

**REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION**  
**SCHOOL DISTRICT OF БЕLOIT**  
**May 25, 2010**

The Board of Education held its regular meeting on May 25, 2010 at the Kolak Education Center in the Board Room. Vice President Henderson called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m.

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

Acomb led the group in the pledge of allegiance.

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

Everson announced upcoming activities in the district. She announced information regarding the graduation ceremony on June 12 on Jacobson Field at 10:00 a.m. unless inclement weather, then the ceremony will be held in the Barkin Arena. Videogenics will also be videotaping. She also announced that this coming weekend, students in grades 5-12 with a GPA of 3.5 or higher will be honored with guest speaker, Jim Caldwell. She also announced that the last day of school is June 9<sup>th</sup> with a half day for elementary and middle school students and a full day for high school students.

Henderson offered a moment of silence of Assistant City Manager, Steve Gregg, who recently passed away.

Badger recognized Lori Lefel and the Todd Elementary School Jump Rope for Heart Participants who have gone above and beyond in fundraising efforts. This year, they were able to double the amount of funds they raised. Principal Christensen thanked the students and their families as well as Lori Lefel who coordinated the effort.

She also recognized Alyce Kuenzli, Beloit College Graduate for her volunteer work at the Hendricks Education Center. Mark Dax acknowledged other staff and volunteers for the Hendricks Education Center. He stated that Kuenzli coordinated efforts between the college and the charter schools, as well as other volunteer efforts.

Badger recognized Laura Sage, grants coordinator and Eco Lab for their gift of grants to the district again this year. Sage indicated that this program has been in place for 25 years and was started with the purpose of giving back to the community.

She also recognized Bette Carr, RN, who received the honor of Wisconsin School Nurse of the Year by the Wisconsin School Nursing Association. Chris Wesling had nominated Carr and highlighted Carr's wonderful efforts in the district and community. Wesling indicated that Carr will also compete at the National School Nurse competition.

Badger recognized the Beloit Memorial High School theater. Wallendahl explained the nomination and process for participating in the Fringe Festival in Scotland. The high school was one of 100 schools chosen out of over 1,000 applying schools.

She also recognized the high school yearbook students and staff who then presented board members with a copy of the yearbook.

Badger mentioned that the recognition for the student board representatives will occur next month since they are competing at the Destination Imagination global competition.

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

Thompson reinforced the announcement of the recognition ceremony at the Eclipse Center this coming Sunday. He then introduced Lisa Voisin from Robert Baird and Associates who addressed the topic of under levying and what that means to a district. She began by indicating that the revenue limit drives 90 percent of the budget. A district has very little control over state aid. A district can control the tax levy. She indicated that over the years there have been changes to the revenue limit formula. Equalization aid statewide was reduced. This is true for Beloit as well which means that a district has to increase its tax levy to make up for the aid reduction. Property Values statewide and in Beloit also decreased. She also indicated that the total state school tax levy and mill rate statewide and in Beloit increased. Voisin stated that many more districts under levied in 2009-10 than in 2008-09. She stated that Beloit has two components in the total tax levy which are the revenue limit levy and the referendum approved debt levy. She highlighted considerations for the coming year asking what the budget impact will be, state aid impact, tax impact and the future budget impact. She addressed how a district should determine its carryover amount by looking at the total prior year under levy amount minus the prior year non-recurring exemptions equals your revenue limit carryover amount. She highlighted considerations for the carryover amount like adding value to the dollars by starting a new program, paying off debt, etc., considering timing and never bringing the dollars back into the budget. She also stated that other options for reducing your levy such as debt payment restructuring and transferring debt levy from Fund 10 fund balance. James Weise, Executive Director of Business Services highlighted information about future discussions with the budget.

There was no student board representative report.

Barbara Hickman reviewed the topics of the last four (E)Quality Committee meetings.

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

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

Winkelmann reviewed the topics of the April Special and May 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 March 23 (corrected), April 27, April 27 Organizational meeting, May 4 Joint meeting (corrected), May 4 special meeting (corrected), May 11 and May 18; 3) Regular Business Meeting of April 27, 2010; 4) Beloit Memorial High School Health Schools Grant Application; 5) Todd and Wright Elementary Schools 21<sup>st</sup> Century Community Learning Centers Grant Renewal for 2010-11; 6) Hackett and Merrill Elementary Schools 21<sup>st</sup> Century Community Learning Centers Grant Renewal for 2010-11; 7) Aldrich and McNeel Middle Schools 21<sup>st</sup> Century Community Learning Centers Grant Renewal for 2010-11; and 8) Responsive Education for All Children (REACH) Grant Renewal for 2010-11. Seconded by Winkelmann. Motion carried unanimously of the members present.

Winkelmann moved acceptance of the Stateline Career and Technical Education Academy (SCTEA) donation of a MODIS scanning and diagnostic tool, acceptance of the donation from Sindi Kunkle of \$300 and acceptance of the donation from GFWC Beloit Junior Woman's Club of \$250 for the district's RIF program. Seconded by Everson. Motion carried unanimously of the members present.

Everson moved approval of the school district depositories and signatories as presented. Seconded by Winkelmann. Motion carried 5-0-1 with Acomb abstaining.

Winkelmann moved approval of the purchase order with Houghton Mifflin Harcourt for Grade 6 materials for the 2010-11 school year in the amount of \$77,906.70 and the purchase order with Community Action, Inc. for the Fresh start students in the amount of \$26,289.25. Seconded by Everson. Motion carried unanimously of the members present.

Winkelmann moved approval of the increase of the Title I teacher at Gaston Elementary from 40% to 100% FTE from Title I funds. Seconded by Everson. Motion carried unanimously of the members present.

Acomb moved approval of the revision and layover of Policy 431 RULE 1 Student Attendance Procedures for first reading. Seconded by Johnson. Motion carried unanimously of the members present.

Acomb moved approval of the addition and layover of Policy 443.72 Anti-Bullying for first reading. Seconded by Everson. Scharmer pointed out that Wisconsin has now approved the anti-bullying law and wanted to make sure that we cross reference the law. Cabelka indicated that the district's attorneys are reviewing the policy currently. Motion carried unanimously of the members present.

Acomb moved approval of the revision of Policy 143 Official Board Representatives for final reading. Seconded by Everson. Motion carried unanimously of the members present.

Acomb moved approval of the revision of Policy 431 dc Compulsory School Attendance for final reading. Seconded by Everson. Motion carried unanimously of the members present.

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

Items for consideration at future meetings included budget discussions.

Henderson announced future meetings on Tuesday, June 8 and the Board Business meeting will be held on June 22, 2010.

The meeting adjourned at 8:25 p.m.

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Michelle Shope, Board Secretary

Approved at the regular meeting of June 22, 2010

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Michael Ramsdail, President