

WINTERSET COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT

BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING

March 10, 2014

The Winterset Community School District Board of Education met in regular session, Monday, March 10, 2014, in the Boardroom immediately following the public budget hearing. The following members were present: Brenda Clifton, Michael Motsinger, Jeff Nicholl, Kelly Cain and Karen Brookhart. Also present were Superintendent Meade, Board Secretary Leners, 6 staff, 4 students, 6 visitors and a member of the press.

President Nicholl called the meeting to order at 7:09. All in attendance recited the pledge of allegiance. Nicholl read the mission statement and belief statement #6.

Agenda was amended to add one additional student to the early graduation list and to move immediately from public comments to "information only" to accommodate visitors. Motion by Motsinger, second by Brookhart, to approve the amended agenda. Motion carried with all Directors voting in favor.

Visitor Comments: Jennifer O'Neal addressed the Board with attendance policy concerns.

Iowa Senator Julian Garrett addressed why allowable growth has not yet been set.

Several Middle School band students performed their solo/small group ensemble arrangements for the Board. Great scores at competition, and inter-building collaboration of band staff were reported by Instructor Vicki Williams.

Building Principal Summaries:

Wendy Sawyer – Middle School – Reading specialist Tim Blakeslee came to the Middle School and read w/ struggling students, Family Night to be held March 11, Battle of the Books in full swing, and author Delia Ray will be visiting.

Kate Wharton – Junior High – BLT attended 3 day training in Knoxville on multi-tier supports. Implementation of that training includes 7th grade "study tables" and 8th "grade wars".

Lee Schipull – High School – new scheduling for FY15 will enable staff collaboration across subject areas, superior ratings for band and jazz band, teacher PD focus on learning targets, active engagement and gradual release.

Gary Anker – Elementary – Also attended Knoxville training, PTO fundraiser wrapped up - waiting for final numbers, Carlisle CSD sent teachers to Winterset to visit Bob Heim, one of the few elementary science teachers in the area, interview for open guidance counselor position next week.

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

1. Minutes of 2/10/14 regular session and 2/26/14 work session.
2. Approval of bills totaling \$367,553.33
3. Personnel Items –
 - a. approve contract Vicki Roberts special education associate
 - b. approve contract Brittany Salton from part time nurse associate to full time Middle School nurse due to student IEP
 - c. accept resignation Andrew Pickering Boys Basketball Coach
 - d. accept resignation Kasey Brown wrestling cheerleading Coach
4. Open Enrollment Update – 5 new OE out applications for FY15: 3 new OE in for FY15.
5. Contracts and Agreements
 - a. ISU student teaching contract
 - b. SWICC FY14/15 Auto, Carpentry contract

6. Financials – continued growth in general fund, expenditures in line w/ budget.

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

Motion by Cain, second by Clifton to approve the second and final reading of revised Policy 401.14 – Employee Attendance Policy. Motion carried with all Directors voting in favor.

Motion by Brookhart, second by Motsinger to approve the FY14/15 budget as presented in tonight's public budget hearing. Roll Call vote was taken with all Directors voting in favor.

Motion by Clifton, second by Cain, to approve the first reading of revised new policy 504.8 – Emergency School Cancellations, closings, Early and/or Late Dismissals. The policy was revised to include Middle School practices or "All District" and to prohibit any practices (voluntary or mandatory) if school is dismissed early due to weather. Practices at the High School level on days with late starts or full day cancellations for any reason (including weather) are subject to AD and/or Superintendent permission.

Motion carried with all Directors voting in favor.

PPEL abstract of votes revealed no change from initial reports: 559 Yes, 269 No.

Motion by Clifton, second by Cain to approve the amended list of 3rd term graduates pending successful completion of all requirements. Motion carried with all Directors voting in favor.

Motion by Clifton, second by Brookhart to approve the FY15 staffing plan presented by Superintendent Meade. Motion carried with all Directors voting in favor.

Board Member Report: none

Superintendent Report: Shared a sign posted in a neighboring District prohibiting use of cell phones in locker rooms, restrooms or similar locations due to privacy issues. The Board would like Dr. Meade to introduce a similar policy in Winterset.

Next Board meeting will be held Monday, April 14, 2014.

Motion by Cain, second by Brookhart, to adjourn at 8:26 pm. Motion carried with all Directors voting in favor.

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

Motion by Clifton, second by Cain at 8:58 pm, to move 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