

WINTERSET COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT

BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING

January 13, 2014

The Winterset Community School District Board of Education met in regular session, Monday, January 13, 2014, in the Boardroom at 7:00 pm. The following members were present: Kelly Cain, Karen Brookhart, Brenda Clifton and Jeff Nicholl. Also present were Superintendent Meade, Board Secretary Leners, 11 staff, 5 students, one guest and a member of the press. Director Motsinger was absent.

President Nicholl called the meeting to order. All in attendance recited the pledge of allegiance. Nicholl read the mission statement and belief statement #4.

Motion by Clifton, second by Cain to approve the agenda. Motion carried with all Directors present voting in favor.

Visitor Comments: none

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

1. Minutes of 12/9/13 regular session.
2. Approval of bills totaling \$376,928.60
3. Personnel Items -
 - a. approve contract Scott Schiefelbein Asst Girls JH Basketball (due to numbers)
 - b. approve resignation Linda Seaward Elementary Secretary (retire 5/30/14)
 - c. approve resignation Doug Messerschmitt Girls Basketball Coach (at end of current season)
4. Open Enrollment Update - 2 OE out: FY15 Kindergartener and 1 reporting error by WDM
5. Contracts and Agreements
 - a. Blackboard Engage
6. Financials

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

Academy Instructors Maria Yuhás (Engineering), Mark Hirsch (Electrical Trades), Joanna Gustafson (Culinary Arts) and Ray Dawson (Construction) updated the Board on enrollment, projects, current and future class offerings. Certified Nursing Assistant (CNA) instructor Cindy Pitzen was unable to attend but sent a written report.

Building Principal Summaries:

Junior High reading teacher, Becky Conrad shared midyear benchmark assessment data for 7th grade fiction. Kate Wharton shared 8th grade data.

Gary Anker - Elementary - PTO appreciation lunch, AEA instructional coach workshop, Preschool planning meetings.

Wendy Sawyer - Middle School - preparing for next data day, reported progress on SINA plan, tutors in place for math and reading.

Lee Schipull - High School - Written report included update on student sports and activities, start of 3rd term today.

Ann Bartelt - Iowa Core Update - Literacy in all content (all classes), college and career readiness. Achieving this goal through AEA professional development, gradual release of responsibility instructional framework, instructional coaching, professional learning communities, curriculum review and quality resources.

All Board members signed a letter of support for the Teacher Leadership Compensation (TLC) grant.

Motion by Brookhart, second by Clifton to increase 3 year old preschool tuition to \$100 per month for fiscal year 2014/2015. Motion carried with all Directors present voting in favor.

Board Secretary Leners presented the FY13 audit report by VanMaanen, Sietstra & Meyer, PC certified public accountants. They issued an unmodified opinion on the financials, noted no internal control deficiencies or instances of non-compliance. Motion by Clifton, second by Cain to approve the audit. Motion carried with all Directors present voting in favor. A copy of the full audit report has been posted on the District website.

Motion by Clifton, second by Brookhart, to approve the first reading of the following new policies:

403.7 Drug and Alcohol Policy and Testing Program for Individuals Not Required to Possess a Commercial Drivers License

401.14 Employee Attendance Policy

402.7 Notification of Arrest, Criminal Charges or Child Abuse Complaints

402.8 Abusive or Offensive Language

404.2 Whistleblower Protection Policy

401.15 Personnel- Initial Contracts

Motion carried with all Directors present voting in favor.

New policy 504.8- Emergency School Cancellations, Closings, Early and/or Late Dismissals, was pulled for additional discussion and information.

Board members reflected on the IASB convention attended in November. They shared what they had learned from the tracks they attended.

The Superintendent 360 Feedback survey is open and can be found on the District website, a schedule of PPEL meetings was shared that included a Town Hall discussion to be held January 23, 2014 in the Board room at 7:00 pm.

Next Board meeting will be held Monday, February 10, 2014

Motion by Clifton, second by Cain, to adjourn at 8:30. Motion carried with all Directors present voting in favor.

Jeff Nicholl, President

Cammy Leners, Secretary