

WINTERSET COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT

BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING

December 9, 2013

The Winterset Community School District Board of Education met in regular session, Monday, December 9, 2013, 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, 13 staff, 3 students 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. Brookhart read the mission statement and belief statement #4.

Motion by Clifton, second by Brookhart 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 11/11/13 regular session and 11/22/13 special session.
2. Approval of bills totaling \$399,788.70
3. Personnel Items -
 - a. approve contract Carl Christenberry special education driver
 - b. approve contract Ted Leonard preschool driver
 - c. approve contract Riley Vaughn Asst JH Basketball (due to numbers)
 - d. approve contract Tom Moss Asst Wrestling coach (due to numbers)
 - e. approve contract Gary Emmert Asst Boys Basketball (due to numbers)
 - f. approve contract Lindsay Place choreographer
 - g. approve contract Stacy Hilsabeck Infinite Campus Tech Assistant
 - h. approve resignation Larry Castillo bus driver
 - i. approve resignation Andrew Pickering 7th grade Football
4. Open Enrollment Update - no changes to report
5. Contracts and Agreements
 - a. Mark J. Becker and Associates
 - b. Lakeview Country Club
 - c. Inter-Agency special education
6. Financials

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

Building Principal Summaries:

Gary Anker - Elementary - PK parent-teacher conferences, new student and parent tours, PK caroling at Madison Square, update on meetings and professional development.

Wendy Sawyer - Middle School - SINA plan includes tutoring in reading and math, family event to include an author visit, increased non-fiction literature to include magazine and local paper subscriptions, and continued instructional decision making based on data.

Kate Wharton - Junior High - "Pennies for Patients" fundraiser for the leukemia society, continued focus on the gradual release of responsibility model.

Lee Schipull - High School - Update on meetings, extra-curricular events and accomplishments, PLC work on active engagement.

WCSD is fortunate to have AEA Instructional coach Kristin Orton in the district 2-3 days per week. She is on-site at the Elementary to help educators identify and implement proven teaching methods. Her assistance is

non-evaluative and confidential. She partners with the educator on improving instructional strategies, behavior management, designing student interventions and much more.

Ann Bartelt educated the Board on the Iowa Core - what it is, when and why it was put in place, and the Winterset implementation.

Dr. Meade presented the first draft of the Teacher Leadership and Compensation Grant information. The grant would generate in excess of \$530,000 to fund new levels of teacher development including instructional coaches, mentors and core curriculum/professional developers. One third of the state student population will be awarded the grant in the first round.

Motion by Clifton, second by Brookhart, to approve the second and final reading of Board policy 407.6 Voluntary Early Retirement. Motion carried with all Directors present voting in favor.

Motion by Brookhart, second by Clifton, to approve the second and final reading of Board policy 413.2 Classified Employee Retirement. Motion carried with all Directors present voting in favor.

Motion by Clifton, second by Cain, to approve the second and final reading of Board policy 407.3 Licensed Employee Retirement. Motion carried with all Directors present voting in favor.

A public hearing on the 2014-2015 school calendar was held. Discussion included the new "hours vs. days" option, teacher collaboration time and Wednesday morning late starts. First day for students would be August 20th - last May 28 assuming no snow days. The proposed Calendar also includes a full week of spring break (March 16-20). There were no public comments or questions.

Following the public hearing, a roll call vote was taken to adopt the 2014-2015 school calendar as presented. Clifton-yes, Brookhart-yes, Cain-yes, Nichol-yes. Motion carried.

Motion by Cain, second by Clifton, to approve the list of early graduates presented by Mr. Schipull pending completion of all graduation requirements. Motion carried with all Directors present voting in favor.

Motion by Clifton, second by Brookhart to approve the course change requested by instructor Dennis Shaw requiring student attendance at one meeting of a local governing body for the Government class. The existing 10 hours of community service would become voluntary for extra credit. It was explained that community service was already covered through Husky Help Day, the Advisor/Advisee program and several student organizations. Motion carried with all Directors present voting in favor.

Motion by Brookhart, second by Cain, to approve the High School course guide for the 2014-2015 school year. Motion carried with all Directors present voting in favor.

Board Member Reports - none

The Superintendent 360 Feedback survey opens in January, PPEL fliers were shared and discussed, several 2012 and 2013 graduates will attend a meeting on January 8th to provide feedback on their preparedness for college.

Next Board meeting will be held Monday, January 13, 2014

Motion by Clifton, second by Brookhart, to adjourn at 8:45. Motion carried with all Directors present voting in favor.

Jeff Nicholl, President

Cammy Leners, Secretary