

**SPECIAL MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION
SCHOOL DISTRICT OF BELOIT**

**June 14, 2016
Officer Elections**

The meeting was called to order by Board President Scharmer at 9:45 p.m. at the Kolak Education Center, Room 106, Superintendent's Conference Room.

Members present: Lisa Anderson-Levy, Dennis Baskin, Pam Charles, Shelly Cronin, Nora Gard, Kris Klobucar, and Shannon Scharmer. Also present: Anthony Bonds, Jamie Merath, Emily Pelz, Pam Wiese, Darrell Williams and Tom Johnson.

Charles moved approval of the agenda with removal of #3 Board Officers which included the discussion of possible change in board Officers including a citizen concern about possible conflict of interest of certain board members concerning the office of board president and the possible action to remove board officers. Seconded by Baskin. Gard made a friendly amendment to add an item under #4 Election of Board Officers for Anderson-Levy to explain the purpose in calling for an election of officers special meeting. Charles and Baskin accepted the friendly amendment.

Scharmer stated that the motion was out of order and item #3, action to remove board officers, needed to remain on the agenda in order to proceed with the election of board officers.

Charles quoted information from Robert's Rule of Order and WASB stating that you did not have to remove officers from their officer in order to replace them with new officers.

Scharmer indicated that Johnson had consulted with the district's legal counsel, Mary Hubacher, who stated that a motion would need to be made to rescind the board action electing the officers.

Baskin indicated that Hubacher gives the Board counsel but cannot over rule the Board.

Johnson provided the board the information from Hubacher stating that there is nothing in current board policy that says you can hold an election for officers whenever you choose to, there is only a provision for vacancies created and you cannot ignore the action taken in April. If the votes from April are not rescinded, the ultimately it would need to be decided if the new election is valid and if it would take effect at the next regularly scheduled board meeting on June 28th.

Gard indicated that she is the member who contacted Hubacher and was told that if the district has always held elections at a special board meeting and officers then immediately take their positions, they can do so since it has been done in the past.

Charles and Scharmer were each reading portions of Robert's Rules of Order, different versions, different sections that they felt applied to this situation. The information being quoted did not clarify the situation.

Cronin asked if there is a district policy stating who can call the attorney. Scharmer stated that there is a district policy which stated only the superintendent and board president are to contact the district attorneys.

Scharmer indicated she was going to recess the meeting to contact legal counsel as the board was at an impasse on how to proceed with approval of the agenda. Baskin stated that there was a motion on the

floor that has been seconded. Scharmer stated again that the motion is out of order and she was recessing the meeting. Baskin called for the question. Scharmer stated that the question is out of order. Baskin stated that in the spirit of objectivity, Scharmer should not be making that determination.

Scharmer stated that as parliamentarian, the motion/question is out of order. Scharmer recessed the meeting at 10:08 p.m. to contact district legal counsel. Baskin stated that he was acknowledged in calling for the question. Scharmer stated there was no second to the call for the question, prior to recessing the meeting. Charles stated that she seconded the motion. Scharmer again stated that she had recessed the meeting.

Scharmer reconvened the board into session at 10:18 without contacting legal counsel.

Baskin rescinded his motion to call the question. Charles moved to rescind the original motion to amend the agenda.

Charles then moved to table the meeting until the 28th of June prior to the business meeting and to have legal counsel on a conference call. That motion failed due to the lack of a second.

Anderson-Levy asked how she could rectify the fact that the email requesting to hold this meeting was never sent to Shannon. Baskin indicated that he will not be a party to anyone being disregarded.

Baskin moved to adjourn the meeting at 10:22 p.m. Seconded by Anderson-Levy. Motion carried unanimously of the members present.

Michelle Shope, Board Secretary

Approved at the Regular Business Meeting on June 28, 2016

Shannon Scharmer, President