

**WINTERSET COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT**

**BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING**

**November 11, 2013**

The Winterset Community School District Board of Education met in regular session, Monday, November 11, 2013, in the Boardroom at 7:00 pm. The following members were present: Kelly Cain, Mike Motsinger, 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.

President Nicholl called the meeting to order. All in attendance recited the pledge of allegiance. Motsinger read the mission statement and belief statement #3.

The agenda was amended to include approval of bus bids under new business. Motion by Clifton, second by Cain, 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 October 14, 2013 regular session.
2. Approval of bills totaling \$513,005.12
3. Personnel Items -
  - a. approve contract Cherita Snyder ECSE, Recess and lunch associate
  - b. approve contract Amy Durnan ECSE, recess and lunch associate
  - c. approve building transfer Sheila Waltz teacher associate
  - d. approve contract Rhonda Leib teacher associate
  - e. approve contract Dennis Shaw asst JH basketball due to numbers
  - f. approve contract Ana Avalos student employee- PAWS after school program
4. Open Enrollment Update
5. Contracts and Agreements
  - a. GASB 45 Service Agreement with LGS a subsidiary of IASB
6. Financials

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

On November 4<sup>th</sup>, Diana Beem was recognized as the 2013 Junior High Counselor of the Year by the Iowa School Counselor Association. This award acknowledges the professional accomplishments and experience in the development of a comprehensive school counseling program. Congratulation Diana!

Building Principal reports:

Wendy Sawyer - Middle School - focus on SINA plan that includes tutors, family night, and instructional materials; had a wonderful Veterans day assembly.

Kate Wharton - Junior High - social studies fall benchmark data presented, 1<sup>st</sup> JH dance of the season.

Gary Anker - Elementary - 94% participation for parent-teacher conferences, PBIS professional story teller with anti-bullying message, Optimist fun night, "check-in/check-out" program continues to be effective.

Lee Schipul - High School - Fall sports season concluded, Little Shop of Horrors drama production, will begin using the ALECKS math assessment - used by DMACC for placement in post secondary math classes, update on meetings, professional development and activities.

Principal Schipul then introduced teachers Jennifer Seals and Cari Davis who talked about the alternative high school program. This year the program is serving 19 students.

"Know your Schools 2013-14" is now available in all District offices. This single sheet has a plethora of information including locations, test results, staff numbers, contacts, transportation miles and expenditures, enrollment and much more.

Motion by Clifton, second by Brookhart to adopt a Resolution Ordering Election on the Question of Levying a Voter Approved Physical Plant and Equipment property tax. The election will be held February 4<sup>th</sup>. Motion carried with all Directors voting in favor.

The District's 5 year facility plan was reviewed including both PPEL and Sales Tax funding. Roof section replacements and rooftop HVAC units will be replaced as funds are available.

Motion by Clifton, second by Motsinger to approve the 1<sup>st</sup> reading of the following policies: 407.6 Voluntary Early Retirement, 413.2 Classified Employee Retirement and 407.3 Licensed Employee Retirement. Motion carried with all Directors voting in favor.

President Virginia Robinson of the Winterset Educational Support Employees Association (WESEA) presented the 2014-15 contract opening proposal. The proposal was for a 7.1% total package increase with no changes in language.

Dr. Meade shared with the Board the Districts plan to go paperless for student registration next year. While the entire process can be accomplished on-line from home, computers are available at any District office if assistance or access is needed. Payments of fees and lunch deposits will also be available on-line.

Motion by Clifton, second by Cain to approve the Districts Modified Allowable Growth application for Dropout Prevention in the amount of \$369,637. Motion carried with all Directors voting in favor.

Motion by Clifton, second by Motsinger to approve the Districts SBRC Modified Allowable Growth application for Increasing Enrollment, Open Enrollment Out and LEP Instruction beyond 5 years in the combined total amount of \$135,526. Motion carried with all Directors voting in favor.

Motion by Brookhart, second by Motsinger to approve the new bus bids received Friday, November 9, 2013 and to award the purchase to Thomas Bus Sales of Iowa, Inc in the amount of \$96,807 with a trade-in 2006 FE SB/IC - 78 passenger bus / 109,500 miles for \$20,000. Motion carried with all Directors voting in favor.

Board Member Reports - none

The Teacher Leadership Grant (due 1/31/14) is of primary focus for the Superintendent. These grants will be awarded over several years.

Next Board meeting will be held Monday, December 9, 2013 at 7:00 pm. IASB convention will be in Des Moines on November 21<sup>st</sup>.

Motion by Motsinger, second by Cain, to adjourn at 8:15. Motion carried with all Directors present voting in favor.

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Cammy Leners, Secretary