

REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION
SCHOOL DISTRICT OF BELOIT
June 28, 2011

The Board of Education held its regular meeting on June 28, 2011 at the Kolak Education Center in the Board Room. President Scharmer called the meeting to order at 7:12 p.m.

Members Present: John Acomb, Nora Gard, Missy Henderson and Shannon Scharmer. Members absent: Tia Johnson, Michael Ramsdail and John Winkelmann. Also absent: 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.

Henderson announced upcoming activities in the district. She congratulated Bette Carr, co-head nurse for the district for being named an Excellence in School Nursing award winner by the National Association of School Nurses. She also congratulated the 2011 high school graduates and wished them well. Henderson announced that summer school has begun at Royce, Wright, the middle schools and the high school. She also announced planning for the coming school year including events, school supply lists, calendar, and more.

Badger recognized the Greater Beloit Economic Development Corporation Business Education Partnership. Members of the GBEDC partnership provided information on the current activities developed from this partnership. Board members shared their thanks and praise as well.

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

Scharmer introduced the Superintendent's Report to the board regarding high school programming and the 5 block schedule. Principal Johnson explained that the Freshman initiative is gone as of next year. The staff at the high school worked on a scheduling plan for the 2011-12 school year while maintaining a block schedule. The five block schedule was developed in conjunction with experts and also maintained the list of non-negotiables or items that the schedule could not afford such as split classes or not including intervention time. The new schedule provides for more teaching time, more instructional time for students, intervention time, and higher expectations for faculty. Deb Brossard, reading specialist, presented information on literacy and curricula along with Mary Stuedemann, reading specialist. They shared information on the lack of success of students who attend school and college without an emphasis on literacy. The plan is to raise the bar and create more rigor, make the rigor relevant to students, and to engage the students. The specialists also explained the high school RtI literacy model for 2011-12. Principal Johnson stated that this programming and scheduling is difficult to put into place and takes hard work which his staff has stepped up to make happen. Members asked questions about the programming and scheduling.

Scharmer reviewed the topics of the June Finance, Transportation and Property Committee meetings.

Acomb reviewed the topics of the June Curriculum and Instruction Committee meetings.

Gard reviewed the topics of the May Special and June 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 May 24, May 31, June 7, June 13, and June 14; and 3) Regular Business Meeting of May 24, 2011. Seconded by Henderson. Motion carried unanimously of the members present.

Acomb moved approval of the \$515 donation from the Converse PTO to be used towards a SMART board document reader. Seconded by Henderson. Motion carried unanimously of the members present.

Henderson moved approval of the \$4,990 donation from the McLenegan PTO to be used toward new playground equipment. Seconded by Acomb with a friendly amendment that the donation amount is \$4,990 not \$54,990 as written. Accepted by Henderson. Motion carried unanimously of the members present.

Acomb moved approval of the 66.0301 Girls Hockey Program cooperative contract for 2011-2012. Seconded by Gard. Motion carried unanimously of the members present.

Acomb moved approval of the 66.0301 Girls Soccer Program cooperative contract for the 2011-2013. Seconded by Henderson. Motion carried unanimously of the members present.

Henderson moved approval of the purchase order with Weidenhammer Systems Corp for the 2011-2012 maintenance of the Alio Software in the amount of \$27,295. Seconded by Gard. Motion carried unanimously of the members present.

Acomb moved approval of the purchase order with the Stewart Signs for a new sign at Beloit Memorial High School in the amount of \$28,975.00. Seconded by Henderson. Gard asked for clarification on the quote. Motion carried unanimously of the members present.

Acomb moved approval of the Latino Club activity group and their activities for the 2010-2011 school year as presented. Seconded by Gard. Motion carried unanimously of the members present.

Henderson moved approval of renewing the contract with Aramark for operating and managing our school food service program for a one year period beginning July 1, 2011 and ending June 30, 2012. Seconded by Gard. Acomb asked what the annual cost of the food service program has been. Motion carried unanimously of the members present.

Gard moved approval of continuing the property insurance coverage through The Hartford, the crime and liability coverage with EMC and the workers compensation coverage with Wilson Mutual Insurance Company for the 2011-2012 school year. Seconded by Henderson. Acomb asked about the educator's legal liability included in the policy. He asked if it covered just teachers, other district employees, or even board members. Scharmer also asked about coverage for the nurses. Motion carried unanimously of the members present.

Gard moved approval of allowing the School District of Beloit to assign the 2010-11 budget deficit, if any, to the unrestricted/assigned portion of the 2010-11 ending fund balance. Seconded by Acomb. Motion carried unanimously of the members present.

Acomb moved approval of the position of District Minority Excellence Program Coordinator. Seconded by Henderson. Gard asked about the job description and clarified changes from the committee. Gard entered the changes to the job description as a friendly amendment. Revisions were accepted by Acomb and Henderson. Acomb moved approval of adding three additional responsibilities from Cabelka. Henderson accepted the friendly amendment. Motion carried unanimously of the members present.

Acomb moved approval of the position of District Translator/Interpreter. Seconded by Henderson. Gard indicated that the committee asked about academic literacy. Motion carried unanimously of the members present.

Acomb moved approval of Policy 345.41 Specific Middle School Promotion Requirements for first reading. Seconded by Gard. Motion carried unanimously of the members present.

The addition of a secondary counselor for alternative programs item was layed on the table at the policy/personnel meeting preceding this meeting.

Henderson moved approval of the revised personnel recommendations, Exhibit A. Seconded by Gard. Acomb asked questions about a recall position and the Assistant Superintendent of Instruction position. The motion was held in abeyance while Cabelka tried to gather further information to answer the recall question.

Items for consideration at future meetings requested included an update on summer school.

Scharmer announced future meetings on Tuesday, July 12, and the Board Business meeting will be held on July 26, 2011.

The motion on the revised personnel recommendations carried unanimously of the members present following clarification.

The meeting adjourned at 8:35 p.m.

Michelle Shope, Board Secretary

Approved at the regular meeting of July 26, 2011

John Acomb, Vice President