

REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION
SCHOOL DISTRICT OF BELOIT
October 26, 2010

The Board of Education held its regular meeting on October 26, 2010 at the Kolak Education Center in the Board Room. President Ramsdail called the meeting to order at 7:23 p.m.

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

Scharmer moved approval of the agenda. Seconded by Johnson. Motion carried unanimously of the members present.

Acomb led the group in the pledge of allegiance.

Winkelmann moved approval of the 2010-11 (E)Quality Committee membership. Seconded by Johnson. Motion carried unanimously of the members present.

Acomb moved approval of the Student Nutrition Committee membership including two additions Jonai Washington and Tracy Saladar. Seconded by Henderson. Winkelmann asked for a financial person to be considered for the committee due to the implications with changing food service in the district. Acomb indicated that the statement of purpose for the committee is to identify ways that the school district might enhance the nutrition of foods offered to its students and to look for innovative and effective ways to educate students to practice healthy eating habits and lifestyles. Motion carried unanimously of the members present.

Johnson announced upcoming activities in the district. She announced a reminder that there will be no school on Thursday and Friday due to teacher's convention. She also announced congratulations to the creators of the documentary 16:49 which received the Outstanding Media Presentation Award from the National Association for the Education of Homeless Children and Youth. The high school theater is offering a haunted hayride at Leeson Park on October 29th and 30th and the theater is performing Neil Simon's "The Good Doctor" on the evenings of November 11th, 12th and 13th and a matinee performance on November 14th. She also announced that the high school Jazz Band has a concert featuring guest musician, Victor Goines at LaCasa Grande on Monday, November 1st.

Badger recognized Golden State Foods for their generosity in donating backpacks for all first grade students at Hackett, Merrill, Royce and Wright Elementary Schools. Golden State Foods surprised the district by bringing over 400 brand new coats with them to the district. She also recognized Burdge, Gaston and Hackett Elementary Schools on being named a Wisconsin School of Recognition. Badger recognized the district service personnel for their dedication and hard work on the operations side of the district.

Ramsdail opened the podium for citizens or delegations to speak on items not on the agenda. No one came forward.

Robin Stuht, Homeless Coordinator, presented a short video of the documentary 16:49. The hope is that this documentary showing what happens to homeless teens from the time school is dismissed to

the start of the next school day will spark interest in the community for starting a transitional shelter to assist this segment of the homeless population.

John Kaminski, BMHS Assistant Principal, presented the Kids Against Hunger program. He was joined by three students and two other adults who are leaders in this project. Students and other volunteers will be packaging nutritious meals to be shipped to Cameroon, Africa. Approximately 600-800 volunteers will be working to complete this large service project. Students shared their positive experience with this program and how it has helped them with leadership skills.

Tom Johnson, BMHS Principal highlighted changes happening at the high school. In addition to the last two presentations, he spoke about the music instructors and the programs. He also presented areas that the high school is improving in. Those areas included restructuring administration, student advisory, privileged based high school, academics/courses, department needs, assessment, interventions, technology, security, higher expectations. He shared that teacher referrals are down, while administrative referrals have increased and that suspensions both in school and out of school are down. He also stated that truancy is being taken seriously.

Student representative, Madeline West, was unable to attend the meeting.

Hickman reviewed the topics of the October (E)Quality Committee meeting.

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

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

Henderson reviewed the topics of the September Special and October 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 September 28, October 5, October 12 and October 19, 2010; and 3) Regular Business Meeting of September 28, 2010. Seconded by Acomb. Motion carried unanimously of the members present.

Winkelmann moved approval of the purchase of Second Step materials in an amount not to exceed \$53,370. Seconded by Everson. Motion carried unanimously of the members present.

Thompson and Winkelmann reviewed the open forums on budget and facilities held at the Beloit Public Library for board members. A few members of the community attended.

Everson moved approval of establishment of the 2010 tax levy of \$15,267,600 (21.72%) for the 2010-11 school year and adopts the 2010-2011 budget by fund. Seconded by Winkleman for discussion.

Scharmer moved to extend the meeting to 9:30 p.m. Seconded by Johnson. Motion carried.

Members asked questions of Weise such as how the levy affects the tax payer. Members shared their thoughts on the tax levy.

Following a lengthy discussion, motion failed on a roll call vote 3-4 with Acomb, Johnson, Scharmer and Winkelmann voting in the negative.

Winkelmann moved establishment of the 2010 tax levy of \$12,542,720 (0%) for the 2010-11 school year and adoption of the 2010-2011 budget by fund. Seconded by Scharmer with the friendly amendment that some information has yet to be provided, therefore a separate meeting with as much time as is needed for determining use of fund balance or budget reductions. Winkelmann accepted the friendly amendment. Motion failed on a roll call vote 2-5 with Acomb, Everson, Henderson, Johnson and Ramsdail voting in the negative.

