

WINTERSET COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT

BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING

April 14, 2014

The Winterset Community School District Board of Education met in regular session, Monday, April 14, 2014, in the Boardroom at 7:00 p.m. The following members were present: Brenda Clifton, Michael Motsinger, Jeff Nicholl, Kelly Cain and Karen Brookhart. Also present were Superintendent Meade, Board Secretary Leners, 20 staff, numerous students and a member of the press.

President Nicholl called the meeting to order. A recording exploring the meaning of the Pledge of Allegiance was played and then all in attendance recited the pledge of allegiance. Brookhart read the mission statement and belief statement #7.

Agenda was amended to add one additional item under "information only" - a report on the student trip to Ecuador. Motion by Brookhart, second by Motsinger, to approve the amended agenda. Motion carried with all Directors voting in favor.

Visitor Comments: none

President Nicholl called for discussion and approval of the following consent agenda items:

1. Minutes of 3/10/14 regular session and 4/4/14 special session.
2. Approval of bills totaling \$529,439.20
3. Personnel Items -
 - a. approve contract Ashley Alcott Elementary Counselor
 - b. approve contract Allison Jaycox HS Biology
 - c. accept resignation Randi Foster 4th grade teacher
 - d. accept resignation Dameion Place HS Instrumental Music
4. Open Enrollment Update
5. Contracts and Agreements - none
6. Financials - March 2014

Motion by Cain, second by Brookhart, to approve the consent agenda items. Motion carried with all Directors voting in favor.

Winterset Teacher Leadership and Compensation (TLC) implementation update included introduction of the following teacher leaders: Gina Robinson - Coordinator of Teacher Leaders, Core Curriculum PD Leaders Michelle Macumber (English Language Arts), Annette Purdy (Science & Math), Kendra Alexander (Special Education) and Instructional Coaches Karly Breeding (Elementary), Andy Pickering (Middle School), Jennifer Schiefelbein (Junior High), and Tamara Bane (High School). It was a rigorous selection process that was at times challenging, but all reported excitement with the incredible potential this program brings to District.

Building Principal Summaries:

Kate Wharton, Junior High - completed ITED's, planning work on JH "What I Need" (WIN) groups, computer roll-in to take place on last day of school, schedule changes next year include a literacy block and common planning times.

Lee Schipull, High School - completed ITED's, great prom and post-prom party, placed second at Iowa State Jazz contest, one of only 20 art students selected for the All State art portfolio, PD focus on "Better Learning through Structured Teaching", graduation planning and prep under way.

Gary Anker, Elementary - 94% participation in parent/teacher conferences, Kindergarten and Pre-School clinics planned, PTO fundraiser nets over \$13,000, Interviewing for science and 3rd grade positions, guest chef from Taher, Inc to be on site Thursday, April 17th.

Wendy Sawyer, Middle School - focused on interventions for struggling students, family night was very successful, Author's visit May 2nd, 5&6th grade "Battle of the Bookworms" competition in Panora.

Dr. Meade showed the Board the prospective employee brochure that was compiled for the UNI job fair that she attended on March 29th. A similar brochure for new families is coming soon.

Ann Bartelt shared with the Board how the Iowa Core impacts students with special needs.

Winterset students, teachers and Chaperones reported on a great trip to Ecuador over spring break. Several spoke sharing their impressions and highlights. This trip, through an educational travel company, was funded by the students.

Second reading of new policy 504.8 "Emergency School Cancellations, Closings, Early and/or Late Dismissals" was tabled for revision.

First reading of new policy 502.12 "Use and/or Possession of Electronic Communication Devices" was tabled for revision.

Motion by Clifton, second by Motsinger to approve the FY14/15 student fees as presented. The only proposed changes in fees were Pre-School and PAWS (After School Program) tuition rates. Motion carried with all Directors voting in favor.

Motion by Motsinger, second by Brookhart to approve a \$.10 increase in lunch and breakfast prices. Breakfast will increase to \$1.60 in all building, student lunches \$2.00 (elementary) and \$2.25 (MS, JH, & HS). Adult lunches will cost \$3.30. Motion carried with all Directors voting in favor.

Motion by Motsinger, second by Clifton to adopt a Start Date Waiver Request Resolution allowing WCSD to begin school earlier than the mandated start date. Motion carried with all Directors voting in favor.

This is the second year the District has participated in interest based bargaining with the Winterset Community Education Association (WCEA). Jeremy Fitzpatrick, chief negotiator for WCEA, presented the opening proposal consisting of language clean up, supplemental pay changes, a shifting of partial funds from benefit stipend to salary schedule and paid premium, with an additional increase to the base of \$550. A total package increase of 3.87%.

Motion by Brookhart, second by Cain to accept the proposed contract and package increase as presented. Motion carried with all Directors voting in favor.

Board Member Reports - none

No additional information from the Superintendent.

Next meeting will be held Monday, May 12, 2014 at 7:00 p.m.

President Nicholl adjourned the meeting at 8:45

An exempt strategy session on union contract negotiations pursuant to Iowa Code 20.17(3) immediately followed.

At 9:25 p.m., the Board moved into closed session, pursuant to Iowa Code 21.5(1)(i) and with the written consent of Dr. Meade, for the purpose of

Superintendent Evaluation. Motion carried with all Directors voting in favor.
Closed session ended at 9:50 pm.

Jeff Nicholl, President

Cammy Leners, Secretary