REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION SCHOOL DISTRICT OF BELOIT May 23, 2017

The Board of Education held its regular meeting on May 23, 2017 at the Kolak Education Center in the Board Room. President Endres called the meeting to order at 7:06 p.m.

Members Present: Lisa Anderson-Levy, Dennis Baskin, Shelly Cronin, Laurie Endres, Kris Klobucar and Wendy Sanchez. Member excused: Pam Charles. Others Present: Tom Johnson, Superintendent.

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

Sanchez gave the monthly announcements.

Jen Thompson, Public Information Officer, recognized the spelling bee winners; Terry Schindler, professional educator and three welding students: Kevin Celestino, Logan Crum and Gavin Fischer for making a prescription drug drop box for the city police department; Herb Kohl Foundation Award recipients Terri Gile, professional educator and Stephanie Canales and Jordin Groth, students; BMHS yearbook staff and advisors; as well as former board member, Nora Gard and current student board representative, Yolonda Johnson.

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

Belvia? Ramirez, 745 Henry Avenue, requesting clearer information on the immigration policy from the new president and how the district will be handling it. She also requested that the information be sent in writing and in Spanish. Tatiana Carbajal 1758 Windsor Court yielded her three minutes to Ms. Ramirez. She also addressed staff, students, bullying, fear, 4th grade students in same school with 8th grade students.

Ellen Joyce 1134 Eaton and Patricia Soul 1132 Brewster yielded their three minutes to Jasmine Carbajal 2327 Wood Drive, stating that there is an issue with how the district communicates with Latino parents, using robotic voice, proper protocol, etc. as well as the immigration letter concerns.

Michael Laursen, 3197 Bartells Avenue, thanked the previous speakers and then yielded the rest of his time to his wife, Rosamaria Laursen, 3197 Bartells Avenue, who addressed the board members regarding the new director position, recruitment and retention, curriculum and instruction.

Kathy Tobin, 302 St. Lawrence in Janesville, healthcare benefits teachers no longer receive.

Tom Johnson, Superintendent introduced Anthony Bonds, Assistant Superintendent for Teaching, Learning and Innovation, who provided an update on the Ad Hoc Academic Achievement Committee and its work. He then introduced Darrell Williams, Assistant Superintendent for Administration, Operations and Equity, who gave the monthly equity update.

Yolonda Johnson, Student Board Representative highlighted activities at the high school. There was no (E)Quality report this month.

Cronin reviewed the topics of the May Finance, Transportation and Property Committee meeting. Klobucar reviewed the topics of the May Curriculum and Instruction Committee meeting. Baskin reviewed the topics of the April Special and May Regular Policy and Personnel Committee meetings.

Baskin moved approval of the consent list: 1) Special Board Meetings of April 18, April 25 (2), and May 9, 2017; 2) Regular Business Meeting of April 25, 2017 and 3) Approval of the March Financial Summary. Seconded by Anderson-Levy. The motion carried unanimously of the members present.

Anderson-Levy moved approval of the adoption of the Cengage-Magellan teaching resources for students enrolled in PreCalculus, Calculus, Trigonometry and Statistics. Seconded by Klobucar. Motion carried unanimously of the members present.

Anderson-Levy moved approval of the adoption of the Keys to Learning instructional materials for 2017-18. Seconded by Klobucar. Motion carried unanimously of the members present.

Baskin moved approval of the revision of Policy 181 Rules of Order, Policy 522.8 Dress Code for District Employees and Policy 533 RULE 1 Professional Educator Recruitment/Selection Procedures for final reading. Seconded by Anderson-Levy. Motion carried unanimously of the members present.

Baskin moved approval of the personnel recommendations – Exhibit A recommended by the Personnel Committee with 120 days for D.W. And one correction. Seconded by Sanchez. Motion carried unanimously of the members present.

Items requested for future meetings included Spanish services for our community and any future ideas; technology update/year end wrap up, 10 year review of retiree insurance program-where we were at and where we are going, iPads - teachers distractions down, also what employees gave up each year for benefits.

Michelle Shope, Board Secretary
Approved at the regular meeting of June 27, 2017
Laurie Endres, President

The meeting adjourned at 8:08 p.m.