

REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION
SCHOOL DISTRICT OF BELOIT
December 17, 2013

The Board of Education held its regular meeting on December 17, 2013 at the Kolak Education Center in the Board Room. President Scharmer called the meeting to order at 7:13 p.m.

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

Gard moved approval of the agenda. Seconded by Rand. Motion carried unanimously of the members present. Acomb led the group in the pledge of allegiance. Rand gave the December announcements.

Badger recognized BMHS students Jose Barron and Aaron Weber for their successful soccer season! She also recognized Professional Educator, Matt Flynn, who just received National Board Certification and Custodian, Mike Vance for his quick actions which resulted in saving the life of a sixth grade student at Aldrich. Michelle, HR Director from ABM Services, also shared her thanks to Vance for his service, heroism and presented him with a \$1,000 check!

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

McNeal introduced Jennifer Fanning from McLenegan and Melody Wirgau from Todd who updated the board and community on the education programs and activities at their schools. Scharmer had Melissa Badger introduce Rick McGrath and Ana Kelly who updated the board and community on the progress being made by Resonate Web Marketing.

Jesse Porter, Student Board Representatives, reported on activities at the high school.

Winkelmann reviewed the topics of the December Finance, Transportation and Property Committee meeting. Acomb reviewed the topics of the December Curriculum and Instruction Committee meeting. Gard reviewed the topics of the November Special and December Regular Policy and Personnel Committee meetings.

Acomb moved approval of the consent list: 1) Special Board Meetings of November 26 and December 10, 2013; 2) Regular Business Meeting of November 26, 2013; and 3) Approval of October Financial Summary. Seconded by Rand. Acomb made a friendly amendment to correct minutes of December 10. Rand accepted. Motion carried unanimously of the members present.

Winkelmann moved approval of the donation of \$500 from Exxon Mobil to be used at Beloit Memorial High school for math and science programming. Seconded by Rand. Motion carried unanimously of the members present.

Winkelmann moved approval of updating the actuarial discount rate to 4%. Seconded by Rand. Motion carried unanimously of the members present.

Henderson moved approval of the new funding opportunities the US Department of Labor, Wisconsin Department of Transportation and Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction. Seconded by Rand. Motion carried unanimously of the members present.

Gard moved approval of the new courses: Anatomy and Physiology, Exploring Technology Construction 2 Introduction to Coding and Application Development, Game Design, Digital Art 2, Advanced Placement Art History, and Advanced Placement Programming, as well as course name change from Biology Series:

Anatomy and Physiology to Biology Series: Human Biology. Seconded by Rand. Motion carried unanimously of the members present.

Rand moved approval of the revisions of Policy 377 RULE 2 Secondary Schools Athletics and Activities Code (Grades 9-12) for final reading. Seconded by Winkelmann. Acomb made a friendly amendment to fix A4 by adding a period, striking the “and”, and capitalizing the “T” in the. Rand and Winkelmann accepted the friendly amendment. Acomb also asked for clarification on the data method. Acomb made a friendly amendment to add language to A4 to require tutoring for those students failing or not making progress toward the target GPA. Rand and Winkelmann did not accept the friendly amendment. Acomb then submitted it as a motion. Seconded by Gard. McNeal addressed the management associated with this proposed language. Members offered their thoughts on the motion.

Winkelmann moved to extend the business meeting until it is finished. Seconded by Acomb. Motion carried unanimously of the members present.

Members continued to share their thoughts on the proposed motion from Acomb. McNeal again stated his objection to the proposed additional language. Scharmer asked for a roll call vote on the amendment. The amendment failed 3-3 with Henderson, Rand and Winkelmann voting in the negative. Scharmer made an amendment for a one year trial period. Seconded by Gard. The amendment failed 3-3 with Henderson, Rand and Winkelmann voting in the negative.

Acomb proposed a friendly amendment to add language to clarify ineligibility status erasure due to summer school in B5, Fall Exception Rule. Winkelmann and Rand accepted the friendly amendment. Henderson made a friendly amendment to add a reference to Policy 423 which clarifies who may participate as a full time student. Winkelmann and Rand accepted the friendly amendment. Scharmer clarified that the determination for students failing will be checked at mid-term and grading term. Scharmer made a friendly amendment to add language in A4 clarifying tracking F’s at mid-term and the four quarterly grading terms. Scharmer called for the question as presented with the friendly amendments. The amended motion carried 5-1 with Acomb voting in the negative.

Winkelmann moved approval of the revision or deletion as denoted of Policy 165 Board Member Code of Ethics, Policy 225 RULE 1 Superintendent Evaluation Procedures, Policy 311 Principles of Teaching, Policy 320 Organization for Instruction, Policy 322 School Day, Policy 342.71 RULE 3 Day Care Services for School Aged Parents, Policy 537.2 Staff Meetings/Staff Inservice Activities, Policy 541.1 Service Personnel, Policy 542 Support Staff Contracts, Policy 671.1 Payday Schedules, Policy 671.3 Salary Deductions for final reading. Seconded by Ramsdail. Motion carried unanimously of the members present.

There were no Personnel Recommendations for approval. Items requested for consideration at future meetings included looking at district outreach to persons considering moving to Beloit.

Scharmer announced future meetings: Special Board meeting on Tuesday, January 14, and the Board Business meeting on January 28, 2014.

The meeting adjourned at 9:29 p.m.

Michelle Shope, Board Secretary

Approved at the regular meeting of January 28, 2014

Shannon Scharmer, President