

REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION
SCHOOL DISTRICT OF BELOIT
July 28, 2009

The Board of Education held its regular meeting on July 28, 2009 at the Kolak Education Center in the Board Room. President Ramsdail called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Members Present: John Acomb, Jessie Everson, Missy Henderson, Tia Johnson, Michael Ramsdail, Shannon Scharmer and John Winkelmann. Member absent: Also present: Milt Thompson, Superintendent.

Acomb led the group in the pledge of allegiance.

Acomb moved approval of the agenda. Seconded by Johnson. Henderson made a friendly amendment to modify the agenda and table item IX S. – Acomb accepted the friendly amendment. Seconded by Johnson. Motion carried.

Acomb nominated Michelle Shope for the Board Secretary Position. Seconded by Henderson. Motion carried.

Johnson announced upcoming activities in the district. She announced the first day of school, September 1st as well as the registration dates and times for the elementary, middle and high schools. She also announced that the Hendricks Education Center is still accepting applications for the project-based learning to virtual schools programs. She also announced the incoming freshman summer pool party on August 5, 2009 at the Krueger Pool. The athletic code meeting for high school fall athletes will be held at 6:30 p.m. on August 6th. All athletes must attend this important meeting. School supply lists are available in numerous locations.

Melissa Badger recognized Ron Nortier, retired Board secretary. Nortier has served the district in several capacities over the years, most recently as the Executive Director of Personnel Services and Board secretary. Members shared their thoughts and comments on Ron's retirement from the district.

Ramsdail opened the podium for citizens or delegations to speak on items not on the agenda. Walter Knight, 2028 Masters Street, Beloit, addressed the members with concerns regarding budget deficits and budget cuts, test scores, achievement gap, staffing concerns, recruitment, interview techniques and what the district will do to handle concerns reported in the Beloit Daily News.

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.

Henderson reviewed the topics of the June Special and July 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 June 18, June 23, July 14, July 15 and July 21 (revised), 2009; 3) Regular Business Meeting of June 23, 2009 and 4) Contract Renewals with Johnson Controls. Seconded by Winkelmann. Motion carried.

Kathy Pohl presented the Revised Bloodborne Pathogens Exposure Control Plan for the School District of Beloit. The plan is based on a plan DPI uses. It was also reviewed by local agencies. Pohl highlighted the changes to the plan with additional at-risk employees identified, language changes affecting actual service provider responsibilities, and instruction. Everson moved approval of the Revised Bloodborne Pathogens Exposure Control Plan for the School District of Beloit. Seconded by Acomb. Motion carried 5-1, with Winkelmann voting in the negative.

Bette Carr presented the Pandemic Flu Plan. Wisconsin has had 6225 cases with 45 of those in Rock County. It's estimated that 40% of American could be affected. Plan goals include limit morbidity and mortality, preserve continuity of the essential school functions, minimize social disruption and economic losses. The pandemic planning committee worked closely with DPI and the Rock County Health Department. Functions relating to the achievement of the plan goals include health and wellness, continuity of learning, continuity of operations and surveillance. She shared highlights of the plan including educating staff, parents and students, continued student learning and operations, parent planning for child care in the event of school closure and/or ill child. Members commented on the plan. Acomb moved approval of the adoption of a pandemic flu plan. Seconded by Winkelmann. Motion carried.

Winkelmann moved approval of the purchase of the Companion Corporation Alexandria license upgrades and software subscription renewals, the purchase of the maintenance agreements with Weidenhammer for the Alio system during the 09-10 school year, the service agreement charges with Blackhawk Technical College for HSED Prep for High School Students, and the purchase order for 09-10 homeless students transportation from C & D Transportation as well as the purchase order for the 08-09 special education students transportation from C & D Transportation. Seconded by Acomb. Motion carried.

Winkelmann moved approval of the transportation to the YMCA After School Programs for the 2009-10 school year with the understanding that there are no additional costs with busing. Seconded by Acomb. Motion carried.

Winkelmann moved approval of the 2009 Food Service Equipment Assistance Grants for Beloit Memorial High School and Aldrich Middle School. Seconded by Acomb. Motion carried.

Winkelmann moved approval of the 2008-09 budget amendments as listed in the attached document. Seconded by Everson. Motion carried.

Winkelmann moved to table the review and approval of the 09-10 preliminary budget. Seconded by Acomb. Motion carried.

Everson moved approval of the purchase order with Specialty Floors for the Barkin floor. Seconded by Acomb. Motion carried.

Everson moved approval of the IKON proposal to meet the copying needs for Burdge Elementary School. Seconded by Acomb. Motion carried.

Winkelmann moved approval of the health and dental rates for 2009-10. Seconded by Acomb. Motion carried.

Henderson moved approval of the revision and layover of Policy 470 RULE 1 Students, Fees, Fines and Charges for first reading. Seconded by Acomb. Motion carried.

Henderson moved approval of the addition and layover of the pandemic flu absence policy language to Policy 221.2 Administrative Absences, 532.3 Professional Staff Absences and Policy 542.3 Support Staff Absences for first reading. Seconded by Acomb. Motion carried.

Henderson moved approval of the revision of Policy 455.2 Student Driving and Parking and Policy 446 dc Student Searches for final reading. Seconded by Acomb. Motion carried.

Henderson moved approval of the personnel recommendations Exhibit A as revised, personnel recommendations Exhibit B – Contract Revision and personnel recommendations Exhibit C – Para Educators Transfers for 2009-10 as revised. Seconded by Winkelmann. Motion carried.

Items were requested for future agendas included WIAA conference alignments for football.

Ramsdail announced that the committee meetings will be held on Tuesday, August 11, 2009, and the Board Business meeting will be held on August 25, 2009.

The meeting adjourned at 8:10 p.m.

Michelle Shope, Board Secretary

Approved at the regular meeting of August 25, 2009

Michael Ramsdail, President