

REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION
SCHOOL DISTRICT OF BELOIT
March 22, 2011

The Board of Education held its regular meeting on March 22, 2011 at the Kolak Education Center in the Board Room. President Ramsdail called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Members Present: John Acomb, Jessica Everson, Missy Henderson, Michael Ramsdail, Shannon Scharmer and John Winkelmann. Member absent: Tia Johnson.

Everson moved approval of the agenda with removal of items IX B and C – Approval of Resident and Non-Resident Open Enrollments and item IX J, Policy 377 RULE 2 Secondary Schools Athletic Code. Seconded by Scharmer. Motion carried unanimously of the members present.

Acomb led the group in the pledge of allegiance.

Henderson announced upcoming activities in the district. She announced the Modern Woodman Oratorical Contest that will be held in a couple of weeks for students in grades 5 through 8. She also announced that the regional competition, Destination Imagination was held recently with two teams from Morgan winning first place, one team from Aldrich earned first place and a team from Burdge earned second place. All four teams will compete at the state level in April. She also announced that Purple Tide Swimmers earned national recognition for academics for their high academic achievement and grade point averages.

Badger recognized the Beloit Public Library for outstanding partnership and resources for students and staff. Lynella Holmes from the district has been working closely with Jeni Schomber and Judy Adams from the library to organize volunteers and resources to create another successful event that promotes reading comprehension.

Ramsdail opened up the podium for citizens to speak on items not on the agenda. No one came forward.

Thompson introduced a presentation on Positive Behavioral Interventions and Supports by Barb Buffington and school representatives. Buffington briefly refreshed the board members on PBIS. Rachel Brown from Cunningham presented information and accomplishments achieved with PBIS at her school. Melody Wirgau from Gaston also presented information and accomplishments achieved with PBIS. Sam Carter, from Robinson presented data from his school which is in its second year using PBIS. Tony Bosco, from McNeel Middle School, shared information and accomplishments in the first year of PBIS at his school.

Thompson also introduced Melissa Badger who presented the parent survey results. The main categories were customer service, climate and efficacy. Overall the customer service category had many strongly agree and agree results for the elementary, middle and high schools. Climate and Efficacy were also rated most often in the strongly agree or agree areas. She also shared a few of the comments from parents regarding their student's school and staff. Thompson did state that approximately 1700 parents responded to this survey.

Thompson then presented the results of the superintendent, central office and Board of Education survey. The categories for this survey were climate, communication, customer service, efficacy and

public relations. Climate was rated very highly, while communication from central office received a 65% strongly agree/agree rating. He highlighted customer service as well as efficacy results which carried high ratings as well. Thompson stated that central office administrators received a 94% agree/strongly agree rating for visibility and public relations, while the Superintendent received a 93.1% agree/strongly agree rating. He stated that 467 staff members responded to the survey. Board members asked questions of Thompson. Scharmer thanked Thompson for the survey and presenting the results. She also stated that as a board, the members need to review some of the areas in which the board results could be better. Winkelmann thanked Thompson as well as the staff who completed the survey. He felt there were areas that needed work as well as areas where things are going well. Winkelmann asked for comparison data from last year to this year's survey results. Ramsdail also thanked Thompson.

Student representative, Madeline West, announced current activities at the high school. She stated that students are looking forward to Spring Break. She also highlighted the Musical, *Hairspray*, the Boys Basketball team season and the Pep Band. Scharmer commented on the great turnout at the game as well.

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

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

Henderson reviewed the topics of the February Special and March Regular Policy and Personnel Committee meetings. Scharmer clarified information on Policy 345.1 Grading Policy and asked Thompson to reiterate the action taken by the full board following the February Special Policy/Personnel Committee Meeting. Winkelmann thanked staff for their input on the high school courses and graduation requirements.

Scharmer moved approval of the consent list: 1) Bills, Payroll and Cash Position Statement; 2) Special Board Meetings of January 25, January 31, February 1(2 sets), February 3, February 4, February 7 (2), and February 15, 2011; and 3) Regular Business Meeting of January 25, 2011. Seconded by Winkelmann. Motion carried unanimously of the members present.

Winkelmann moved approval of the purchase of two vans, one with a lift and one without, for transporting special education students from the two lowest bids. Seconded by Everson. Acomb asked if the purchase is replacing current vehicles. Winkelmann stated that they are new vehicle purchases. Scharmer clarified that the two lowest bids are being approved. Buffington provided additional information on the van purchase. Motion carried unanimously of the members present.

Winkelmann moved approval of the purchase of SOLO 6 software in the amount of \$67,613.25. Seconded by Everson. Scharmer asked if SOLO 6 is replacing Odyssey. Buffington indicated no. Winkelmann reminded members that it is a one time purchase. Motion carried unanimously of the members present.

Winkelmann moved approval of the purchase order with Community Action, Inc. for Fresh Start Services rendered in the amount of \$25,453.13. Seconded by Acomb. Motion carried unanimously of the members present, with Everson abstaining.

Everson moved approval of the purchase order with Northwest Evaluation Association for MAP license renewals for April, 2011 to March, 2012 in the amount of \$65,637.50. Seconded by Scharmer. Motion carried unanimously of the members present.

Acomb moved approval of the adoption of Science, Social Studies, Industrial Technology Education, Family and Consumer Education and middle school Math instructional materials for 2011-12. Seconded by Everson. Scharmer asked about the middle school Math and advanced Math courses that will now be taught at the middle schools. Acomb indicated the adoption was for the general math curriculum and Algebra textbooks are already in place. Scharmer asked about a lack of enough materials for those students. Tony Bosco indicated that they have not had any issues with textbooks for Algebra in the middle schools. Motion carried unanimously of the members present.

Winkelmann moved approval of a full-time school nurse position in which the FTE will come from increased Medicaid reimbursements due to Attendant Care Services. Seconded by Everson. Motion carried unanimously of the members present.

Ramsdail indicated that he was recommending that the Policy/Personnel Committee review Policy 166 Board Member Requests for Information and create a rule to this policy which would outline the procedure for board members to request information and agenda items. Winkelmann moved approval of reviewing Policy 166 Board Member Requests for Information and creating a rule by the Policy/Personnel Committee. Seconded by Everson. Scharmer made a friendly amendment to consider board docs simultaneously. Winkelmann clarified that his motion was general in nature. Scharmer withdrew her friendly amendment. Motion carried unanimously of the members present.

Scharmer moved approval of the revised personnel recommendations, Exhibit A. Seconded by Everson. Motion carried unanimously of the members present. Acomb noted a number of early retirements in the recommendations and stated that he wanted to recognize the work by these individuals. Winkelmann thanked Jessie Everson for her service on the board as well.

No items for consideration at future meetings were requested.

Ramsdail announced future meetings on Tuesday, April 12, and the Board Business meeting will be held on April 26, 2011. He also announced that contracts currently in negotiations are available for public review beginning Wednesday morning. The board will also be meeting on Thursday, March 24 at 7:00 a.m.

Scharmer reminded the community of the upcoming school board election.

The meeting adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

Michelle Shope, Board Secretary

Approved at the regular meeting of April 26, 2011

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