

**SPECIAL MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION
SCHOOL DISTRICT OF BELOIT
June 14, 2016**

The Board of Education held a special board meeting on June 14, 2016 at the Kolak Education Center in Room 106. President Scharmer called the meeting to order at 7:56 p.m.

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.

Gard moved approval of the agenda. Seconded by Anderson-Levy. Motion carried unanimously of the members present.

Gard moved to convene the Board of Education into closed session pursuant to section 19.85(1)(a) of the Wisconsin Statutes relative to deliberating concerning a case which may be the subject of any judicial or quasi-judicial trial or hearing. Seconded by Anderson-Levy. Motion carried on a roll call vote 7-0.

Baskin moved to reconvene to open session. Seconded by Gard. Motion carried unanimously of the members present.

Anderson-Levy moved to uphold the approval of the Hearing Officer's order of expulsion for T.W. Seconded by Gard. Motion carried on a roll call vote 7-0.

Baskin moved approval of the continued membership in the Wisconsin Interscholastic Athletic Association (WIAA). Seconded by Gard. It was noted that there will be no dues for the coming 2016-17 year. Motion carried unanimously of the members present.

Scharmer asked anyone with offers on the Royce Property to come forward to present. Matt Lundblade came forward on behalf of himself and Larry Taylor, interested in Royce for the purpose of a fitness center and as office space. The fitness center name is being withheld at this time until partnerships are worked out, however, three exist in Northern Illinois. The intent of the office space is for an information center for veterans. The building would have minimal redesign but he also noted all of the damage due to the length of vacancy. Baskin inquired as to the first call made to the realtor. Lundblade indicated that he contacted the realtor inquiring as to the price and was told \$255,000. He asked if \$50,000 would be considered and was told by the realtor that it was too low at the time, but perhaps in the future. Baskin inquired as to why the offer is now much lower. Lundblade admitted that with the other offer in the newspaper, they didn't feel they needed to offer as much anymore. Klobucar inquired as to the timeline for renovation and occupancy. Lundblade indicated that it would be in the next six months. He stated he wasn't sure how much space the fitness center would need but has presented them with a layout of the building. Gard asked if a feasibility study has been done to which Lundblade indicated there had not. He indicated that the fitness center currently has 50 clients traveling from Beloit to the Rockford/Roscoe area. Cronin asked if it was a franchise to which he stated no. Baskin asked if it was a for-profit business to which he indicated yes.

Gard moved to reconvene the Board of Education into closed session pursuant to Section 19.85(1)(e) of the Wisconsin Statutes relative to deliberating or negotiating the purchasing of public properties, whenever competitive or bargaining reasons require a closed session. Seconded by Charles. Motion carried on a roll call vote 7-0.

Gard moved to reconvene to open session. Seconded by Klobucar. Motion carried unanimously of the members present.

Anderson-Levy moved that the Board allow the superintendent to engage in negotiations on the Royce Property and bring it back to the board in two weeks. Seconded by Gard. Motion carried.

Darrell Williams, Assistant Superintendent, along with Tina Goecks, Principal at Wright, discussed the relocation of the RCAA program to the high school. Goecks explained the timeline and the process utilized making the decision to move the academy, meetings that took place, the building walk-through and continued collaboration with high school principal, Carole Campbell and administration. Williams explained the separate classrooms. Gard asked how many students are currently enrolled. Goecks indicated 28 will be returning and with additional applications they could potentially have up to 44-57. Gard also asked how they market their academy. Goecks indicated they use the peachjar flyer program. She also indicated that they have 6 students who are open enrolled. Baskin asked clarifying questions about the charter school. Charles asked if there were any other issues other than the space concern to which RCAA members indicated no. Charles also asked if they follow a different code of conduct to which she was told RCAA students follow the district's code of conduct. Cronin expressed some concern with putting the program in the high school environment, displacing others from classrooms, etc. Williams explained that no one is being displaced which is why the rooms are not directly tied to each other and by putting the rooms in the red wing students will be separated from the general high school atmosphere. Students will be entering and exiting through another door from the high school students and will have a different start and end time as well.

Gard moved approval of relocating RCAA to BMHS to provide students with greater access to educational opportunities as well as a one year extension of the RCAA contract. Seconded by Charles. Motion carried unanimously of the members present.

Gard moved approval of the Community Relations and Public Information Coordinator job description. Seconded by Klobucar. Motion carried unanimously of the members present.

Anderson-Levy moved approval of the Coordinator of Facility Services job description. Seconded by Gard. Motion carried unanimously of the members present.

Johnson reviewed the proposed potential budget reductions for the 2016-17 school year. He explained the reductions through capital projects, interns from the general fund, reduction in central office budgets, class size flexibility with currently only two displaced employees waiting for positions. All of the rest have been placed through attrition. He explained that there would be a salary freeze, however, in August, all groups would come back to the table to look at how the insurance year ended. If it ends with a surplus, then the surplus will be looked at for salary increases for staff. The health insurance premiums will only be 2% which is what was being paid 2 years ago. Members asked questions regarding the surplus in insurance and requested that it also be considered for curriculum and instruction, class sizes and targets, and Para educators.

Gard moved approval of the proposed budget reductions for the 2016-17 school year including capital projects, interns from the general fund, a 10% reduction in central office department budgets, class size flexibility, a 2% employee health insurance premium contribution, and a salary freeze for all employee groups with further consideration after the close of the insurance year in August in the amount of \$3,716,631.66. Seconded by Cronin. Motion carried unanimously of the members present.

Gard moved to reconvene into closed session pursuant to Section 19.85 (1)(f) considering financial, medical, social or personal histories or disciplinary data of specific persons, preliminary consideration of specific personnel problems or the investigation of charges against specific persons except where par. (B) applies which, if discussed in public, would be likely to have a substantial adverse effect upon the

reputation of any person referred to in such histories or data, or involved in such problems or investigations. Seconded by Anderson-Levy. Motion carried on a roll call vote 7-0.

Gard moved to convene to open session. Seconded by Anderson-Levy. Motion carried unanimously of the members present.

The meeting adjourned at 9:41 p.m.

Michelle Shope, Board Secretary

Approved at the Regular Business Meeting on June 28, 2016

Shannon Scharmer, President