

REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION
SCHOOL DISTRICT OF BELOIT

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The Board of Education held its regular meeting on July 27, 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 and Michael Ramsdail, Shannon Scharmer and John Winkelmann. Also present: Chris Wesling, Executive Director of Pupil Services.

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

Acomb led the group in the pledge of allegiance.

Johnson announced upcoming activities in the district.

Badger recognized Fran Fruzen, AODA Supervisor for earning the 2010 outstanding Adult Prevention Volunteer for the Wisconsin Clearinghouse of Prevention. Fruzen thanked everyone for the honor.

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

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

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

Henderson reviewed the topics of the June Special and July 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 June 22, July 6 and July 13; 3) Regular Business Meeting of June 22, 2010. Seconded by Everson. Acomb requested to remove July 6 minutes from the consent list. Motion carried unanimously of the members present.

Winkelmann moved approval of July 6, seconded by Acomb. Motion carried unanimously

Winkelmann moved approval of the proposal from Thiele Heating and Air Conditioning in the amount of \$ \$32,000 for the high school cooler project, the EIFS repairs as presented, the steam trap replacement project at Robinson as presented and the purchase order over \$15,000 for Technology Resource Advisors for a mobile lab. Seconded by Everson. Motion carried unanimously of the members present.

Winkelmann moved approval of continuing the property insurance coverage through Hartford, the crime and liability coverage with EMC and the workers compensation coverage with Mutual

Insurance Company for the 2010-2011 school year. Seconded by Everson. Motion carried unanimously of the members present.

Everson moved approval of the District's food service fund balance purchases for the 2010-2011 school year. Seconded by Winkelmann. Motion carried unanimously of the members present.

Winkelmann moved approval of the 66.0301 cooperative contract with the School District of Janesville for a visually impaired teacher, the 66.0301 cooperative contract with the School Districts of Beloit Turner and Janesville, as well as the Clinton Community School District for girls hockey, the SAGE Grant contract renewals for Gaston, McLenegan, Merrill and Todd, the physical education program grant proposal, and the Asthma Grant award. Seconded by Everson. Motion carried unanimously of the members present.

Henderson moved approval of adding a .3 FTE guidance counselor position at Cunningham Elementary School. Seconded by Everson. Motion carried unanimously of the members present.

Henderson moved approval of upgrading the middle school dean positions to that of assistant principal. Seconded by Winkelmann. Motion carried unanimously of the members present.

Henderson moved approval of Policy 112 RULE 2 Student Discrimination Complaint Procedures and Policy 522.6 Discrimination Complaint Procedures for final reading. Seconded by Everson. Motion carried unanimously of the members present.

Winklemann moved approval of Policy 345.1 RULE 2 Grading System Guidelines for final reading again. Seconded by Henderson. Members discussed the policy revision and their concerns. Scharmer moved to amend the motion to remove the number 5 language and add language clarifying that the highest achievable grade for formative work retaken would be an A and that the highest achievable grade for summative work retaken would be a B. She also moved to have an update from staff and students at the end of each term.

Acomb made a friendly amendment to split the motion into two with the formative A/summative B recommendation as one motion and the term review recommendation as a second motion. Scharmer accepted the friendly amendment. Discussion ensued on the language presented versus the friendly amendment language.

On the first motion of formative retake work receiving an A and summative retake work receiving a B, the motion failed with Acomb and Scharmer voting in the affirmative and Everson, Henderson, Johnson, Ramsdail and Winkelmann voting in the negative.

The motion of policy review after each term carried unanimously of the members present.

The original motion as amended carried 6-1 with Scharmer voting in the negative.

Winkelmann moved approval of 345.4 RULE 1 Promotion Criteria for final reading. Seconded by Henderson. Members shared comments and questions. Motion carried unanimously of the members present.

Winkelmann moved approval of Policy 345.41 Specific Middle School Promotion Requirements for final reading. Seconded by Henderson. Motion carried unanimously of the members present.

Henderson moved approved of Policy 431 RULE 1 dc Student Attendance Procedures for final reading. Seconded by Everson. Motion carried unanimously of the members present.

Henderson moved approval of Policy 661 School District Depositories for final reading. Seconded by Scharmer. Motion carried unanimously of the members present with Acomb abstaining.

Henderson moved approval of Policy 751 Student Transportation and Policy 751 RULE 1 General Transportation Guidelines 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 Everson.

Acomb moved that the position of Hackett Principal be tabled until further discussion can occur in closed session on August 10th. Seconded by Scharmer. Following discussion, the motion failed 3-4 with Acomb, Johnson and Scharmer voting in the affirmative and Everson, Henderson, Ramsdail and Winkelmann voting in the negative.

Johnson moved to table the last item on page 2 and the first item on page 3 of the revised recommendations. Seconded by Scharmer. Motion failed 1-6 with Johnson voting in the affirmative and Acomb, Everson, Henderson, Scharmer, Ramsdail and Winkelmann voting in the negative.

Scharmer moved to amend the motion so that the policy language on residency is added to the contract data sheet for all newly hired administrators or employees transferring to administrative positions. Winkelmann accepted the friendly amendment. Motion carried 6-1 with Johnson voting in the negative.

Items for consideration at future meetings included a discussion on board minutes.

Ramsdail announced future meetings on Tuesday, August 10 and the Board Business meeting will be held on August 24, 2010.

The meeting adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

Michelle Shope, Board Secretary

Approved at the regular meeting of August 24, 2010

Michael Ramsdail, President