

REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION
SCHOOL DISTRICT OF BELOIT
May 28, 2013

The Board of Education held its regular meeting on May 28, 2013 at the Kolak Education Center in the Board Room. President Scharmer called the meeting to order at 7:07 p.m.

Members Present: John Acomb, Nora Gard, Missy Henderson, Mark Rand, Shannon Scharmer and John Winkelmann. Member absent: Michael Ramsdail. Also present: Steve McNeal.

Acomb moved approval of the agenda. Seconded by Rand. Motion carried unanimously of the members present.

Acomb led the group in the pledge of allegiance. Rand gave the May announcements.

Badger requested approval of the \$5,000 donation from the Dorothy E. Bigelow Charitable Trust Fund for purchasing playground equipment at Gaston Elementary School. Winkelmann moved approval of the \$5,000 donation from the Dorothy E. Bigelow Charitable Trust Fund. Seconded by Acomb. Motion carried unanimously of the members present.

Badger recognized Tony Cappozziello and Barb Greyson who received Herb Kohl Foundation awards a prestigious award that all educators, statewide, are eligible to apply. She also recognized the high school yearbook students and staff advisor, student board representative, Samantha DeForest-Davis and the high school swim team students and coaches.

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

McNeal introduced Trey Brown, Cunningham Principal and Tina Hansen, Morgan Principal who updated board members and the community on activities this year in their schools as well as academic achievements. Melody Wirgau, Todd Principal also updated members and the community on activities and academic achievements at Todd.

McNeal then introduced Jason Olivotti from Mid-States Concrete who shared how the company has partnered with the district for construction projects. Scharmer indicated that construction projects are going well and updates are available on the district website.

Samantha DeForest-Davis, student board representative, reviewed activities at the high school.

Tasha Bell, Minority Excellence Coordinator reviewed (E)Quality Committee meeting topics from December to May.

Winkelmann reviewed the topics of the May Finance, Transportation and Property Committee meeting.

Acomb reviewed the topics of the May Curriculum and Instruction Committee meeting.

Gard reviewed the topics of the May Special and April Regular Policy and Personnel Committee meetings.

Acomb moved approval of the consent list: 1) Bills, Payroll and Cash Position Statement; 2) Special Board Meetings of April 23 (2 sets), May 7, May 14, and May 21, 2013; and 3) Regular Business Meeting of April 23, 2013. Seconded by Winkelmann. Motion carried unanimously of the members present.

Winkelmann moved approval of the proposed bylaws in order to finalize the establishment of the approved 501(c)3. Seconded by Acomb. Motion carried unanimously of the members present.

Winkelmann moved approval of the purchases as attached for technology education equipment for the purpose of Beloit Memorial High School technology education center up to \$550,000. Seconded by Rand. Motion carried unanimously of the members present.

Winkelmann moved approval of the purchase with SPARKS/School Speciality Physical for staff to attend institutes in the amount of \$26,796. Seconded by Rand. Motion carried unanimously of the members present.

Winkelmann moved approval of the purchase with Pearson for the purchase of student activity books K through 5 in the amount of \$113,127.97. Seconded by Rand. Motion carried unanimously of the members present.

Winkelmann moved approval of committing fund balance for the purpose of capital projects which are part of the referendum if fund balance levels increase above the Board's goal of 18% of the anticipated general fund expenditures for the subsequent year. Seconded by Rand. Acomb requested a friendly amendment to add the word "not" in front of "part" so that the motion is "which are not part of the referendum". Winkelmann and Rand accepted the friendly amendment. It was requested that the fund balance policy be reviewed and clarified in regard to taxing to replenish the fund balance. The amended motion carried unanimously of the members present.

Winkelmann moved approval of the food service management contract award to ARAMARK. Seconded by Rand. Motion carried unanimously of the members present.

Acomb moved approval of pursuing the new funding opportunities presented. Seconded by Henderson. Motion carried unanimously of the members present.

Acomb moved approval of extending the meeting to complete the agenda. Seconded by Winkelmann. Motion carried 6-1, with Rand voting in the negative.

Gard moved approval of the revision of Policy 431 RULE 1 Student Attendance Procedures for final reading. Seconded by Rand. Acomb asked questions regarding excusing red measles and not lice. Buffington explained that lice is not considered a disease, but a nuisance by the regulations. Winkelmann shared his stance on the proposed revisions with counting students present. Motion carried 5-1, with Winkelmann voting in the negative.

Winkelmann moved approval of the revision of Policy 672.5 Standards for Performance and Payment Assurances for final reading. Seconded by Rand. Motion carried unanimously of the members present.

Winkelmann moved approval of the revision of Policy 760 RULE 1 Food Service Program Guidelines for final reading. Seconded by Rand. Motion carried unanimously of the members present.

Gard moved approval of the revised Personnel Recommendations Exhibit A. Seconded by Rand. Motion carried unanimously of the members present.

Items for consideration at future meetings requested were to discuss staying competitive in specialized teaching areas such as automotive, etc. It was also requested to know where other students are headed following graduation. McNeal shared that students will be asked this information when picking up caps and gowns. It was also requested to hear an update on

Scharmer announced future meetings on Tuesday, June 11 and the Board Business meeting on June 25, 2013.

The meeting adjourned at 9:08 p.m.

Michelle Shope, Board Secretary

Approved at the regular meeting of June 25, 2013

Shannon Scharmer, President