

REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION
SCHOOL DISTRICT OF BELOIT
November 23, 2010

The Board of Education held its regular meeting on November 23, 2010 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, Jessica Everson, Missy Henderson, Tia Johnson, Michael Ramsdail, Shannon Scharmer and John Winkelmann. Also present: Milt Thompson, Superintendent.

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

Acomb led the group in the pledge of allegiance.

Everson announced upcoming activities in the district. She announced the volunteerism that students have been doing including the Kids Against Hunger meal packing and the K-Kids Read-Along at Converse. She also announced that the students at the high school were able to explore careers during the high school Career Fair. She reminded families that fall break begins tomorrow, November 24th and classes will resume on November 29th.

Winkelmann moved to hold the December Committee meetings on December 7 and the December Business meeting on December 14. Seconded by Everson. Motion carried unanimously of the members present.

Badger recognized retired seniors and the volunteer program in the district. Volunteers provide rich, intergenerational experiences for students throughout the district. She also recognized Beloit Culvers Restaurant for their consistent and joyful support of the district's students and staff. Badger also recognized Shawn Fredricks and Kim Gilbank for their persistence in pursuing and winning the coveted Carol M. White Physical Education Program Grant.

Tracy Donich, Elementary Curriculum Supervisor presented the I Can statements. She indicated that the purpose of the statements is to help students identify what their goals are based on state standards and the content being taught in the district. When asked what students are learning, they are able to answer with that "I Can...." Members asked questions of Donich and made comments.

Steve McNeal, Assistant Superintendent of Curriculum and Instruction presented the summer school report. He highlighted summer school expenses as well as the Nova net software. He also explained summer school FTE and state aid. He indicated that the summer school program was very successful and extremely profitable. He stated that students were getting remediation courses to bring them up to grade level as well as students for enrichment classes. He stated that he thought enrichment courses for next year would be expanded and he also thought more students would need to earn credits at the middle school level during the summer to move on to the high school in the fall. He did also indicate that the pay for teachers should be looked at to ensure that they are competitive to neighboring districts. Members asked questions of McNeal and made comments. Chris Wesling, Assistant Superintendent for Pupil Services, addressed the question of services and needs for special education students with IEP's and students with 504 plans.

Student representative, Madeline West, reported on student activities. She indicated that the hot topic at the high school is the new grading policy. She indicated that students are using the window of opportunity as a procrastination tool. Others are grateful for the extra time for assignments.

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

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

Henderson reviewed the topics of the October Special and November Regular Policy and Personnel Committee meetings.

Scharmer moved approval of the consent list: 1) Bills, Payroll and Cash Position Statement; 2) Special Board Meetings of October 26, October 29, and November 9, 2010; and 3) Regular Business Meeting of October 26, 2010. Seconded by Acomb. Motion carried unanimously of the members present.

Winkelmann moved approval of each extra curricular activity group and their activities for 2010-2011 school year, as presented. Seconded by Everson. Motion carried unanimously of the members present.

Acomb moved approval of the new course, course changes in the Family/Consumer Education Department, Business Education Department and Industrial Technology Education Department. Seconded by Henderson. Motion carried unanimously of the members present.

Winkelmann moved approval of the Wisconsin Schools of Recognition Grant proposal, acceptance of the Title I Supplemental Grant award for the Eclipse Center Charter School and acceptance of the Reading is Fundamental Grant award. Seconded by Everson. Motion carried unanimously of the members present.

Henderson moved approval of an increase of \$200 in benefits for new security guard uniforms. Seconded by Winkelmann. Motion carried unanimously of the members present.

Henderson moved approval of the revisions and layover of Policy 377 RULE 2 Secondary Schools Athletic Code for first reading. Seconded by Everson. Motion carried unanimously of the members present.

Scharmer moved approval of the revisions and layover of Policy 421 RULE 1 Early Admission to Five Year Old Kindergarten and the addition and layover of Policy 421 RULE 2 Early Admission to First Grade and/or Admission to First Grade Without Having Attended Kindergarten for first reading. Seconded by Acomb. Wesling explained the two policies and the changes in the law. Motion carried unanimously of the members present.

Winkelmann moved approval of the revisions and layover of Policy 425 Enrollment of Expelled Students for first reading. Seconded by Henderson. Motion carried unanimously of the members present.

Winkelmann moved approval of the revisions and layover of Policy 470 RULE 1 Guidelines Regarding Student Fees/Fines/Charges for first reading. Seconded by Henderson. Acomb made

suggested language changes for the next reading. Motion carried unanimously of the members present.

Henderson moved approval of the revisions of Policy 223.1 RULE 1 Procedures for Administrator Continuing Education Credit Reimbursement for final reading. Seconded by Acomb. Motion carried unanimously of the members present.

Henderson moved approval of the revisions of Policy 672.1 Purchasing/Bidding Requirements for final reading. Seconded by Winkelmann. Motion carried unanimously of the members present.

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

Items for consideration at future meetings included alternative programming for expelled students, block vs. period schedules, gifted and talented update, classes that require outside of class time for grades, closed session regarding expelled students policy, school reports on parent involvement in schools.

Ramsdail announced future meetings on Tuesday, December 7 and the Board Business meeting will be held on December 14, 2010.

The meeting adjourned at 8:25 p.m.

Michelle Shope, Board Secretary

Approved at the regular meeting of December 14, 2010

Michael Ramsdail, President