legal opinion. Motion carried unanimously of the members present.

Winkelmann moved approval of the donation of \$1000 from Karen Evans to be used to purchase bus tokens for homeless youth. Seconded by Henderson. Motion carried unanimously of the members present.

Winkelmann moved approval and acceptance of the audited financial report for the year ended June 30, 2011. Seconded by Acomb. Motion carried unanimously of the members present.

Winkelmann moved approval for using Skyport advertising to generate revenue to offset annual Skyward software costs. Seconded by Acomb. Gard clarified that the items advertised will be approved by the administrator. Scharmer made a friendly amendment to also create a policy regarding advertising guidelines. Winkelmann and Acomb accepted the amendment provided it did not hold up the process. Motion carried 5-1, with Johnson voting in the negative.

Acomb moved approval of the proposed middle school scheduling. Seconded by Henderson. Winkelmann asked questions about the schedule resembling a block schedule. He cautioned reviewing it as a short term pilot and more information for a long term approval. Scharmer asked Lynée Tourdot, Assistant Superintendent of Instruction to address questions on the scheduling, interventions, growth opportunities, and course adjustments. Motion carried unanimously of the members present.

Acomb moved approval of a part-time security officer at Brother Dutton and pupil services position at BMHS using carryover funding from the Safe and Supportive Schools grant, in an amount not to exceed the actual carryover amount. Seconded by Winkelmann. Motion carried unanimously of the members present.

Winkelmann moved approval of posting the Assistant Director of Instructional Technology position. Seconded by Gard. Motion carried unanimously of the members present.

Winkelmann moved approval of the revision and layover of Policy 470 Student Fees, Fines and Charges for first reading. Seconded by Henderson. Motion carried unanimously of the members present.

Gard moved approval and layover of Policy 470 RULE 1 Guidelines Regarding Student Fees/Fines/Charges for first reading. Seconded by Winkelmann. Janelle Marotz and Scharmer clarified questions. Pam Charles, 2227 Carnforth Place, addressed the board with the suggestion of lowering fees for all students instead of charging some and waiving others. She would like to see it fair for all students so everyone has the opportunity to participate. Motion carried unanimously of the members present.

Winkelmann moved approval and layover of Policy 671.2 RULE 1 Guidelines Regulating Expense Reimbursement for first reading. Seconded by Henderson. Acomb suggested the committee consider adding "receipts, when available, shall be attached to the travel voucher" to the taxicab miscellaneous expense item. Motion carried unanimously of the members present.

Winkelmann moved approval of the revisions to Policy 662.3 Fund Balance for final reading. Seconded by Henderson. Scharmer asked how the policy revision to lower the percentage of fund balance would impact our bond rating. McNeal stated that Lisa Voisin will be at the next meeting relating to the referendum and will be able to answer these questions. Johnson moved to table the policy until Tuesday's meeting. Seconded by Gard. Motion carried 5-1, with Winkelmann voting in the negative.

Acomb moved approval of the revised personnel recommendations, Exhibit A. Seconded by Gard. Motion carried unanimously of the members present.

Items for consideration at future meetings requested included more detail on the data from the (E)Quality Committee on graduation, that the additional position in the enrollment office also come to the full board since the Policy/Personnel Committee moved it forward to the full board, casino monies reducing aid, referendum on each televised meeting with ample time for information to be sent to the board members.

Scharmer announced future meetings on Tuesday, February 14, and the Board Business meeting will be held on February 28, 2012. There will a special board meeting workshop on Tuesday, January 31<sup>st</sup> on referendum and fund balance policy.

Acomb moved to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Gard. Motion carried unanimously of the members present at 8:47 p.m.

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Michelle Shope, Board Secretary

Approved at the regular meeting of February 28, 2012

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Shannon Scharmer, President