

REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION
SCHOOL DISTRICT OF BELOIT
August 28, 2012

The Board of Education held its regular meeting on August 28, 2012 at the Kolak Education Center in the Board Room. President Scharmer called the meeting to order at 7:08 p.m.

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

Ramsdail moved approval of the agenda. Seconded by Winkelmann. 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 Michelle Shope and Bobbi Thiering for their work on the 2nd annual Beloit Summer Learning Conference. McNeal recognized Melissa Badger for her dedication and getting all of the information out to the district and public.

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

Barbara Buffington presented the results of the Youth Risk Behavior Survey (YRBS), Safe and Supportive School Survey (S3), and the Administrative Hearing and Expulsion report. She gave background information about the surveys. She stated that only 291 students out of over 1800 who could have participated in the survey compared to previous years when over 700 students participated. She explained the difference in the results based on different criteria.

Buffington shared the changes from 2009 to 2012 in the YRBS and from 2011-2012 in the S3 in the areas of safety, bullying, AODA, suicide, and teacher/student classroom relationship. She shared the data for the administrative hearings and expulsions. The expulsion rate has decreased 58% from the 10-11 school year to the 11-12 school year. She stated that this is the lowest expulsion rate since before 1996. She compared the number of expulsions by category such as alcohol and drug, harassment, fighting, repeated misconduct, aggressive physical contact with staff, and weapons. Board members asked questions about the data results and how to move forward to make improvements. Members noted that the number of students who participated was very low and the surveys were self-selective. Members shared their thoughts on the validity of the data. Faith Mattison, Safe & Drug Free Schools Coordinator explained the process used to educate the students taking the surveys as well as the process for determining who will take the survey.

Dr. Johnson, BMHS Principal, explained that he and his staff members feel that the school culture has contributed to the decrease in the number of expulsions. He stated that the five areas of improvement can be attributed to communicating with parents and students clear expectations; roles of administrators, the school resource officer, and security officers have changed including more interaction with students, establishing relationships and coaching of students; significant infrastructure changes to staffing and security; students establishing a sense of trust with the staff;

and staff invested in the school and students, i.e. Knight Spot, Computer Labs, ID and cell phone policy, etc. Members shared their thoughts on the culture change at the high school. Members and McNeal also gave thanks to Dr. Johnson and his staff for the change in culture and dedication to students.

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

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

Gard reviewed the topics of the July Special and August 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 July 24, August 14, and August 21, 2012; and 3) Regular Business Meeting of July 24, 2012. Seconded by Gard. Motion carried unanimously of the members present.

Ramsdail moved approval of an increase in paid lunch meal prices of ten cents as required by USDA using weighted average price calculations through the paid lunch equity (PLE) tool provided. Ramsdail also approved an increase of \$.25 for adult meals. Seconded by Acomb. Motion carried 6-1, with Winkelmann voting in the negative.

Winkelmann moved approval of the CESA 2 service contract for 2012-13. Seconded by Ramsdail. Motion carried unanimously of the members present.

Acomb moved approval of the contract with Community Health Systems to reimburse the district for mental health counseling services. Seconded by Henderson. Motion carried unanimously of the members present.

Acomb moved approval of the purchase of proposed human growth and development curriculum materials for grades 4, 5, 6-8, and 9-12 estimated at \$4,531.00. Seconded by Henderson. Motion carried unanimously of the members present.

Acomb moved approval of the purchase of Mathematics Investigations materials for grade K-5 teachers at a cost of \$80,698.40. Seconded by Henderson. Motion carried unanimously of the members present.

Acomb moved approval of the district's participation in the DPI Seclusion and Restraint Grant. Seconded by Henderson. Winkelmann commented on the requirement being unfunded, teachers out of classrooms, etc. Ramsdail agreed with Winkelmann. Motion carried unanimously of the members present.

Gard moved approval of the revisions and layover of Policy 522 Staff Conduct for first reading. Seconded by Rand. Motion carried unanimously of the members present.

Gard moved approval of the revisions and layover of Policy 810 RULE 1 Community Relations Responsibilities for first reading. Seconded by Ramsdail. Motion carried unanimously of the members present.

Winkelmann moved approval of the deletion and layover of Policy 824.1 School Directories and Policy 824.1 RULE 1 Distribution List for Schools' Directory of Personnel for first reading. Seconded by Ramsdail. Motion carried unanimously of the members present.

Ramsdail moved approval of the revision and layover of Policy 893 Relations with Educational Researchers for first reading. Seconded by Gard. Motion carried unanimously of the members present.

Ramsdail moved approval of the revised personnel recommendations - Exhibit A. Seconded by Gard. Scharmer asked about the FTE on the KG resignation. McNeal clarified that the FTE will be replaced based on need as it was a one year only position. Scharmer offered striking the FTE will not be replaced as a friendly amendment. Ramsdail and Gard accepted the friendly amendment. Motion carried unanimously of the members present.

Items for consideration at future meetings requested include Strategic Plan, Building Update,

Scharmer announced future meetings on Tuesday, September 11, and the Board Business meeting will be held on September 25, 2012.

The meeting adjourned at 8:37 p.m.

Michelle Shope, Board Secretary

Approved at the regular meeting of September 25, 2012

Shannon Scharmer, President