

**REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION
SCHOOL DISTRICT OF BELOIT
March 21, 2017**

The Board of Education held its regular meeting on March 21, 2017 at the Kolak Education Center in the Board Room. President Anderson-Levy called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m.

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

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

Endres gave the monthly announcements.

Shope, along with Stephen Jacobson recognized Geography Bee winners. She also, along with Crystal Ballard recognized all of the BookQuest winners.

Anderson-Levy opened up the podium for citizens to speak on items not on the agenda.

Kihya McDowell, 1721 Morris Avenue, Sydney Marshall 706 Vernon, Amina Crawford 715 Kenwood Avenue, Gabriella Buck, 2536 North Street, regarding the black history celebration at BMHS. Kaylen Vences 620 Bayliss, addressed the board regarding student and teacher relationships in the classroom. Mya Jensen, 921 Park Avenue addressed the board regarding students who are wearing the confederate flag in school. Sergio Guzman-Mireles, 905 Highland gave his 3 minutes to Ninfa Vianey Giles-Gonzalez 845 Elm Street who addressed the board regarding bullying and harassment. Tyron Edwards 1135 11th Street regarding issues in the schools not being handled correctly. Gabby Ramirez , gave her 3 minutes to Nadia Connor 1984 Dewey Avenue, addressed the board regarding teachers who are having relationships that are too close to their students and teachers who are inappropriate. Gene Daybeck, 618 Church Street and deferred his time to Dr. Kendra Schiffman at 810 Chapin Street addressed the board to give another perspective of a parent in the district based on others comments at previous meetings with regard to discipline, school climate and achievement. Shirley Williams 2170 yielded her three minutes to Dr. Schiffman as well. Daniel Barolski, 1301 Chapin, regarding the town hall meeting and racial undertones as well as funding and newspaper articles. Paul Deon, 635 Harrison, addressed the board regarding backlash of discipline, hiring and equity. Kathe Johnson, 1225 Burton, yielded her 3 minutes to Paul. George Williams, 2170 Hayfield Lane, addressed the board regarding kicking students out of school...all lives matter. Tia Johnson, 1621 Indian Road, addressed the board regarding the fitness center approved without ventilation.

Williams explained to the audience that there were cards provided to each person so that after the principals provide updates on the climate and behavior in their schools, if there are questions, you may fill out the card with your question or concern and your contact information. Cards will be collected and principals will respond to you. Emily Pelz, the Executive Director of Student Services reviewed how the Code of Conduct has been reinforced in the district by being sent to all staff, students and parents along with an acknowledgement form for signing and returning to the schools. The principals have also held staff meetings and are holding parent meetings. The staff have reviewed the code with students.

Carole Campbell, Principal at BMHS, Matt Kleinschmidt, Principal at Fruzen Intermediate and Melody Wirgau at Todd Elementary all provided information on what they are doing in their schools to address discipline concerns and improving the learning environment.

Anthony Bonds, Assistant Superintendent of Teaching, Learning and Innovation provided an update on the Ad Hoc Academic Achievement Committee. Williams gave the Equity update and highlighted the (E)Quality Committee Report from March. Yolonda Johnson, Student Board Representative, highlighted events at the high school.

Cronin reviewed the topics of the March Finance, Transportation and Property Committee meeting. Klobucar reviewed the topics of the March Curriculum and Instruction Committee meeting and Special Committee meeting.

Gard moved to extend the meeting beyond 9:00 p.m. Seconded by Klobucar. Motion carried unanimously of the members present.

Gard reviewed the topics of the February and March Special and March Regular Policy and Personnel Committee meetings.

Gard moved approval of the consent list: 1) Special Board Meetings of February 27, February 28, and March 8 and March 14, 2017; 2) Regular Business Meeting of February 28, 2017 and 3) Approval of the February Financial Summary. Seconded by Klobucar. The motion carried unanimously of the members present.

Klobucar moved approval of the implementation of DPI's Global Education Achievement Certificate (GEAC) for graduating seniors starting immediately for graduating seniors in 2017 and beyond. Seconded by Endres. Motion carried unanimously of the members present.

Gard moved approval of changing the position of ESL Program Manager to an administrative position, Director of Bilingual/English Language Learner (ELL). Seconded by Klobucar. Motion carried unanimously of the members present.

Gard moved approval of the revisions and layover of Policy 166 Board Member Requests for Information and 166 RULE 1 Procedures for Board Member Requests for Information, Policy 221.1 Recruitment and Appointment of Administrative Staff, Policy 533 RULE 1 Professional Educator Recruitment/Selection Procedures, Policy 533 RULE 2 Guidelines for Adding Professional Staff Positions, Policy 548 Support Staff Evaluations for first reading. Seconded by Klobucar. Motion carried unanimously of the members present.

Gard moved approval of the deletion and layover of Policy 554 Administrative Support Staff Evaluation for first reading. Seconded by Klobucar. Motion carried unanimously of the members present.

Policy 141.2 Board Officer Duties was revised in committee and will be presented to the full board at the April 11th special board meeting.

Gard moved approval of the revisions to Policy 185.3 Policy-Personnel Committee, Policy 225.1 Administrative Staff Evaluations, Policy 481 Student Work Permits for final reading. Seconded by Klobucar. Motion carried unanimously of the members present.

There were no employment recommendations for approval.

No items were requested for future meetings.

The meeting adjourned at 9:14 p.m.

Michelle Shope, Board Secretary

Approved at the regular meeting of April 25, 2017

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