

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

August 25, 2009

The Board of Education held its regular meeting on August 25, 2009 at the Kolak Education Center in the Board Room. President Ramsdail called the meeting to order at 7:04 p.m.

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

Acomb led the group in the pledge of allegiance.

Winkelmann moved approval of the agenda. Seconded by Acomb. Motion carried.

Everson announced upcoming activities in the district. She announced that summer is coming to a close and thanked staff who ran summer programs and provided maintenance in our schools. She welcomed returning and new families to the district and indicated that school begins on September 1st. She also announced the third annual business education summit held yesterday. She also extended appreciation to those businesses that have organized school supply drives and the individuals who contributed to them so that students are prepared for school. Families in need may stop by their school office later this week or once school starts to pick up supplies.

Ramsdail announced communications from Walter Knight.

Melissa Badger recognized the First Impressions Committee for their work on improvements at Beloit Memorial High School. Ann Shay, from Hendricks Development Group, highlighted the committee's work. She stated that at this point, they have raised \$30,000 and have begun making improvements at the high school. She thanked the maintenance staff at the high school for its efforts and indicated that many partnerships have formed through this process. Members commented on the improvements and how nice they have made the high school.

Ramsdail opened the podium for citizens or delegations to speak on items not on the agenda. Beth LeHuray, 709 Roosevelt, Beloit, President of the Roy Chapman Andrews Academy Governance Board addressed the members of the Board of Education on this issue of closing the McNeel Campus. She began by presenting history on the academy. She also stated that the contract indicates that both boards would discuss and vote on any changes made to the contract by mutual agreement. She also stated that the RCAA Governance Board expects that the McNeel campus will open on September 1 as expected.

Thompson highlighted the events of the Administrative Academy that took place last week. He indicated that the entire administrative team will be working on customer service at all schools this year. He stated that another focus of their discussions included evaluation of administrators on concrete, measurable items as well as staff morale and creating a positive school culture of which parents, students and staff want to be a part. Thompson also indicated that Thursday morning, Mychal Wynn, will be the keynote speaker at the district's convocation. His focus will be on what staff can do to raise student achievement in the classrooms at all levels. He will address practical, no cost ways to work with students to bring out their full potential. He will also address the racial achievement gap. Thompson

indicated that we will attempt to video tape his presentation and play it for the community. If we are able, we will make that information known to the community.

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

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

Henderson reviewed the topics of the July Special and August Regular Policy and Personnel Committee meetings.

Henderson moved approval of the consent list: 1) Bills, Payroll and Cash Position Statement; 2) Special Board Meetings of July 28 and August 11, 2009; 3) Regular Business Meeting of July 28, 2009 and 4) Stateline Community Foundation Grant Proposal. Seconded by Everson. Motion carried.

Winkelmann moved approval of spending the 09-10 dollars for a used skid steer. Seconded by Everson. Motion carried.

Winkelmann moved approval of the purchase orders with Technology Resource Advisors Inc for 4 HP services with warranties and 27 desktop computers. Seconded by Henderson. Motion carried.

Winkelmann moved approval of the purchase order with Audio Engineering for the security system at Hackett Elementary School for discussion. Seconded by Acomb. After minimal discussion, the motion carried.

The Teen Parent Child Care Proposal was approved at the special board meeting just prior.

Acomb moved approval of conducting the study of linguistic assessments at Beloit Memorial High School. Seconded by Henderson. Motion carried.

Winkelmann moved approval of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act (ESEA) 2009-10 Consolidated Plan. Seconded by Acomb. Motion carried.

Acomb moved approval of the REACH Grant Renewal for 2009-10. Seconded by Everson. Motion carried.

Henderson moved approval of the revision and layover of Policy 183 Voting Method for first reading. Seconded by Winkelmann. Motion carried.

Henderson moved approval of the revision of Policy 165 Board Member Code of Ethics and Policy 522.4 Staff Code of Ethics for final reading and to implement using the conflict of interest questionnaire form on an annual basis. Seconded by Acomb. Motion carried.

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

Henderson moved approval of the addition 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 final reading. Seconded by Winkelmann. Motion carried.

Henderson moved approval of the personnel recommendations Exhibit A as revised by the committee. Seconded by Winkelmann. Motion carried.

Winkelmann moved to table Exhibit B –Contract increases. Seconded by Henderson. Motion carried.

Items requested for future agendas included budget discussions.

Ramsdail announced that the committee meetings will be held on Tuesday, September 8, 2009, and the Board Business meeting will be held on September 22, 2009.

The meeting adjourned at 7:54 p.m.

Michelle Shope, Board Secretary

Approved at the regular meeting of September 22, 2009

Michael Ramsdail, President