

**REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION**  
**SCHOOL DISTRICT OF BELOIT**  
**October 23, 2012**

The Board of Education held its regular meeting on October 23, 2012 at the Kolak Education Center in the Board Room. President Scharmer called the meeting to order at 7:15 p.m.

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

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

Acomb led the group in the pledge of allegiance.

Winkelmann announced upcoming activities in the district.

Gard moved to hold the December board committee meetings on December 4 and the board business meeting on December 18. Seconded by Acomb. Motion carried unanimously of the members present.

Badger recognized Burdge Elementary School for its recognition as a State of Wisconsin School of Merit by the Wisconsin RtI Center for the staff work on implementing school-wide best practices of the WI Response to Intervention (RtI) Framework. Deb Prosser, Principal, explained the initiative funded by DPI for students. She also explained the best practices that Burdge uses which attributed to this recognition. Board members commented on this recognition and offered their thanks.

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

Scharmer introduced Barb Buffington and Dan Stauffacher who presented an update on district safety and security. Buffington commented on the job description for Stauffacher and the fact that he is one of three persons in the district trained in non-violent crisis intervention. Stauffacher reviewed school resource officers and security officers in the secondary schools, crossing guards, and planned events such as backpack searches, K-9 searches, district-wide lockdown drills, monthly fire drills, tornado drills and MERT team - emergency response - drills at all schools. He also reviewed the outside liaisons that he has with police and fire departments, Heightened Awareness Team with local and county agencies, and Rock County Safe Schools. He also talked about the high school homecoming parade route, lunch operations at the alternative learning programs, start of school concerns for schools, and active shooter preparation. Board members shared their thanks for his work. Winkelmann asked questions about retraining district staff in incident command procedures.

McNeal thanked Burdge staff for their dedication and work earning the recognition.

McNeal presented the referendum update. He reviewed the process including input from staff, parents, and the community. He stated that four projects are underway...Robinson, Converse, Merrill and the high school pool. He reminded everyone that the district used the negotiated bid process and local contractors. McNeal explained that the projects could physically begin at the

schools until the plans and designs were finalized by the architects with input from the building staff members. He indicated that construction meetings are held and welcomed the public to attend or to review the minutes on our district website. McNeal reviewed the projects at Robinson, Converse and Merrill including larger gymnasiums, art rooms, music rooms, appropriate classroom sizes, renovations in the existing buildings and increased safety with better traffic flow and pick up/drop off areas. He also explained that the high school pool project is ready to go, but is waiting for approval from the DNR. He also stated that the design has changed from its initial vision to today, however, still fits under the same budget allotment yet increased seating capacity and turned the pool parallel to the river. He explained the plan for the high school tennis courts and that final designs are being worked on by the architects and staff for phase 2 at Cunningham, Gaston, Todd and Hackett. He explained that the fitness center plans are on hold until the old pool area is no longer needed. The intent is to break ground on the elementary schools as soon as school is out in 2013. He reviewed the plans for Cunningham as an intermediate school including grade level separations and increased parking. He also reviewed Gaston, Todd and Hackett. He stated that the district is hoping to name the site for the new intermediate school very soon. He reviewed projects at Aldrich Middle School and McNeel Middle School. He stated that there have been building envelope improvements at the high school as well.

McNeal demonstrated that the district's operating budget and the slight increase in taxes to the taxpayer. He stated that with Act 10, taxing moved away from the State level to the local level, thereby increasing taxes at the local level and lowering them at the state level. He stated that the district went from a \$90,000,000 budget in 2011 to a \$77,000,000 budget for 2013. He then reviewed the referendum financing and lower tax rate due to fiscal responsibility and excellent Moody bond rating. He explained how the interest rate was calculated during the referendum proposal compared to what the district was actually able to secure which is a savings to the taxpayer. He reviewed frequently asked questions stating that some K4 students will begin moving next fall to the schools completed in Phase 1, sixth grade students will have an elementary setting with seventh grade being the transition year and eighth grade will be the typical middle school year of scheduling. He also talked about roofing; durable materials used and cost efficiency.

Samantha DeForest-Davis, student board representative, was absent and unable to report on activities at the high school.

Winkelmann reviewed the topics of the September Special and October Regular Finance, Transportation and Property Committee meetings. Winkelmann also asked Janelle Marotz to come to the podium so the board could recognize her for all of her work on the budget.

Gard reviewed the topics of the September Special and October Regular Policy and Personnel Committee meetings.

Winkelmann moved approval of the consent list: 1) Bills, Payroll and Cash Position Statement; 2) Special Board Meetings of September 25, October 9, October 15, and October 16, 2012; and 3) Regular Business Meeting of September 25, 2012. Seconded by Acomb. Motion carried unanimously of the members present.

Acomb moved approval of the revisions and layover of Policy 111 Effective Schools for deletion. Seconded by Gard. Motion carried unanimously of the members present.

Winkelmann moved approval of the revisions and layover of Policy 112 RULE 1 Employee Discrimination Compliant Procedures for first reading. Seconded by Acomb. Motion carried unanimously of the members present.

Gard moved approval of the revisions and layover of Policy 162 New Board Member Orientation for first reading. Seconded by Acomb. Motion carried unanimously of the members present.

Gard moved approval of the revisions and layover of Policy 652 Revenues from Investments for first reading. Seconded by Winkelmann. Motion carried unanimously of the members present.

Gard moved approval of the revisions and layover of Policy 691 Purchase, Sale and Disposal of Assets for first reading. Acomb made a recommendation to have students participate in the recycling and possibly use the funds raised for their club or organization. Seconded by Henderson. Motion carried unanimously of the members present.

Gard moved approval of the revised personnel recommendations - Exhibit A. Seconded by Henderson. Motion carried unanimously of the members present.

Items for consideration at future meetings were not requested.

Scharmer announced future meetings on Tuesday, November 13 and the Board Business meeting will be held on November 27, 2012.

The meeting adjourned at 8:28 p.m.

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Michelle Shope, Board Secretary

Approved at the regular meeting of November 27, 2012

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Shannon Scharmer, President