

REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION
SCHOOL DISTRICT OF BELOIT
February 28, 2017

The Board of Education held its regular meeting on February 28, 2017 at the Kolak Education Center in the Board Room. President Anderson-Levy called the meeting to order at 7:03 p.m.

Members Present: Lisa Anderson-Levy, Dennis Baskin, Pam Charles, Shelly Cronin, Laurie Endres, Nora Gard, and Kris Klobucar. Others Present: Darrell Williams, Interim Superintendent.

Baskin moved approval of the agenda. Seconded by Gard. Motion carried unanimously of the members present. Baskin led the group in the pledge of allegiance.

Endres gave the monthly announcements. Baskin moved approval of moving the March Board meeting up one week to March 21st. Seconded by Gard. Motion carried unanimously of the members present.

Dr. Williams asked everyone to take a moment of silence in recognition of Brian Leaf, Public Information Officer, who passed away last week. Michelle Shope, Board Secretary, recognized those students who were the winners from the Martin Luther King Jr. Essay and Speech Contest.

Anderson-Levy opened up the podium for citizens to speak on items not on the agenda. Dorothy Harrell, 2284 Boulder Court, thanked the board and is pleased to see that the high school position is on the agenda and will be posted. She also addressed the board in regards to the town hall meeting and those coming forward to help with solutions. Kim Schneider, 3557 Oaklane Drive, addressed the board regarding the apparent lack of leadership, cry for help from the town hall meeting, and asked for solutions for discipline, teacher support and a safe classroom environment which will allow for student achievement. Angela Lanin, 1674 Prairie Avenue, addressed the board regarding teachers, toll taken, safety concerns, demanding the board fix what is broken and that something be done. Kathe Johnson, 1225 Burton Street, addressed the board regarding the number of police calls from the schools due to behavioral problems. She inquired as to whether students practice peer mediation in the schools. Ryan Flanagan, 2565 Austin Place, addressed the board regarding the number of police calls to the schools and the seriousness of the violent acts by students in the classrooms toward teachers. Adam Aberle 1864 Vista Drive relinquished his 3 minutes to Ryan to finish. Tammy Scott 3556 Bee Lane deferred her time to John Wong. Wong, 2719 Sharon Drive addressed the board with regards to the number of police calls, vision, trust, honesty, integrity, transparency, and the number of administrators. Kate Severson, 1631 Morgan Terrace, addressed the board with discipline, open enrollment numbers, and begged the board to fix the classrooms.

Williams introduced Joel Beard, Athletic and Activities Director who gave a state of the union update on the athletics in the district. He also introduced Anthony Bonds, who then introduced Ralph Berkley who gave an update on Summer School.

Williams gave the Equity update. Jen Paepke highlighted the (E)Quality Committee Report from February. Yolonda Johnson, Student Board Representative, highlighted events at the high school.

Cronin reviewed the topics of the February Finance, Transportation and Property Committee meeting. Klobucar reviewed the topics of the February Curriculum and Instruction Committee meeting and Special Committee meeting. Gard reviewed the topics of the two January Special and February Regular Policy and Personnel Committee meetings.

Baskin moved approval of the consent list: 1) Special Board Meetings of January 24, 2017, January 30, and February 14, 2017; 2) Regular Business Meeting of January 24, 2017 and 3) Approval of the January Financial Summary. Seconded by Gard. The motion carried unanimously of the members present.

Baskin moved approval of hiring Schenck for the purpose of Audit Services in an amount not to exceed \$78,000. Seconded by Cronin. Motion carried unanimously of the members present.

Baskin moved approval of the purchase of desktops and laptops from VPC in the amount of \$45,458.42. Seconded by Cronin. Motion carried unanimously of the members present.

Klobucar moved approval of the two new one-term .5 credit College and Career Readiness required courses 9 and 10 to replace the current academic labs and the new one-term .5 credit College and Career Readiness elective course for grades 11 and 12 to replace current academic labs with striking the word required. After conversation, Baskin moved to table the course proposals. Seconded by Charles. Motion carried unanimously of the members present.

Charles moved approval of the adoption of African American History as the textbook used in African American Studies I and II classes. Seconded by Endres. Motion carried unanimously of the members present.

Charles moved to table the addition of a "girls only" section to the PLTW Introduction to Computer Science course for legal opinion. Seconded by Baskin. Motion carried unanimously of the members present.

Gard moved approval of the HVAC technician job description. Seconded by Baskin. Motion carried unanimously of the members present.

Baskin moved approval of the revised job description for the High School Principal position. Seconded by Gard with a friendly amendment to add in a high school setting under required qualifications. Baskin accepted the amendment. Motion carried unanimously of the members present.

Gard moved to extend the meeting to complete the agenda. Seconded by Charles. Motion carried unanimously of the members present.

Gard moved approval of the job description template. Seconded by Baskin. Motion carried unanimously of the members present.

Baskin moved approval of the revisions and layover of Policy 141.2 Board Officer Duties, Policy 185.3 Policy-Personnel Committee and Policy 225.1 Administrative Staff Evaluations for first reading. Seconded by Gard. Motion carried unanimously of the members present.

Gard moved approval of the revisions and layover of Policy 481 Student Work Permits for first reading. Seconded by Baskin. Motion carried unanimously of the members present.

Gard moved approval of the revisions of Policy 142 Legal Counsel for final reading. Seconded by Charles. Motion carried unanimously of the members present.

Gard moved approval of the revisions of Policy 342.10 RULE 1 Homeless Education Program Guidelines for final reading. Seconded by Charles. Motion carried unanimously of the members present.

Gard moved approval of the revisions of Policy 424 RULE 1 State Public School Open Enrollment Full-Time (Resident & Nonresident) for final reading. Seconded by Baskin. Motion carried unanimously of the members present.

Gard moved approval of the revisions of Policy 470 RULE 1 Guidelines Regarding Student Fees/Fines/Charges for final reading. Seconded by Klobucar. Motion carried unanimously of the members present.

Baskin moved approval of the revisions of Policy 522.11 Pre-employment Drug Testing and Policy 522.11 RULE 1 Pre-Employment Drug Testing Procedures for final reading. Seconded by Gard. Motion carried unanimously of the members present.

Gard moved approval of the revisions of Policy 523.6 Identification Badges – Employees for final reading. Seconded by Charles. Motion carried unanimously of the members present.

Baskin moved approval of the deletion of Policy 530 Professional Educator Policies for final reading. Seconded by Cronin. Motion carried unanimously of the members present.

Gard moved approval of the revisions of Policy 531 Professional Educator Positions for final reading. Seconded by Baskin. Motion carried unanimously of the members present.

Gard moved approval of the revisions of Policy 662.1 Management of Student Activities for final reading. Seconded by Klobucar. Motion carried unanimously of the members present.

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

Items requested at future meetings included an overview of ELL program and where we are going with it, update on discipline for the next three months by school concerns how the implementation of the strict policy is taking place, by building principals, wants to hear if there is a directive to a building principal or to hearing officer to not hold an expulsion after one has been recommended, open enrollment numbers out compared to last year, more frequent meetings, meetings to be more citizen friendly with closed sessions at the end except admin hearings, board report on what has been done in response to town hall comments that have come forward, report for the last year of all individuals that did not come up for expulsion with a brief description and a status on how that student is doing.

The meeting adjourned at 9:22 p.m.

Michelle Shope, Board Secretary

Approved at the regular meeting of March 21, 2017

Lisa Anderson-Levy, President