

REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION
SCHOOL DISTRICT OF BELOIT
February 28, 2012

The Board of Education held its regular meeting on February 28, 2012 at the Kolak Education Center in the Board Room. President Scharmer called the meeting to order at 7:03 p.m.

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

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

Acomb led the group in the pledge of allegiance.

Johnson announced upcoming activities in the district.

Badger introduced Steve Kinkade, from the Stateline United Way. Kinkade thanked the district for its participation and recognized Hackett for 100% employee participation, Cunningham for increased employee giving by over 40% and Robinson for 106.7% increase in employee giving. Badger then recognized Todd School PTO which raised funds for various school needs, recently raising \$4,539.60 which will be used for computers in Todd classrooms.

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

Jeremy Flanagan, 1243 Ninth Street, addressed the board regarding the referendum. He stated that he and many others are in favor of the referendum. He stated information about what the referendum will do for the district students and the community.

Heidi Eldred, 2336 Boulder Lane, addressed the board regarding the referendum. She shared her support and the positive effects on both the east and west side of the community. She shared information about visiting schools and why the referendum is important to her and the children.

Pam Charles, 2227 Carnforth Place, addressed the board regarding the desperate need for repairs in the schools. She stated that she feels that many people were not included in the decision process, which is important. She asked about transportation decisions, programming at Wright, informing parents of school closings and if these questions will be answered before the April vote.

McNeal introduced Dr. Tom Johnson who introduced Pam Kiefert, Mary Stuedemann, and Deb Brossard, who presented on high school literacy. Dr. Johnson stated that the district has been working hard to improve literacy at the high school. He stated that the data will show that it does not take a long time to improve a school, a program, or a student's reading ability. Brossard began by presenting data on the high school RtI Literacy Model. Stuedemann provided data on the targeted literacy student work. Brossard shared information on the selected literacy student work. They shared the results of student literacy growth in targeted and selected literacy over a four month period of time. They also shared growth data demographically by ethnicity. Brossard indicated that they are still studying the effects of the literacy growth in other classes students are enrolled in. She also shared student feedback, which was very positive. Board members thanked the staff for their

efforts, extra time, student work and achievements. Winkelmann asked how the work these staff members are doing filter out to the other classrooms. Johnson explained that all departments and staff at the high school are working on literacy, not just the English department or reading specialists. The specialists are working with staff members, who then take the work to their colleagues in their professional learning communities. Winkelmann asked what the students are reading. Brossard stated that students are encouraged to read about topics that interest them. Scharmer asked about parents and/or students looking at MAP scores. Brossard explained how students and parents can find the MAP scores through the Skyward Family Access.

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

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

Henderson reviewed the topics of the February Curriculum and Instruction Committee meetings.

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

Ramsdail moved approval of the consent list: 1) Bills, Payroll and Cash Position Statement; 2) Special Board Meetings of January 24, January 31, and February 14, 2012; and 3) Regular Business Meeting of January 24, 2012. Seconded by Henderson. Motion carried unanimously of the members present.

Acomb moved approval of the donation of \$24,336 from Beloit Health System used to transform the Riverfront Center into the new District Wellness Center. Seconded by Johnson. Motion carried unanimously of the members present.

Ramsdail moved approval of the purchase order with DeGarmo Plumbing Inc. for water line re-pipe work at Beloit Memorial High School in the amount of \$35,770.17, approval of the purchase order with Northwest Evaluation Association for 2012-2013 MAP license renewals for the District in the amount of \$71,125, and approval of the payment of \$80,000 for the 2nd semester students enrolled at Rock-Walworth Comprehensive Family Services, Inc. for the 4K Headstart Program. Seconded by Winkelmann. Motion carried unanimously of the members present.

Ramsdail moved approval of the Minority Excellence Organization, School Newspaper, French Club, National Honor Society, GSA and Class of 2013 activity groups and their activities for the 2011-2012 school year, as presented. Seconded by Winkelmann. Motion carried unanimously of the members present.

Acomb moved approval of the proposed middle school new courses. Seconded by Henderson. Motion carried unanimously of the members present.

Winkelmann moved approval of the Enrollment and Curriculum Secretary position in the Office of Pupil Services, Centralized Enrollment. Seconded by Ramsdail. Motion carried unanimously of the members present.

Winkelmann moved approval of the revision and layover of Policy 460 Student Scholarships and Awards for first reading. Seconded by Ramsdail. Acomb asked clarifying questions about the Athletic Booster Club, funds raised, and Stateline Community Foundation administering the scholarships like they do so many others. Board members clarified his questions from the committee conversation. Motion carried 4-2-1 with Acomb and Gard voting in the negative and Ramsdail abstaining.

Winkelmann moved approval of the revision and layover of Policy 760 Food Services Management for first reading. Seconded by Ramsdail. Motion carried unanimously of the members present.

Winkelmann moved approval of the revision and layover of Policy 760 RULE 2 Food Services Nutritional Guidelines for first reading. Seconded by Henderson. Winkelmann stated it would be good to hear from the individuals working with the school store and how the revisions to the policy as dictated by the Health, Hunger Free Kids Act of 2010 may affect the store. Scharmer referred to the CFR 210.11 Appendix B and asked for administration to review the information again to ensure that items cannot be served outside the “cafeteria” or eating area. McNeal stated that he is confident that the policy revisions are correct but will review it again before second reading. Ramsdail suggested and encouraged the student reps or other students to attend the next meeting to help provide input and suggestions. Gard suggested putting names on water bottles. Scharmer asked about the penalty for non-compliance. Motion carried unanimously of the members present.

Winkelmann moved approval of the addition and layover of Policy 851 Advertising for first reading. Seconded by Acomb. Gard and Acomb shared concerns with consistency in language, flexibility and charging advertisers for flyers. Motion carried unanimously of the members present.

Ramsdail moved approval of the addition and layover of Policy 851.1 Guidelines for Advertising through Technology for first reading. Seconded by Winkelmann. Motion carried unanimously of the members present.

Winkelmann moved approval of the revision of Policy 470 Student Fees, Fines and Charges for final reading. Seconded by Ramsdail. Acomb asked about the \$10 fee for the alcohol and drug classes. He recommends a higher fee with the ability to refund the fee once the class has been completed. Motion carried unanimously of the members present.

Ramsdail moved approval of the revision of Policy 470 RULE 1 Guidelines Regarding Student Fees/Fines/Charges for final reading. Seconded by Winkelmann. Scharmer made a friendly amendment to include a legal reference. Ramsdail and Winkelmann accepted the amendment. Motion carried unanimously of the members present.

Winkelmann moved approval of the revision of Policy 671.2 RULE 1 Guidelines Regulating Expense Reimbursement for final reading. Seconded by Acomb. Motion carried unanimously of the members present.

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

Items for consideration at future meetings requested included review of the documentary “Cafeteria Man”

Scharmer announced future meetings on Tuesday, March 20, and the Board Business meeting will be held on March 27, 2012.

The meeting adjourned at 8:55 p.m.

Michelle Shope, Board Secretary

Approved at the regular meeting of March 27, 2012

Shannon Scharmer, President