Scharmer moved establishment of the 2010 tax levy of \$10,000,000 (-20.27%) for the 2010-11 school year and adoption of the 2010-2011 budget by fund. Motion died due to the lack of a second.

Everson moved establishment of the 2010 tax levy of \$14,298,720 (14%) for the 2010-11 school year and adoption of the 2010-2011 budget by fund. Seconded by Ramsdail. Members asked what the affect would be on the tax payer at this amount of levy. Following discussion, the motion failed on a roll call vote 3-4 with Acomb, Johnson, Scharmer and Winkelmann voting in the negative.

Acomb moved establishment of the 2010 tax levy of \$12,795,720 (2%) for the 2010-11 school year and adoption of the 2010-2011 budget by fund. Motion died due to the lack of a second.

Johnson moved establishment of the 2010 tax levy of \$13,000,000 (3.65%) for the 2010-11 school year and adoption of the 2010-2011 budget by fund. Seconded by Acomb. Members discussed the affect to the tax payer as well as impact on a possible future referendum.

Johnson moved to extend the meeting until the board is done. Seconded by Acomb. Motion carried.

Members asked questions of Weise and provided thoughts on other options. Discussion pursued on using a deferment of the debt service fund to assist with the levy and budget. After lengthy discussion, motion failed on a roll call vote 3-4 with Everson, Henderson, Scharmer and Winkelmann voting in the negative.

Everson moved establishment of the 2010 tax levy of \$13,483,424 (7.5%) for the 2010-11 school year and adoption of the 2010-2011 budget by fund. Seconded by Henderson. Additional discussion pursued on the affect on tax payers as well as use of debt service deferment. After lengthy discussion, the motion failed on a roll call vote 3-4 with Acomb, Johnson, Scharmer and Winkelmann voting in the negative.

Acomb moved establishment of the 2010 tax levy of \$12,542,720 (0%) for the 2010-11 school year and adoption of the 2010-2011 budget by fund. Seconded by Winkelmann with a friendly amendment to defer \$1,000,000 of the debt service fund. Acomb accepted the friendly amendment. Motion failed 3-4 with Everson, Henderson, Johnson and Ramsdail voting in the negative.

Henderson moved to lay on the table the establishment of the 2010 tax levy for the 2010-11 school year and adoption of the 2010-2011 budget by fund until Friday, October 29. Seconded by Johnson. Motion carried on a roll call vote 5-2 with Everson and Ramsdail voting in the negative.

Members agreed to meet at 5:00 p.m. on Friday, October 29th.

Winkelmann moved approval of the Physical Education Program (PEP) Grant award. Seconded by Henderson. Scharmer asked for approval of grant in dollars, but to reconsider the equipment purchases by the district. Thompson explained that there were ample opportunities for staff to provide input. Motion carried unanimously of the members present.

Acomb moved approval of the new courses, course changes, and course deletions in the Music Department, World Languages Department and Physical Education Department. Seconded by Henderson. Motion carried unanimously of the members present.

Acomb moved approval of the Youth Options applications for second semester 2010-11. Seconded by Henderson. Motion carried unanimously of the members present.

Winkelmann moved approval of the revisions and layover of Policy 223.1 RULE 1 Procedures for Administrator Continuing Education Credit Reimbursement and approval of the revisions and layover of Policy 672.1 Purchasing/Bidding Requirements for first reading. Seconded by Scharmer. Motion carried unanimously of the members present.

Winklemann moved approval of Policy 151.1 Policy Adoption and Revision for final reading. Seconded by Acomb. Motion carried 6-1 with Johnson voting in the negative.

Winkelmann moved approval of Policy 343.3 Independent Study, Policy 343.3 RULE 1 Independent Study Procedures, Policy 443.1 RULE 2 Middle and High School Dress Code, and Policy 455.5 Identification Badges – Students for final reading. Seconded by Henderson. Motion carried unanimously of the members present.

Winkelmann moved approval of the revised personnel recommendations, Exhibit A. Seconded by Everson. Motion carried 6-1 with Scharmer voting in the negative.

There were no items for consideration at future meetings requested.

Ramsdail announced future meetings on Friday, October 29th, Tuesday, November 9 and the Board Business meeting will be held on November 23, 2010.

The meeting adjourned at 11:00 p.m.

Michelle Shope, Board Secretary

Approved at the regular meeting of November 23, 2010

Michael Ramsdail, President