

REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION
SCHOOL DISTRICT OF BELOIT
July 24, 2012

The Board of Education held its regular meeting on July 24, 2012 at the Kolak Education Center in the Board Room. President Scharmer called the meeting to order at 7:03 p.m.

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

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

Acomb led the group in the pledge of allegiance.

Rand announced upcoming activities in the district.

Badger recognized Burdge, Gaston, Hackett, Merrill, Morgan, Robinson and Todd Elementary Schools as Schools at Fidelity by the Wisconsin PBIS (Positive Behavioral Interventions and Supports) Network. She also recognized First National Bank for its donation of \$3,000 for soccer uniforms and warmups. Acomb moved to accept the donation of \$3000 from First National Bank to be used towards soccer uniforms and warm-up outfits. Seconded by Ramsdail. Motion carried unanimously of the member present.

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

McNeal introduced Jeff Jacobson, Facilities Director, who reviewed the work performed over the last year by the facility services staff. He stated that the focus has been on appearance and professionalism, accountability and ownership, training, equipment performance review and replacement, vendor/contractor accountability, and budget management. He highlighted the work of the safety committee, improving communication, performing a building needs assessment, time studies and color coded schedules, introducing new cleaning products, tools and equipment, summer team cleaning and inspection and conducting a satisfaction survey. He reviewed projects completed over the year such as the district move of schools last summer, remodeling to open the Wellness Clinic, remodeling the high school cafeteria and Knight Spot, replacing boilers and roofs, as well as environmental remediation and flooring replacement and curb appeal projects like landscaping and pressure washing. Jacobson also reviewed the energy education and star certification and the focus on safety. Members asked questions and commented on the presentation.

McNeal reviewed the usage of Royce and Wright for programming. He explained that by using Royce as a 4K center is saving the district \$400,000 each year with the consolidation of services and staff into one larger center.

He introduced Melissa Badger to provide an update on the referendum progress which is also available online. She highlighted the construction advisory committee that was formed. She explained the negotiated contract bid process and the three local contractors awarded schools. She also explained that the high school pool and tennis courts will be open for bid once the final

drawings are available. She stated that these two items are open to both local and outside construction companies. She explained that the next phase will be getting staff input for the Gaston, Todd and Cunningham sites as well as the old pool site for the fitness center so that final architectural drawings can be completed. She explained that the final phase will be the southeast intermediate school and Hackett Elementary School. She stated that projects are moving forward and on time. She then reviewed the financing of the referendum and the low to no interest rate bonds that were obtained which are lower than the interest rate the district used during the referendum planning. She stated that projects have already been happening and McNeel and Aldrich with boiler and roof replacements. She also explained that the Wright location is receiving a face lift by removing old outdated playground equipment and making more community green space. She also explained the use of Wright for two district programs which will save the district monies from renting other facilities such as Brother Dutton and Hendricks Education Center. Members thanked Badger for the update on the referendum.

McNeel then shared the highlights of the 2nd Annual Beloit Learning Conference. He stated that 250-300 people attended to hear national speakers, attend breakout sessions, and network with colleagues from other districts. Acomb agreed that the conference was extraordinary with outstanding speakers.

Winkelmann reviewed the topics of the July Finance, Transportation and Property Committee meetings.

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

Gard reviewed the topics of the June Special and July Regular Policy and Personnel Committee meetings.

Ramsdail moved approval of the consent list: 1) Bills, Payroll and Cash Position Statement; 2) Special Board Meetings of June 26, July 10, and July 17, 2012; and 3) Regular Business Meeting of June 26, 2012. Seconded by Acomb. Motion carried unanimously of the members present.

Ramsdail moved approval of the donation of \$4,000 (annually for 5 years) from Kerry Ingredients to support the Good to Great Activate! wellness festival, a low ropes course, and maintenance needs of the BMHS fitness center. Seconded by Winkelmann. Motion carried unanimously of the members present.

Winkelmann moved approval of the donation of a Freestrider from Victor Masliah to be used by the staff at the Kolak Education Center. Seconded by Ramsdail. Motion carried unanimously of the members present.

Ramsdail moved approval of the Second Harvest Foodbank grant application and receipt of funds. Seconded by Acomb. Gard asked about the deadline and submission of the grant. Janelle Martoz explained the timeline for this year and the efforts to begin earlier next year and provide even more communication to families. Gard stated that it has been very successful despite the late collaboration invitation from Second Harvest Foodbank. Scharmer thanked everyone involved in this process from the district, community and Second Harvest Foodbank. Acomb shared his praise for the program and the number of students who are being fed this summer. Motion carried unanimously of the members present.

Ramsdail moved approval of the District contributing an additional amount of 5% above the pay as you go amount for the 2011-2012 fiscal year if not yet met provided that the premium equivalency rate is less than the actual health insurance amount. Seconded by Winkelmann. Motion carried unanimously of the members present.

Winkelmann moved approval of the 66.0301 cooperative contract for visually impaired services. Seconded by Ramsdail. Gard asked about the partnership percentages. Motion carried unanimously of the members present.

Winkelmann moved approval of the purchase order with Springboard for the purchase of English textbooks in the amount of \$33,164.45 and the purchase order with Springboard for the purchase of math textbooks in the amount of \$25,378.38. Seconded by Ramsdail. Motion carried unanimously of the members present.

Gard moved approval of the School Health Coordinator position. Seconded by Henderson. Winkelmann asked for clarification on the position. Barb Buffington explained the decrease in RN time and the increase in LPN time with an RN coordinating the health care efforts. She also stated that there is no additional funds being requested as the FTE already exists. Motion carried unanimously of the members present.

Ramsdail moved approval of the revisions to Policy 113 Mission Statement for final reading. Seconded by Acomb. Motion carried unanimously of the members present.

Ramsdail moved approval of the revised personnel recommendations, Exhibit A. Seconded by Acomb. Motion carried unanimously of the members present.

Items for consideration at future meetings requested include a readiness for response crisis plan report as to where we are today and a school safety coordinator update.

Scharmer announced future meetings on Tuesday, August 14, and the Board Business meeting will be held on August 28, 2012.

The meeting adjourned at 8:10 p.m.

Michelle Shope, Board Secretary

Approved at the regular meeting of August 28, 2012

Shannon Scharmer, President