

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

The Board of Education held its regular meeting on April 24, 2012 at the Kolak Education Center in the Board Room. President Scharmer called the meeting to order at 7:22 p.m.

Members Present: John Acomb, Nora Gard, Missy Henderson, Michael Ramsdail, Mark Rand, Shannon Scharmer and John Winkelmann. 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.

Ramsdail moved approval of the Board of Education Resolution 11-12.02 Board of Education Community Appreciation. Seconded by Acomb. Scharmer stated that there is no fiscal impact to this resolution. Superintendent McNeal supported the resolution. Following the reading of the resolution, the motion carried unanimously of the members present.

Badger recognized the citizen group – Imagine Beloit for its support and commitment to educate the community the facts of the \$70M referendum. Heidi Eldred thanked the Beloit community for supporting the schools and the referendum. Board members added their comments and thanks to the citizens of the Imagine Beloit group.

Badger also recognized Tia Johnson for her years of service on the Board of Education. Scharmer expressed her thanks for Johnson serving the community as a board member. Johnson thanked the community of Beloit and advised board members to take the higher ground and vote from the heart.

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

McNeal introduced Amanda Scherer and Katelyn Zilles from the AmeriCorps Vista program. The program is sponsored by the Department of Public Instruction and under the AmeriCorps Vista heading as well. The focus of the program is to improve school, family and community partnerships. Scherer and Zilles explained their collaboration with staff and families, performance measures, sustainability, family engagement nights, mentoring program, and the cluster advisory council and its progress.

McNeal updated the board and public on the building projects in the district. The construction committee met last evening. The committee discussed pre-cast panels, parameters to be considered, local contractors, and reviewed bids from companies on the high school pool project. The architects have been meeting with staff and community members at the elementary schools and the high school pool to lay out the detailed architectural plans. The committee also discussed a project manager versus a clerk of the works person. McNeal also stated that the McNeal and Aldrich boilers, as well as Gaston and Burdge boilers are or have been removed and new ones will be installed next week. He also stated that the high school roofing project will be completed by May 5th and the Wright roof repair/replacement will begin after the high school's roof is complete as the

board approved Wright as the location for the new learning academy, which is the combination of the alternative programming and the ECCS Charter School. Scharmer further explained the types of details being worked on at the meetings. Ramsdail thanked McNeal for his work on the referendum, his leadership and all of the work coming with the actual projects.

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 April Finance, Transportation and Property Committee meetings.

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

Johnson reviewed the topics of the March Special and April 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 March 27, April 10 and April 16, 2012; and 3) Regular Business Meeting of March 27, 2012. Seconded by Henderson. Motion carried unanimously of the members present.

Winkelmann moved approval of the Safe Routes to School Grant application for the elementary and middle schools for \$391,542, the development of an RFP to solicit bids for district medical benefits consultant, sending a request for proposal out to request professional investment management of employee benefit trust funds in order to take advantage of more investment options, and approval of the 2011-2012 budget amendments as listed. Seconded by Ramsdail. Motion carried unanimously of the members present.

Acomb moved approval of the Family and Consumer Education Food Science course for Science credit equivalency. Seconded by Henderson. Motion carried unanimously of the members present.

Acomb moved approval of the Youth Options applications for first semester 2012-13. Seconded by Henderson. Motion carried unanimously of the members present.

Winkelmann moved approval of the addition of Policy 345.6 Rule 3 .5 Credit Physical Education Exemption for final reading. Seconded by Acomb. Motion carried 6-1, with Ramsdail voting in the negative.

Gard moved approval of the addition of Policy 522.8 Dress Code for District Employees, the deletion of Policy 539.2 Dress Code for Professional Educators and deletion of Policy 549.1 Dress Code for Auxiliary Staff for final reading. Seconded by Henderson. Motion carried unanimously of the members present.

Winkelmann moved approval of the revision of Policy 840 Public Gifts to the Schools for final reading. Seconded by Gard. Motion carried unanimously of the members present.

Gard moved approval of the revision of Policy 672.1 Purchasing/Bidding Requirements for final reading. Seconded by Henderson. Motion carried unanimously of the members present.

Winkelmann moved approval of the revision of Policy 943.3 Equipment and Furniture for final reading. Seconded by Acomb. Motion carried unanimously of the members present.

Winkelmann moved approval of the revision of Policy 945 Construction Contracts, Bidding and Awards for final reading. Seconded by Gard. Motion carried unanimously of the members present.

Gard moved approval of the new job description for Data Systems Specialist to replace the job description for Administrative Software Support Coordinator. Seconded by Henderson. Motion carried unanimously of the members present.

Henderson moved approval of the new job description for Data/Telecommunications Specialist to replace the job description for Data Services/Telecommunications Coordinator. Seconded by Rand. Motion carried unanimously of the members present.

Winkelmann moved approval of posting a Director of Curriculum position to replace the Director of Accountability, Assessment and Grants. Seconded by Acomb. Motion carried unanimously of the members present.

Gard moved approval of posting two reading specialist positions at the middle school level. Seconded by Henderson. Motion carried unanimously of the members present.

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

Items for consideration at future meetings requested were strategic planning and athletic academic statistics in relation to new code/policy.

Scharmer announced future meetings on Tuesday, May 8, and the Board Business meeting will be held on May 22, 2012.

The meeting adjourned at 8:44 p.m.

Michelle Shope, Board Secretary

Approved at the regular meeting of May 22, 2012

Shannon Scharmer, President