

REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION
SCHOOL DISTRICT OF BELOIT
December 18, 2012

The Board of Education held its regular meeting on December 18, 2012 at the Kolak Education Center in the Board Room. President Scharmer called the meeting to order at 7:10 p.m.

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

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

Acomb led the group in the pledge of allegiance.

Following a moment of silence, Rand gave the December announcements.

Badger recognized the Race to the Top Grant writing team. Lynée Tourdot, Assistant Superintendent, explained the process. She stated that there were 372 accepted applications with Beloit in the top 25-30%. She explained that the team worked many evening hours writing the grant, which proved to be very worthwhile forcing the team to develop more focused vision that will be carried out, even if the district does not receive the grant.

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

Jennifer Fanning, McLenegan Principal, along with staff members Adam Ferger and Britta Gagner, shared highlights of McLenegan Elementary. She shared that each staff member has written two professional goals. Gagner shared information about the single gender (all girls) program and the student council program. Ferger reviewed student technology and Gagner reviewed technology coaching for staff members. Ferger also reviewed how McLenegan staff is using Positive Behavioral and Interventions and Support (PBIS) and the after school programming serving 110 students. Gagner shared information about the Destination Imagination teams. Fanning reviewed Guided Math and Balanced Literacy Coaching used at McLenegan. Members asked clarifying questions and thanked the staff at McLenegan for their great work.

McNeal asked Jeff Jacobson, Facility Services Director to provide an update on the referendum building projects. Jacobson shared photos of the current projects at Converse, Merrill, and Robinson showing the great progress made to date. He also shared that the contractor has already begun work on the high school pool following the groundbreaking ceremony last Friday. He then shared photos of the Technical Education Remodeling at the high school. He stated that the district is partnering with community members to ensure that students and staff have proper equipment.

Samantha DeForest-Davis, student board representative, 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) Bills, Payroll and Cash Position Statement; 2) Special Board Meetings of November 27, and December 4, 2012; and 3) Regular Business Meeting of November 27, 2012. Seconded by Rand. Motion carried unanimously of the members present.

Winkelmann moved approval of hiring Davidson Consultants for the purpose of Skyward Business Suite Implementation in an amount not to exceed \$51,960. Seconded by Rand. Motion carried unanimously of the members present.

Winkelmann moved approval of the Director of Finance position and approves the revised attached job description for the position of Director of Finance. Seconded by Rand. Motion carried unanimously of the members present.

Winkelmann moved approval of the deletion and layover of Policy 221.2 Administrative Residency for first reading. Seconded by Rand. Motion carried unanimously of the members present.

Winkelmann moved approval of the revisions and layover of Policy 343.2 RULE 1 Guidelines for Determining Staffing Needs for first reading. Seconded by Rand. Motion carried unanimously of the members present.

Winkelmann moved approval of the revisions and layover of Policy 661 Depository of Funds and Policy 661 RULE 1 School District Depositories for first reading. Seconded by Rand. Acomb pointed out a correction on a bank title. Winkelmann and Rand accepted the correction. Motion carried 5-0-1 with Acomb abstaining.

Acomb moved approval of the revisions and layover of Policy 910 Facility Development Goal, Policy 920 Facilities Planning, Policy 942 Selection of an Architect, Policy 943.1 Site Development and Selection, Policy 943.2 Building Design, Policy 945.1 Protection and Guarantees, Policy 946 Supervision of Construction, and Policy 947 Construction Project Records and Documents. Seconded by Rand. Motion carried unanimously of the members present.

Gard moved approval of the revisions of Policy 412. 1 Full-Time Students for final reading. Seconded by Rand. Motion carried unanimously of the members present.

Gard moved approval of the revisions of Policy 420 RULE 3 Procedures for Placement of Transfer Students for final reading. Seconded by Rand. Motion carried unanimously of the members present.

Rand moved approval of the revisions of Policy 424 RULE 1 State Public School Open Enrollment - Full Time (Resident and Nonresident) for final reading. Seconded by Gard. Acomb asked for clarification on persons applying for open enrollment only if a comparable program is offered in their district. Motion carried unanimously of the members present.

Rand moved approval of the revisions of Policy 425 Enrollment of Expelled Students for final reading. Seconded by Gard. Winkelmann asked if the data was available at this time. He also stated that a team review would be his preference due to district history. Acomb also asked for a copy of the IDEA act. Scharmer stated she was uncomfortable in moving this policy forward and not having

the data. Acomb moved to table the motion. Seconded by Winkelmann. Motion to table carried unanimously of the members present.

Rand moved approval of the revisions of Policy 432 RULE 2 In-District Transfer Guidelines for final reading. Seconded by Winkelmann. Motion carried unanimously of the members present.

Gard moved approval of the revisions of Policy 447.1 Corporal Punishment/Use of Physical Force retitled to Use of Seclusion and Physical Restraint for final reading. Seconded by Acomb. Motion carried unanimously of the members present.

Acomb moved approval of the revisions of Policy 447.3 RULE 3 dc Procedures for Considering Expulsion of Students with Disabilities for final reading. Seconded by Rand. Motion carried 5-1 with Winkelmann voting in the negative.

Acomb moved approval of the revisions of Policy 453.32 Control and Treatment of Head Lice/Nits in the Schools for final reading. Seconded by Rand. Motion carried unanimously of the members present.

Rand moved approval of the revisions of Policy 453.6 Vision and Hearing Screening Programs and Policy 456.3 RULE 1 Staff Responsibilities Relating to Vision/Hearing Screening Program for final reading. Seconded by Gard. Motion carried unanimously of the members present.

Gard moved approval of the revisions of Policy 480 Student Employment for final reading. Seconded by Rand. Winkelmann asked for clarification if this policy is only allowing special education students to work part-time during the school day. It was clarified that this covers students in special education outside of the formal work study program. Motion carried unanimously of the members present.

Rand moved approval of the revisions of Policy 671.2 Expense Reimbursements and Policy 671.2 RULE 1 Guidelines Regulating Expense Reimbursement for final reading. Seconded by Gard. Motion carried unanimously of the members present.

Acomb moved approval of the revised personnel recommendations - Exhibit A and Exhibit B. Seconded by Rand. Motion carried unanimously of the members present.

Items for consideration at future meetings included formal approval of the audit report heard earlier at the special meeting at the next televised business meeting.

Scharmer announced future meetings on Tuesday, January 8, a Board retreat on Tuesday, January 15 and the Board Business meeting on January 22, 2013. A joint meeting with the city council is tentatively scheduled for January 14.

The meeting adjourned at 8:25 p.m.

Michelle Shope, Board Secretary

Approved at the regular meeting of January 22, 2013

Shannon Scharmer, President